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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1980, Ed.D., Adult Education/Administration, Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)
Dissertation

1973, M.S., Rehabilitation and Vocational Counseling, Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)

1990, M.S.N., Nursing Education, Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)

1970, B.S., Nursing Education Licensure: R.N. State of New York, Wayne State University
(Detroit, MI)

LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

C.R.C.C., Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Certification in Gerontology

Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, Harvard Graduate School of
Education

Executive Nurse Fellowship Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, Bryn Mawr College

ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2005 to present, Professor of Practice Department of Public Health, Food Studies &
Nutrition, Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY)

2001 to 200, Assistant Dean Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions (Syracuse, NY)

1995 to 2001, Assistant Dean, Syracuse University College of Nursing (Syracuse, NY)

1993 to 1995, Director of Extension Centers, Finger Lakes Community College (Geneva, NY)

1991 to 1992, Director of Nursing Care Services Plaza Health Center (Syracuse, NY)

1990 to 1991, Health Management Fellow New York State Department of Health, Division of Public Health Protection (Albany, NY)

1990 to 1991, Administrator Onondaga County Department of Health, Infant Mortality Review Programs (Syracuse, NY)

1988 to 1989, Regional Manager, Harvard University School of Law, School of Medicine, School of Public Health, Medical Malpractice Project (Cambridge, MA)

1989 to 1990, Research Consultant (part-time Syracuse University College of Nursing (Syracuse, NY)

1985 to 1988, Administrator, Walls Associates (Highland Park, NJ)

1981 to 1984, Administrator Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice, Faculty Development Program (Atlanta, GA)

1977 to 1980, Director New York State Division for Youth, Program for Pregnant Teenagers involved in the Criminal Justice System (Syracuse, NY)

1974 to 1976, Assistant Professor Upstate Medical Center, College of Nursing (Syracuse, NY)

ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE)

Member, New York State Nurses Association

Member, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society in Nursing

Member, Pi Lambda Theta Honor and Professional Association in Education

Member, Syracuse Area Black Nurses Association

Founder & President Health Literacy Productions, Inc. (2002 – present)

AWARDS and HONORS

2013, Chancellor's Citation for Excellence, Syracuse University, 2013.

2012, Post-Standard Achievement Award, Post-Standard Daily Newspaper, 2012.

2012, Dan and Mary Lou Rubenstein's Social Justice Award, Social Workers United, Syracuse University School of Social Work, 2012.

2011, Robert F. Allen Symbol of H.O.P.E. Award, American Journal of Health Promotion

2009, Health Disparities Excellence Award. National Institutes of Health. US Department of Health and Human Services

2008, Richard Allen Award for Health Service to the Community, African Methodist Episcopal Church

2005 to 2012, Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship, Genesis Health Project

2004 to 2012, Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship, Healthy You @ SU publication

2007 to 2012, Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship, HTW311 Health Literacy and HTW 307 Culturally Competent Healthcare

2004 to 2005, Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship, Interprofessional Learning Community

2004, Syracuse Press Club Award. First place in newsletter division for Healthy You @ SU publication

2004, Beloved Community Award. Syracuse Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

2004, Mary Elizabeth Carnegie Community Service Award. Syracuse University School of Nursing

2003, Administrative Staff Award - Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions

2003, Interdisciplinary Collaborative Award – Learning Community – Syracuse University
College of Human Services and Health Professions

2003, Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellowship Award

2001, Syracuse University Chancellor’s Award for Public and Community Service, Minority
Health Initiative Project

1991, New York State Health Fellowship Award. Office of Minority Health

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

2004 to present, Executive Director and Founder of The Genesis Health Project, Syracuse
University, College of Human Services and Health Professions, Department of Health and
Wellness

2002 to present, Editorial Director, Healthy You @ SU.

1999 to present, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Prostate Cancer Education
Council of Central New York, Syracuse University College of Nursing

1999 to present, Director, Barbershop Education for African American Men About Prostate
Cancer, Syracuse University College of Nursing in collaboration with the Prostate Cancer
Education Council of Central New York

1999 to present, Liaison, Faith-based Community Health Initiative: Churches of God in
Christ of Central New York

1999 to present, Liaison, Men’s and Women’s Health, University and Community
Partnerships, Syracuse University

TEACHING

Courses Taught

HTW 227 Healthy You Practicum

HTW 307 Culturally Competent Healthcare/ 25 hour Practicum

HTW 311 Health Literacy/ 25 hour Practicum

HSB 101 Gateway

PUBLICATIONS

2010, Cowart, L. W., Biro, D. J., Wasserman, T., Stein, R. F., & Reider, L. R. (2010). Targeting Obesity Among African Americans through nutrition, fitness, and faith: Designing and testing a community-driven pilot program. *ABNF Journal*, 21(1), 4-10.

2004, Cowart, L. W., Brown, B., & Biro, D. J. (2004). Educating African American men about prostate cancer: the barbershop program. *American Journal of Health Studies*, 19(4), 205-213.

2004, Middlemiss, M. A., Raj, S., Carter, B., Cowart, L., Hensel, M. L., Horacek, T., & Smith, C. (2004). Interprofessional learning community. In *Building and sustaining learning communities: the Syracuse University experience*.

GRANTS

Previous Grants

2014 to 2015, Susan G. Komen (\$48,000)

2009, The Genesis Health Project Network: "Diabetes Prevention and Management Program", Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, 2009 (\$106,550)

2008, The Genesis Health Project Network: "Diabetes Prevention and Management Program", CDC Bronx Health REACH, 2008 (\$35,000)

2009, The Genesis Health Project Network: "Bridging the Gap Through Pastoral Entrepreneurship In Underserved Communities", Syracuse Campus-Community Entrepreneurship Initiative, 2009 (\$12,000.)

2008, The Genesis Health Project Network: "Building Entrepreneurship Skills within the Health Environments." Syracuse Campus-Community Entrepreneurship Initiative, 2008 (\$12,000)

2007, "Cancer Education for African American Men in Non-Traditional Settings". Genesis Health Project, Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation, 2007, (\$15,000).

2003, 2006, "Reducing Obesity Among African-Americans". Genesis Health Project, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, 2006, (\$82,000); 2003, (\$60,000).

2005, 2006, "Promoting Healthier Lifestyles Among African-Americans": Genesis Health Project, Rosamond Gifford Foundation, 2006 (\$25,223); 2005 (\$3,000)

2004, 2006, "Reducing Obesity Among African-Americans": Genesis Health Project, Wegmans Corporation, 2006 (\$5,000); 2004 (\$5,000)

PRESENTATIONS

2009, Surgeon General's Healthy Youth Panel Discussion. SUNY Upstate Medical University, College of Medicine AMA Student Chapter, Syracuse, NY

2009, The Anti- Cancer Connection: Strategies for Life. SUNY Upstate Medical University, Upstate Cancer Symposium, Syracuse, NY

2009, Syracuse Inner-City and Dewitt Rotary Clubs. Building an Academic-Community Partnership to Reduce Obesity and Promote Healthy Lifestyles among African American Families. Syracuse, NY

2009, Health Revival: The Truth About Behavioral Change Among African Americans Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Evangelical Church of God in Christ, Syracuse, NY
2009

2007, Presentation to the Kazakhstan Delegation. These visitors were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. This program was arranged by the Academy for Educational Development. Presentation: "Community Driven Intervention: Lowering and Promoting Healthy Lifestyles among African Americans." Syracuse University, College of Human Services and Health Professions, Department of Health and Wellness, Syracuse, NY

2007, Conference paper. Building an Academic-Community Partnership to Reduce Obesity and Promote Healthy Lifestyles among African American Families. 2nd Annual Health Disparities Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY

2007, Genesis Health Project Women's Conference. Together We Can Develop Healthier Lifestyles. Evangelical Church of God In Christ, Syracuse, NY

2006, Poster Presentation. Genesis Health Project, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Washington, DC