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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology      Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2019  
Dissertation: “Hair That Moves: Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and The Natural Hair Social Movement.” Committee: Drs. Rosalind Chou, Katie L. Acosta, and Wendy Simonds
- M.A. Sociology      Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2013  
Thesis: “Coloring Outside the Lines: An Intersectionality Approach to Understanding the Homeschooling Experiences of Black Families.” Committee: Drs. Ralph LaRossa, Tomeka M. Davis, and Anthony Hatch
- B.B.A. Finance      Howard University, Washington, 2000

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnic Relations  
Social Stratification and Inequality  
Cognitive Sociology  
Intersectionality  
Sociology of Education  
Social Movements

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Taura Taylor.** 2018. “Exploring Black Women’s Homeschooling Experiences at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class.” Pp. 213-228 in *Marginalized Mothers, Mothering from the Margins (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 25)* edited by T. Taylor and K. Bloch. Emerald Publishing Limited.

**Taura Taylor.** 2018. “Fatherhood, Resilience, and Black Men’s Mental Health: Exploring the Contributions of Black Homeschooling Fathers.” Pp. 235-249 in *The Handbook of Research on Black Males: Quantitative, Qualitative, & Multidisciplinary*, edited by T. S. Ransaw, C.P. Gause, and R. Majors. Michigan: Michigan State University Press.

Wingfield, Adia Harvey and **Taura Taylor.** 2016. “Race, Gender, and Class in Entrepreneurship: Intersectional Counterframes and Black Business Owners.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(9):1676-1696.

Harvey, Adia Wingfield and **Taura Taylor.** 2014. “Entrepreneurship as Empowerment: Agency, Racial Counterframing, and Black Business Owners’ Decision-Making

Processes,” chapter submission *Racism: Global Perspectives, Coping Strategies and Social Implications*, Nova Publishers.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Dr. Adia Harvey Wingfield, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department, *Spring 2011-Fall 2011*: Assisted with research study examining racial differences in motivations for entrepreneurship; contacted and interviewed study participants; and transcribed study interviews. Research sponsored by Kauffman Foundation.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Dr. Christine D. Thomas, Georgia State University, College of Education, Department of Middle and Secondary Education, *Spring 2008-Spring 2009*: Assisted with general tasks related to ongoing graduate student research projects; compiled and formatted notes; proofread graduate student submissions; and researched articles and literature related to mathematics education.

**Survey Researcher/Volunteer**, Drs. Erin Ruel, Deirdre Oakley, and Lesley Reid, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, *Summer 2008*: Assisted with interviews and surveying for Urban Health and Well-being Research Initiative for Neighborhoods in Transition. Research sponsored by National Science Foundation.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Visiting Lecturer**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Sociology, and Sociological Theory, *Fall 2019*.

**Instructor**, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Social Change and Modernization, and Social Class and Mobility, *Spring 2019*.

**Instructor**, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Gender, and Race and Ethnicity, *Fall 2018*.

**Instructor**, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Introduction to Sociology, *Fall 2017*.

**Instructor**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Sociology, *Spring 2017*.

**Instructor**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Sociology, *Fall 2016*.

**Instructor**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Cognition and Society, *Spring 2015*.

**Guest Lecturer**, Clark Atlanta University, W.E.B DuBois Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Introduction to Sociology: Presented the topic, Black Feminist Thought: Controlling Images, *March 2019*.

**Guest Lecturer**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Urban Sociology: Presented the topic, Homeschooling: Ameliorating Racial Academic Disparities, *October 2014*.

**Guest Lecturer**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Social Problems: Presented the topic, Social Construction of Beauty: Black American Natural Hair, *October 2014*.

**Guest Lecturer**, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, Introduction to Social Problems: Presented the topic, Bullying: Social Contexts and Social Consequences, *March 2014*.

**Guest Lecturer**, St. Augustine's College, World Civilizations Since 1650: Presented the topic, Natural Hair and the Social Construction of Beauty, *November 2011*.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Owner**, The Nappy Parlor, Natural Hair Care and Beauty Salon, *January 2004-Present*. The owner and operator of a natural hair care and beauty salon. Primary duties include: stylist, manager, and bookkeeper.

**Continuing Education Provider**, Natural Hair Care Basics for Professionals, Atlanta, *November 2011-Present*.

**Advisory Board Member**, My World Program, *April 2014-December 2017*. Primary duties include: developing resources, raising funds, and building awareness.

**Facilitator**, Atlanta Chapter of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, *January 2017*. Survey Skills Workshop.

**Facilitator**, Finding Your Voice: Breaking Through the Silence, Atlanta, Presented the topic, A Thoughtful Conversation about Beauty Conventions and Presentations of Self: How Beauty Ideals, Trends and Norms Affect Our Mental and Physical Well Being, *September 2015*.

**Guest Natural Hair Care Instructor**, Atlanta Natural Hair Care *Fall 2013*; Urbanbella Salon *Spring 2013*; Ritz Beauty Academy, *Fall 2012*.

**Media Appearance**, Natural Beauty-Happy To Be Nappy documentary, *Summer 2011*.

**Facilitator**, Señor Dunker Campaign, San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic: Presented the topic, Natural Hair Care and The Diaspora, *April 2010*.

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## ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

**Round Table Discussant**, “Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and the Natural Hair Social Movement,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, *August 2016*.

**Presenter**, “It is Not What is on Your Head but What is in Your Head: How Culture and Social Location Affect our Perception of Beauty,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

**Presenter**, “Naturalista Hair Care Basics 101,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

**Panelist**, Morehouse College, Topic: Black Images and Perceptions, *April 2014*

**Presider**, Author Meets Critic Session, Enobong Hannah Branch’s *Opportunity Denied: Limiting Black Women to Devalued Work*, Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, *April 2013*.

**Round Table Discussant**, “Coloring Outside the Lines: How Black Families Identify within the Homeschooling Movement,” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, *August 2011*.

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## INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING

Sociology 9001: Teaching Internship

Sociology 9000: Teaching Sociology

Prepped Courses: Introduction to Social Problems *Spring 2014*; TCSG Health and Safety, Course, *Spring 2014*.

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Southern Sociological Society

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## REFERENCES

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