

Cynthia Theresa Cook, MA, Ph.D.

Present Positions:

Senior Lecturer, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York.

Teach - Global Health Challenges, Medicine and Society, Bioethics, Society by the Numbers (demography), Contemporary Africa, and Introduction to Sociology. (full-time) 2016 - Present

Adjunct Professor, Creighton University, Health Sciences – Multicultural and Community Affairs, Omaha, Nebraska. Teach: Online Post-Baccalaureate Introduction to Sociology /Medical Sociology 2015 - Present

Past Positions:

Mentor, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, New Jersey. Taught online courses: Global Issues and Society, Cultural Anthropology (part-time) 2013-2014, 2015 - 2017

Adjunct Professor of Sociology, The University at Albany. Albany, New York

Taught: Special Topics -Africa, Social Demography, Medical Sociology, Social Research 2015 - 2016

University of Maryland University College. Kaiserslautern, Germany. Professor of Sociology: Collegiate Travelling Faculty. Taught: Social Science/Sociology courses. August 2014 thru July 2015 (full-time)

Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida. Taught Introduction to Sociology, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Aging, Social Demography, Southern Africa Ethnography, and International Development. July 2008 thru May 2013 (full-time)

Assistant Professor of Social Science, Department of Social Science, Rockland County Community College, Suffern, New York. Taught Introduction to Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, and Marriage and Family. September 2004 thru June 2006. (full-time)

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Taught Introduction to Sociology, People and Culture of Africa, American Minorities, Medical Sociology, and Global Health Issues. July 2001 thru August 2004. (full-time)

Education:

Ph.D. Sociology. Texas Woman's University. December 2000
Dissertation Topic: Global Inequality: Maternal Mortality

M.A. Sociology. University of Chicago 1991
Thesis Title: The Utilization, Acceptance, and Satisfaction of Physician Assistants in the New York City Area.

M.A. Political Science. Brooklyn College of CUNY 1975
 Thesis Title: The Satisfaction of Females with their Roles as Police Officers in the New York City Police Department.

B.A. Anthropology. Brooklyn College of CUNY 1972
 (Specialty Area: Africa. Minor: Political Science)

Certificate Paralegal Studies, Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus) 1996

Faculty Development Seminars

Summer 2018 Attended the International Sociological Association Congress in Toronto, Canada

Summer 2018 Igbo Nigerian American Conference

Summer 2017 Global Health Studies Summer Institute
 Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania

Winger 2017 CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar
 Dominican Republic and Public Health: Neglected Diseases

Summer 2015 Fenza: A Catholic Resource Organization
 Welcome to Zambia Course, Lusaka, Zambia

Winter 2015 CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar
 The Influence of Religions on Women in Contemporary Tanzania Society

Winter 2011 League of Women Voters of Florida
 Fact seeking/educational trip to Havana, Cuba

Summer 2009 CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar
 Botswana and Health Care

Summer 2007 CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar
 South Africa and Race and Culture

Summer 2006 New York University Faculty Resource Network Seminar
 South Africa: After Apartheid

Summer 2006 Attended the International Sociological Congress
 Durban, South Africa

Courses Taught Medical Sociology (Medicine and Society)

Global Health Challenges
Bioethics
Social Demography
Contemporary Africa
Southern African Ethnography
International Development
Cultural Anthropology
Sociology of Aging
Social Research
Sociology of Law
Introduction to Sociology

Current Research: Childlessness in the U.S.
BCDI in house survey on suspension/expulsion of African American children

Ongoing Research: Maternal and Child health in the developing world

Publications: Books

- 2019 Cook, CT. My Voice, My Life, My Sociology. pending publication
- 2017 Cook, CT. Alice and Me: historical fiction. Opportune Publishing
About a woman in Zambia who start a religious movement that conflict with government
- 2012 Cook, CT Voices in Medical Sociology: A Contemporary and Historical Perspective. Cognella Press.
- 2011 Cook, CT, et al Voices in Sociology: An Introduction to Core Concepts, Cognella Press
- 2008 Kosoko-Lasaki, O, Cook, CT., and O'Brien, R.
Cultural Proficiency in Addressing Health Disparities.
Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Inc.

Publications: Peer Review

- 2013 Rendell S, Kosoko-Lasaki O., Penny G, Cook CT, Sharma A, Austin WP, Rendell M. Improved Quality of Life in Selected Insulin Pump-Treated Children with Type I Diabetes in Eastern Nebraska, J Diabetes Science Technol, Vol 7(2): 578-581, 2013.
- 2009 Cook, CT. Sangomas: Problem or Solution for South Africa's Health Care Industry. Journal of the National Medical Association 101(3):261-265
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- 2008 Cook, CT, Kalu K. The Political Economy of Health Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Medicine and Law (World Association for Medical Law)* 27(1): 29-51.
- 2008 Gong, G., Kosoko-Lasaki, S., Haynatzki, G., Cook, C., and O'Brien, RL. Ethical, legal and social issues of genetic studies with African Immigrants as research subjects. *Journal of the National Medical Association* 100(9):1073-77
- 2007 Cook, CT. Polygyny: Did The Africans Get It Right: An Antiquated Adaptive Cultural Practice. *The Journal of Black Studies* 38(2):232-250
- 2005 Cook CT. Kosoko-Laski, O, O'Brien R. Satisfaction with and Perceived Cultural Competency of Healthcare Providers: The Minority Experience. *Journal of the National Medical Association.* 97(8):1078-1087.
- 2004 Cook, CT. Social Factors Relating to Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa in *Agenda Setting and Policy in Africa*, edited by Kelechi Kalu. Ashgate Publishers, Pp. 151-165.
- 2002 Cook, CT. The Effects of Skilled Health Attendants on Reducing Maternal Deaths in Developing Countries: Testing the Medical Model. *Evaluation and Program Planning,* 25(2):107-116.
- 2006 Kosoko-Lasaki, O, Cook, CT., and O'Brien, R. Promoting Cultural Proficiency in Researchers to Enhance the Recruitment and Participation of Minority Populations in Research: Development and Refinement of Survey Instruments. *The Journal of Evaluation and Program Planning* 29:227-235.
- 2006 O'Brien, R, Kosoko-Lasaki, O, and Cook, CT. Self-Assessment of Cultural Attitudes and Competence of Clinical Investigators to Enhance Recruitment and Participation of Minority Populations in Research. *Journal of the National Medical Association* 98(5): 674-682

Publications: Book Review

- 2007 Cook, CT. Cannibal Talk: The Man-Eating Myth and Human Sacrifice in the South Seas (Book Review). *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 42:223-224
- 2005 Cook, CT. Culture and a Question of Rights (Book Review). *International Third World Studies Journal and Review* 16: 59-60

Other Publications:

- 2014 Cook, CT. The Decline of Marriage. *The Omaha Star.* 76(28):6. July 11, 2014
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- 2014 Cook, CT. Is Racism Killing Black People? *The Omaha Star*. 76(24): 8. June 13, 2014.
- 2012 Cook, CT. Alice Lenshina the African Messiah. *The Griot*. Pp. 16-19. June 2012
- 2011 Cook, CT. Havana Cuba and the League of Women Voters of Florida. *The Griot*. Pp. 3 – 5. June 2011.
- 2010 Cook, CT. Domestic Violence and Women of Color. *The Griot*. Pp. 22, 24-25. February 2010
- 2009 Cook, CT. Editor, SOCJA Newsletter. The newsletter for the Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology Department at FAMU
- 2004 Cook, CT. Violation of Privacy: A Review of Past Court Cases (Part II). *The Omaha Star*. 66 (23):5. July 29, 2004.
- 2004 Cook, CT. Violation of Privacy: A Review of Past Court Cases (Part I). *The Omaha Star*. 66 (22):7. July 15, 2004.
- 2004 Cook, CT. Town Hall Meeting. *The Omaha Star*. 66 (21): 4 July 15, 2004
- 2004 Cook, CT. Car Service: A Single Female Perspective. *The Omaha Star*. 66(20):6. July 8, 2004.
- 2004 Cook, CT. African Americans: How are we doing?.*The Omaha Star*. 66 (19):6. July 1, 2004
- 2004 Cook, CT. A Little Bit of Politics with Hair. *The Omaha Star*. 66 (17):11. June 17, 2004

Unpublished Papers:

- 2015 Cook, CT. Assessing Ageism in Undergraduate Students Aspiring to be Health Care Professionals.
- 2000 Dissertation Topic: Role of Health Care in Reducing Maternal Mortality in the Developing World

Teaching Experience:

- 2005-2008 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Social Science, Queensborough Community College
Bayside, New York
- 2006-2007 Adjunct Assistant Professor: African Culture
General Studies Program, New York University
New York, New York
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2004-2006 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Department of Social Science, Rockland Community College
Suffern, New York

2001-2004 Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
College of Arts and Sciences
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska

Honors and Awards:

2009 FAMU Faculty Senate Award to fund
CIEE 2009 Botswana Faculty Development Seminar

2007 CUNY Professional Staff Congress Adjunct Faculty Development Grant
NYU Adjunct Faculty Development Grant for CIEE South Africa

2002 Summer Africana Studies Fellow. Cornell University Africana Studies Summer
Institute: Holding Up Both End of the Sky: Engendering Africana
Studies

Professional Experience:

2017 - 2018 Advisor for student senior project, Inequality in Male Surrogacy, RPI

2015-2016 Consultant for TCC-COACH Metabolic Syndrome Proposal, Health Science-
Multicultural and Community Affairs, Creighton University

2011-2012 Member of Dissertation Committee for a doctoral candidate in Public Health
Infant mortality and Preterm deaths in the Sunshine State , Florida A & M University

2004 Committee Member/advisor for Master Thesis on Cultural Competency in Health Care at
Creighton University

2003 Evaluation Specialist: Creighton University Cultural Competency in Health Care
Research Study. Responsible for the development and administering of an instrument to
measure minority members perception of cultural competency of health care providers in
the Omaha area

Paper and Panel Presentation

October 2017 Panelist: Mental Health: Your Health is Your Wealth
Black Child Development Institute
Kahl Campus Center, Sage College of Albany
Albany, New York

February 2017 Assessing Ageism in Undergraduate Students Aspiring to be Health
Care Professionals. Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA

- August 2012 Problems with Identifying and Defining Race in a Cultural Competency Study
Association of Black Sociologist, Denver, Colorado
- August 2009 Reassessment of the Female Status Index Focusing on Maternal Mortality,
New Orleans, La
Eastern Sociological Society
- March 2007 "Sangomas: Problem or Solution for South Africa's Health Care Industry"
Doing Research on Women, About Women, and For Women Status of Women
Session, Philadelphia, Pa.
- October 2005 New York State Sociological Association
"The Impact of Focus Group Discussion on Minority Group Participation in
Health Care Research," Wells College, Aurora, New York
- August 2005 Association of Black Sociologist Annual Meeting
Organize a panel and presented a paper on Cultural Competency and Health
Disparities. Philadelphia, PA
- April 2003 Black Studies Conference, University of Missouri at Kansas City
Black Women's Health Panel Organizer, "Maternal Mortality in Sub-Saharan
Africa"
- March 2001 Southwestern Social Science Association 2001
International Studies Association, Fort Worth, Texas
The Effects of Health Providers on Reducing Maternal Deaths in Developing
Countries: Testing the Medical Model.
- March 2001 Southwestern Social Science Association 2001
Women's Caucus, Fort Worth, Texas
The Effects of Health Providers on Reducing Maternal Deaths in
Developing Countries: Testing the Medical Model
- August 2001 American Sociological Association
Globalization Section, Anaheim, California Reducing
Maternal Mortality: A Female Status Index.
- October 2001 Third World Studies Conference
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska
Reducing Maternal Mortality: A Revised Female Status Index

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK and ACTIVITY:

2018 Member of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

2018 Member of the Black Child Development Institute of Albany

2018 Reviewer for Culture, Health , and Sexuality

2018 Reviewer for Journal of Black Studies

2018 Black Child Development Institute and RPI STEM DAY
Organize a STEM Day for minority 7th and 8th graders

2017 Member of the RPI Faculty Senate for Non-tenured faculty

2012 Reviewer for African Journal of AIDS Research

2008 Organize Black History month and Women History Month Activities at Florida
A & M University. Started a department newsletter.

2006 Reviewer for the Journal of Asian and African Studies

2005-9 Reviewer for the Journal of Marriage and Family

2005-6 Reviewer for the Journal of the National Medical Association

2004 Faculty Advisor for Sociology and Anthropology
Club Clothing Drive for local Sudanese Population Creighton University

2004 Organized the first Black History Month event for the Department of Sociology
and Anthropology: The Sudanese Experience at Creighton University
