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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2002 Cultural Anthropology, American University, Dissertation: "Policies, Perceptions, & Place: An Ethnography of the Complexities of Implementing a Federal Housing Program"
- M.A. 1996 Applied Anthropology, American University
- B.S. 1994 Science with minor in Anthropology (Honors), Pennsylvania State University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2009 Research Scientist, Social Science Research Institute
- 2004-2006 Research Associate, Center for Human Development & Family Research in Diverse Contexts; Population Research Institute
- 2002-2004 National Institute on Aging Post-Doctoral Training Program in the Demography of Aging fellow, Pennsylvania State University
- 2002 Principal Investigator-Applied Anthropologist, Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site ethnographic overview and assessment
- 2001 Researcher/Grant Writer, National Fair Housing Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Ethnographic Researcher, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 Ethnographic Researcher, Abt Associates, Bethesda, MD
- 1999 Ethnographer, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- 1997-1998 Applied Anthropologist, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present Assistant Professor, American Ethnic Studies and Women & Gender Studies, Wake Forest University
Courses: Race and Ethnicity in America; Poverty Across Race, Gender, and Space; Women, Race, & Poverty; Introduction to Women & Gender Studies
- 2009 Adjunct Professor, American Ethnic Studies and Women & Gender Studies, Wake Forest University
Course: Women, Race, & Poverty
- 2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University
Course: Public Housing Policy
- 2007-08 Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Duke University

- 2006 *Courses: Ethnographic Field Methods, Poverty across Race and Space*
Adjunct Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies,
Pennsylvania State University
Course: Ethnographic Field Methods
- 2000 Adjunct Professor, Department of Anthropology, American University
Courses: Introduction to Anthropology; Sex, Gender, & Culture; Roots of Racism
- 1989-92 High School Teacher, summers, Leysin American School, Leysin, Switzerland
Course: English-as-a-Second Language

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

- 2002 African-American Perspectives on Heritage Preservation and Stewardship of
Ethnographic Resources: Anthropological Research Center. Online training course.
National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Burton, Linda, Donna Marie Winn, Howard Stevenson, and Sherri Lawson Clark

- 2004 Working with African American Clients: Considering the “*Homeplace*” in Marriage and
Family Therapy Practices. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* 30(4): 113-129.

Lawson Clark, Sherri

- 2002 Where the Poor Live: How Federal Housing Policy Shapes Residential Communities.
Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development
31(1):69-92.

Lawson Clark, Sherri, Linda M. Burton, and Chenoa A. Flippen.

- 2009 Housing, Power, and Intimate Relationships in the Lives of Low-Income Puerto Rican
Mothers, *Journal of Family Issues*, accepted for publication.

Book chapters

Lawson Clark, Sherri

- 2006 Separate and Unequal: Housing Policy in Action on the Periphery of Our Nation’s
Capital. *In Homing Devices: the Poor as Targets of Development Policy*, eds. Mark
Schuller and marilyn m. thomas-houston. Pp. 59-79. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Burton, Linda and Sherri Lawson Clark

- 2005 Homeplace and Housing in the Lives of Low-Income Urban African American Families.
In Emerging Issues in African American Family Life, eds. V.C. McLoyd, N. Hill, and K.
Dodge. Pp. 166-188. NY: Guilford Press.

Policy Reports

- 2007 “Migration for Housing: Urban Families in Rural Living.” Final Policy Report. Center for
Rural Pennsylvania.

2002 “Ethnographic Overview and Assessment at Brown v. Board.” Report. Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Topeka, KS.

Works In Progress

Lawson Clark, Sherri, Linda M. Burton, and Whitney Welsh. *In Search of Housing: Urban Families in Rural Contexts*, journal submission under review.

Burton, Linda M. and Sherri Lawson Clark. *Public Faces, Silent Crises: Low-Income Mothers Transitioning in Small Town, Rural America*, book manuscript in preparation.

Lawson Clark, Sherri. *Shadowing Husbands and Partners: Does U.S. Housing Policy Support Poor Families*, journal article in preparation.

Lawson Clark, Sherri and Whitney Welsh. *Impact of Forced Residential Mobility on Children’s Development*, journal article in preparation.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2008 Center for Housing Policy, \$60,000 subcontract from the MacArthur Foundation, Secondary data analysis grant “Residential Mobility: The Impact of Frequent or Forced Mobility on Children’s Development”

2005 The Center for Rural Pennsylvania, a research grant of \$50,000 to implement the “Migration for Housing: Urban Families in Rural Living” study

1999 Department of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation Grantee

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Virginia Department of Social Services, TARE Partners Conference, May 2009
Guest Speaker: “Addressing Family Stressors across Race and Place.”

North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, One Child, One Team, One Plan conference, May 2009
Invited Speaker: “Family Stressors, Poverty, and Child Outcomes.”

Danville Community College Women’s History Month, March 2009
Guest Speaker: “Getting Unstuck: Women, Race, and Poverty.”

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Carolina Seminar on Minority Research, April 2008
Paper: “Love and Housing: The Impact of Housing Policy on Romantic Partner Relationships of Puerto Rican Women.”

North Carolina Sociological Association, February 2008

Paper: “What’s Housing Got To Do With It? How Housing Policy Shapes the Romantic Relationships of Low-Income Puerto Rican Women,” co-authored with Linda M. Burton and Chenoa A. Flippen

North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families, December 2007

Invited Workshop: “Family Stressors across Race and Place.”

Duke University, Duke Population Research Institute Demography Colloquium, September 2007

Paper: “Housing and Intimate Relationships: Puerto Rican Mothers and the Negotiation of Contested Spaces,” co-authored with Linda M. Burton and Chenoa A. Flippen.

Society for Research in Child Development 2007 Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA, March 2007

Paper: “‘Yours, Mine, Ours, and Someone Else’s:’ Low-Income Rural Children’s Experiences in Multi-Partner Fertility Unions,” co-authored with Linda M. Burton, Lane Destro, and Debra Skinner.

Duke University, Center for Child and Family Policy Speaker Series, October 2006

Paper: “Moving to Choice: Challenges of Housing Poor Ex-Urbanites in Rural Environments.”

Society for Cross-Cultural Research 35th Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, February 2006

Paper: “Across Culture, Landscapes and Race: Housing Policy Redistributes Poverty.”

The American Anthropological Association, 2005 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Paper: “No Place to Go: Urban Dislocations, the Poor, and Rural Retreat,” co-authored with Shannon Telenko.

University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty, “Qualitative Approaches to the Study of Poverty and Welfare Reform: Current Challenges” conference, March 2005

Paper: “Why Don’t You Just Move? Documenting Family Networks in Small Rural Communities,” co-authored with Linda Burton Ph.D., Stephen Matthews Ph.D., and Lane Destro

International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, 2004 Biennial Meeting, Ghent, Belgium, July 2004

Poster Symposium: “Family Co-morbidity and Child Development in Rural Settings: An Ethnographic Perspective,” co-produced with Linda Burton, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University and Debra Skinner, Ph.D., University of North Carolina

The Gerontological Society of America, 2003 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

Paper: “The American Dream: Homeownership and Aging Among America’s Urban Poor,” co-authored with Linda M. Burton, Ph.D.

Duke University, “Emerging Issues in African American Family Life: Context, Adaptation, and Policy” conference, May 2003

Paper: “Homeplace in the Lives of Low-Income African American Families,” co-authored with Linda M. Burton, Ph.D.

National Park Service and The University of Arizona, Tuscon Arizona, “Traditionally Associated Peoples (TAPS) Workshop,” February 2003

Paper: “Conducting Ethnographic Research: Strategies and Lessons Learned in African American Communities”

The American Anthropological Association, 2001 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Paper: “Race, Class, Gender, & Age: Issues and Intersections at a HOPE VI Development”

The Canadian Anthropological Society, 2001 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

Paper: “Where Have the Poor Gone? The New Face of Public Housing”

The Pennsylvania College of Technology, First Annual Diversity Day, February 2001, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Guest Speaker: “Understanding and Appreciating Diversity in the Workplace”

American University, Department of Literature, Spring 1998

Visiting Speaker: Alex Kotlowitz

Panel Discussant: An urban anthropologist’s view of Kotlowitz’ *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*”

The American Anthropological Association, 1997 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Paper: “Who’s Space Is It: A Social Theoretical Look at the Controversies Surrounding Space in a Mixed-Income Neighborhood”

The Society for Applied Anthropology, 1995 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland

Paper: “Using Rap Music as an Ethnographic Analysis of Inner City Discourse”

RESEARCH AWARDS/HONORS

African American Mental Health Research Scientist Consortium mentee program, 2006

Doctoral Distinction, Comprehensive Examination: “Where the Poor Live,” Spring 1999

Certificate of Appreciation, African Americans: From Slavery to Contemporary

Times, National Park Service Conference, March, 1998

Certificate of Recognition: For Completion of the Student Temporary Experience

Program, National Park Service, August 1998

American University, University Merit Scholarship, Spring 1995-Spring 1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, Member since 1997

Association of Black Anthropologists, Member since 1997

Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists, Member since 1997
The Gerontological Society of America, Member since 2003
Genesis Home, Board Member, Chair of the Program Committee since 2008

REVIEWER

American Anthropologist
Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Gender & Society
Social Problems
City & Society
Black Women, Gender, and Families