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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2010	Ph.D. in Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY
2007	M.A. in Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York, NY
1984	B.A. in Communication, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

September 2017	Rising Star Award, U13 Bedside-to-Bench Series, Sensory Impairment and Cognitive Decline, Supported by the National Institute of Aging and American Geriatric Society
August 2015 – Present	Diversity Scholar, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research, University of Michigan, Wayne State University, MI
June 2010	Fellow, Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network Summer Fellowship Program in Allied Multi-Ethnic Research at ICSPR, The University of Michigan
September 2009	Educational Opportunity and Diversity Magnet Program Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY
August 2009	Arnold L. Mitchem Dissertation & Teaching Fellow, Marquette University, Milwaukee WI
August 2009	American Sociological Society, National Institute of Mental Health Pre-Doctoral Minority Fellowship
September 2008	Writing Fellowship, CUNY New York City College of Technology
September 2002 – 2004	Dean K. Harrison Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

January 2018 – Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Research & Leadership, Department of Neurology, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
August 2015 – Present	Research Scientist, Center on Health and Society, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC
September 2013 – August 2015	Research Associate Fellow, Department of African American Studies, University of Maryland College Park, MD
August 2011 – August 2013	Research Associate, Carolina Postdoctoral Fellowship for Faculty Diversity, Provost Office, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
September 2009 – May 2011	Arnold L. Mitchem Dissertation and Teaching Fellow, Marquette University
July 2019 – August 2010	Mentorship Coordinator, the Black Male Initiative, CUNY, College of Technology, Brooklyn, NY.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2019 – Present	Member, Global Sport Institute
2015 – Present	Member, Gerontological Society of American <i>Sections: Brain, Alzheimer’s Disease Research, Mental Health Practice and Aging, Men’s Health</i>
2014 – Present	Member, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Chesapeake Chapter
2013 – Present	Member, American Public Health Association <i>Sections: Aging & Public Health, Physical Activity, Mental Health</i>
2011 – Present	Member, College Sport Research Institute
2010	Sports and Society
2006	Eastern Sociological Society
2005 – Present	Member, American Sociological Association <i>Sections: Aging and the Life Course, Racial and Ethnic Minorities</i>

GRANTS

August 2018	HRSA-18-007 (PI: Reamer L. Bushardt, Pharm.D.) “George Washington University Careers Opportunity Program” The National HCOP Academies, Bureau of Health Workforce, \$3,500,000), Robert W. Turner II, PhD, Role: Coordinator
August 2017	K01AG054762-01A1 (PI: Robert Turner, PhD) “Accelerated Cognitive Aging and Mild Traumatic Brain Injury among Former College and Professional Football Players: Psychosocial and Neurocognitive Risk and Protective Factors” NIA Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01). Tim Strauman, PhD, (Lead-Mentor), Keith Whitfield, PhD, (Co-Mentor), Toni

September 2015 Antonucci, PhD, (Co-Mentor), (\$613,076.00), Robert Turner, PhD, Role: PI
 5 P30 AG015281 (PI: James S. Jackson, PhD) “Black Male Health-Seeking Behavior and Accelerated Aging: Coping with Chronic Pain and Traumatic Injury among NFL Athletes.” NIA Diversity Supplement; Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR), (\$375,000), Robert Turner, PhD, Role: Investigator.

May 2014 Dean’s Research Initiative grant, College of Behavioral and Social Science office of the Dean, and African American Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park, (\$5,870), Robert Turner, Role: PI.

December 2012 NC TraCS Translational Research Pilot Grant, North Carolina Translational & Clinical Science Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill, (\$2,000), Robert Turner, PhD, Role: PI.

GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

May 2019 “Black male dementia caregiver burden: stress-related cognitive dysfunction and physiological and psychosocial measures.” NIA Health Disparities Administrative Supplement, PA-19-226. Robert Turner, PhD, Role: PI, award request (\$91,000)

April 2019 “The interrelationship between neurocognitive factors, mTBI, and ADRD.” Alzheimer’s Association Research Grant to Promote Diversity. Robert Turner, PhD, Role: PI, award request (\$146,470)

ARTICLES

Turner, R. W., II, Lucas, J.W., Margolis, L.H., Corwell, B.N. (2017). A Preliminary Study of Youth-Sport Concussions: What Factors Determine Parents’ Return-to-Play Decision Making. *Brain Injury*, 1-7. DOI 10.1080/02699052.2017

Turner, R. W., II, Perrin, E. M., Coyne-Beasley, T., Peterson, C. J., & Skinner, A. C. (2015). Reported Sports Participation, Race, Sex, Ethnicity, and Obesity in US Adolescents From NHANES Physical Activity (PAQ_D). *Global Pediatric Health*, 2, 2333794X15577944.

Turner, R. W., II; Southall, R.; Eckard, E.W. (2015) “Athlete Graduation Rate Gaps at Division-I State Flagship Universities: An Exploratory Analysis Emphasizing Black Males.” *Spectrum: A Journal on Black Men*, Vol. 3, Issue 3, Spring, 2015.

Cockrell-Skinner, A.; Hasty, S.; **Turner, R.W., II**; Dreibelbis, M.; Lohr, J.A. (2013) “Is Bigger Really Better? Obesity Among Football Players, Player Position, and Team Success.” *Clinical Pediatrics*, CLP-A-13-163: 922-8

Weight, E.; Osborne, B.; **Turner, R.W., II** (2012) “A New Collegiate Model: Intra-collegiate Athletics at BYU-Idaho.” *Case Studies in Sport Management*. CSSM: Volume 1

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Robbins R., Sonnega A., **Turner R.W. II**, Jean-Louis G., Butler M., Osorio R., Langa K.M. Sleep Difficulties and Cognition over 10 Years in a National Sample of Older Adults in the U.S. *Journal of American Geriatrics Society*. July 2019.

Turner, R. W. II, Vissa K., Hall, C., Poling K., Athey A., Alfonso-Miller., Gehrels J., Grandner, M.A. “Insomnia and daytime tiredness in student athletes associated with risky behaviors and poor decision making when under the influence of alcohol. *Journal of American College Health*. May 2019.

Turner, R. W. II, Warlick C., Vissa K., Poling K., Athey A., Chakravorty S., Killgore W.D.S., Alfonso-Miller., Gehrels J., Grandner, M.A. “Sleep Difficulties are Associated with Substance Use among Collegiate Athletes.” *Journal of American College Health*. July 2019.

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Bush, E., **Turner, R. W. II**, Sonnega, A., Cupery T., Trematerra, L., Whitfield, K., Jackson J.S., Weir, D. “The Association between Pain and Aggression among Retired NFL Players.” *Journal of the American Medical Association*. July 2019.

Turner, R. W., II, Sonnega, A., Whitfield, K.J., Weir, D., Jackson, J.S. “Functional Limitations Mediate the Relationship between Pain and Depressive Symptoms in Former NFL Athletes.” *American Journal of Men's Health*. May 13, 2019.

Turner, R. W., II, Whitfield, K.J. “A Life course conceptual model for the examination of the African American Male Experience.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. May 2019.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Turner, R.W., II; Battle. J. (2007) “Behavior Attitudes.” International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. Ed. William Darity (2nd Edition) New York: Thomson/Gale

BOOK

Turner, R.W., II (2018) *NFL Means Not For Long: The Life and Career of the NFL Athlete*. Oxford University Press.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Turner, R.W., II; Skinner, A.C.; Perrin, E.M.; Lohr, J.A.; Coyne-Beasley, T. “2011 North Carolina YRBS: Athletic Participation, Violence, and Bullying.” (2014) *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 54, Issue 2, S80

Turner, R. W., II; Cockrell-Skinner, A.C.; Polimis, B.A.; Perrin, E.M.; Coyne-Beasley, T. “High School Sports Participation: Risk and Protective Factors for Early Adulthood Physical Activity and Obesity in a Representative Longitudinal Study.” (2014) *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 54, Issue 2, S79-S80

Turner, R.W., II; Skinner, A.C.; Perrin, E.M.; Peterson, C.; Coyne-Beasley, T. “Reported Sports Participation, Sex, and Obesity in a Nationally Representative Sample.” (2014) *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Vol. 54. Issue 2, S46-S47

Turner, R.W., II; Skinner, A.C.; Perrin, E.M.; Coyne-Beasley, T. “Sex, Obesity, and Reported Sports Participation in a Nationally Represented Sample.” (2013). *Society of Adolescent Health & Medicine*, E-PAS2013:1518.212

Coyne-Beasley, T.; **Turner, R.W., II;** Skinner, A.C.; Perrin, E.M.; Lohr, J.A. “2011 North Carolina YRBS: Athletic Participation Violence, and Bullying.” (2013). *Society of Adolescent Health & Medicine*, E-PAS2013:2195.11

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PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

A life course conceptual model for the examination of health and aging among African American males. **RW Turner**, George Washington University, KE Whitfield: Duke University. Podium session presenter at the APHA 2018 Annual Meeting and Expos. Session 4119.0: Health Disparities & Aging: Findings symposium sponsored by the National Institute of Aging (NIA) Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Investigators. San Diego, CA. November 2018.

Does personal control buffer the impact of life stressors on cognitive functioning in adult men? **RW Turner**, George Washington University. Podium session presenter at the 2018 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting. Examined HRS data to analyze the role of personal control as a potential buffer between stress and cognitive functioning in older men (51+). Boston, MA. November 2018.

Association of Sleep Quality and Amyloid Burden with Functional Ability in a Sample of Vietnam Veterans with PTSD and TBI. **RW Turner, M Dowling;** George Washington University, J Geiger-Brown. Podium session presenter at the 2018 Alzheimer’s Association International Conference (AAIC #25930). Session 02-03-02, Neuropsychological Correlates of Cognitive Decline/Dementia. Chicago IL. June 2018.

Examining Predictors of self-Rated Health Among Adult and Older Adult Black Males. **RW Turner**; L Hill, Duke University; A Sonnega, University of Michigan, IAGG World Congress, San Francisco, CA, Spring 2017

Prevalence and Risk Factors of Depressive Symptoms among Retired National Football League Players. **RW Turner**; KE Whitfield, Duke University, A Sonnega; D Weir; JS Jackson, University of Michigan, Gerontological Society of America, Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Fall 2016

Prevalence and Risk Factors of Depressive Symptoms among Retired National Football League Players. **RW Turner**; KE Whitfield, Duke University, A Sonnega; D Weir; JS Jackson, University of Michigan, RCMAR Workshop on Promoting Innovative Research in Minority Aging, NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD Spring 2016

Influence on adolescent eating behavior; Risk and protective factors for sex, Physical Activity/Sport Participation, and Obesity. **RW Turner**; GY Dinwiddie; RM Mathews University of Maryland College Park (RW, GY, RM) International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Harbor, MD Winter 2014

NFL Means Not For Long: Discipline, Control, and the Black Body. *Brown Bag Series*, African American Studies Department, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2013

NFL Means Not For Long: Indoctrinating Athletes in the NFL Boot Camp. *The Culture Lab*, Sociology Department, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2013

The Bowl Championship Series Longitudinal Study. *The 5th Annual College Sport Research Institute Conference of College Sport*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 2012

What Does the National Football League, Obesity, Race, and SES Have In Common? *The Department of Maternal and Child Health; Obesity and Physical Activity Seminar Series; Department of Nutrition; Injury Prevention Research Center, and the Carolina Population Center at The University of North Carolina*, Chapel Hill, February 2012

The Unanticipated Psychological Cost of Role Transition, *Gender, Race and Class Seminar, Social Science Diversity Colloquium*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, April 2011

Discipline, Control and the Black Body, *Urban Ethnography Seminar*, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2011

Eye in the Sky: Discipline, Control and the Black Body, *The Center for Afro-American and African Studies; Program in American Culture; the Sociology Department*, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, June 2010

Educational Achievement of College Athletes, *Sports and Society Conference*, Vancouver, BC, March 2010

Not for Long: An Examination of Life in the NFL, *The Difference Network Speakers Series*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, January, 2010

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

An Examination of the “Sports Protection Hypothesis” in a National Sample of Female College Students. Accepted for poster presentation at GW Research Days 2019. Kalpana Vissa, Teri Rosales PhD, **Robert W. Turner II PhD**, Michael Grandner PhD MTR. April 2019.

Perceived Control, Race/Ethnicity, and Cognitive Limitations: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study. Accepted for poster presentation at GW Research Days 2019. Saurab Faruque, **Robert W. Turner II PhD**, Ryon J. Cobb PhD, Amanda Sonnega PhD. April 2019.

Chronotype and Social Support Among Student Athletes: Impact on Depressive Symptoms. Accepted for poster presentation at SLEEP (2019), the annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies (APSS). Chloe Wills, Amy Athey PsyD, Rebecca Robbins PhD, Freda Patterson PhD, **Robert W. Turner II PhD**, William D. S. Killgore PhD, Andrew Tubbs, Chloe Warlick BS, Pamela Alfonso-Miller MD, and Michael A. Grandner PhD MTR. 2019.

Dose-Response Relationship Between Insufficient Sleep and Mental Health Symptoms in Collegiate Student Athletes and Non-Athletes. Accepted for poster presentation at the 2019 SLEEP annual meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies (APSS). Thea M. Ramsey, Amy Athey PsyD, Jason Ellis PhD, Andrew Tubbs, **Robert Turner II PhD**, William D. S. Killgore PhD, Chloe Warlick BS, Pamela Alfonso-Miller MD, and Michael A. Grandner PhD MTR. 2019.

ADVANCED RESEARCH TRAINING

- i. Program to Increase Diversity in Behavioral Medicine and Sleep Disorders Research (PRIDE) faculty, Cohort 6, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), Summer 2017
- ii. Grant writing Uncovered: Maximizing Strategies, Help, Opportunity, Experience Program (GUMSHOE), Fall 2016
- iii. National Institute on Aging (NIA) Resource Centers on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Workshop on Promoting Innovative Research in Minority Aging, NIH Campus, Bethesda Maryland, Spring 2016
- iv. National Institute on Aging (NIA) Butler-Williams Scholars Program, NIH Campus, Bethesda, Maryland, Summer 2015
- v. Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute. Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity. The University of Maryland-CP, Summer 2015
- vi. Scholar, Public Health Critical Race Praxis Institute, Maryland Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- vii. Scientific Collaborative for Overweight and Obesity Treatment (*SCOOPT*), The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Directors: Tamara Coyne Beasley, MD. Eliana Perrin, MD. March 2012 – July 2013

- viii. ISCPR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Mixed Methods: Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches.
- ix. Odum Institute for Research in the Social Sciences. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Summer 2012
- x. 4th Annual Research and Coaching Clinic, Robert Wood Johnson, Denver, Colorado. February 2011

TEACHING

- Spring 2015 AASP 498Q Special Topics in Black Culture, University of Maryland
- Fall 2014 AASP 468A Global Health Disparities, University of Maryland
- Spring 2014 AASP 498Q Special Topics in Black Culture, University of Maryland
- Fall 2013 AASP 468A Global Health Disparities, University of Maryland
- Spring 2013 EXSS 221 Intro to Sport and Recreation Admin, UNC Chapel Hill
- Fall 2012 EXSS 221 Intro to Sport and Recreation Admin, UNC Chapel Hill
- Spring 2012 Sociol. 299S Writing Ethnography, Duke University, Duke University
- Fall2011 Sociol. 299S Seminar Selected Topics: Ethnography, Duke University
- Spring 2011 Soc. 4931 A Critical Examination of Race, Marquette University
- Fall 2010 CRLS. 4995 Independent Study: Race, Crime & Punishment
Marquette University
- Spring 2010 Soc. 4931 A Critical Examination of Race, Marquette University
- Spring 2009 Soc. 51.3 Deviant Behavior, Brooklyn College, CUNY

MENTORING AND ADVISING

- October 2018 – Present Mentor for Saurab Faruque, MPH Student, George Washington University
- October 2018 – December 2018 Mentor for Tiffany Maxwell
- August 2018 – Present Mentor and Preceptor for Kalpana Vissa, MPH Student and Presidential Fellowship, George Washington University
- April 2018 – Present Mentor for Lindsey Trematerra, Undergraduate Student, Duke University
- 2017 – 2018 B.S. Graduation with Distinction Program: Faculty Committee – Grace Williams, Trinity College Arts & Sciences, Duke University

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- April 2019 Panel Discussant: After the Final Buzzer, U.S. Rep. AL Lawson, The Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus panel discussion and screening of the HBO documentary film “Student-Athlete,” Executive Producer, LeBron James, U.S. Capitol Visitors Center Auditorium North, Washington, DC, April 2019
- April 2019 Panel Discussant: College Athlete Transition Issues & Mental Health. College Sport Research Institute, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- March 2019 Keynote speaker: Global Sports Summit - Bridging the gap: Conducting research on race and sports around the globe, and sports & the body. Global Sport Institute, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ.
- February 2019 Keynote Speaker: Life course Perspective for Understanding the Health of Black Men and NFL Athletes from Historically Black Colleges and University – A discussion on aging, depression, and other mental health factors that contribute to Black male health disparities. Hosted by the National Football League Alumni Association, National Institute on Aging, Center for Disease Control, Kennedy-Satcher Center for Mental Health Equality, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA.
- February 2019 Guest Lecture: The Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, Social and Cultural Sciences, SOWJ 2200 Human Behavior in the Social Environment; SOWJ 4953 Honors Senior Full Circle Seminar, Dr. Alexandra Crampton, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.
- February 2019 Guest Speaker: Black History Month Speakers Series, Black Studies – College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.
- February 2019 Guest Speaker: BWS/SJS/SOC: 265 – Critical Inquiry and Penny Lecture Series – 2019 Theme: Race, Sport, and Social Justice, Miami University, Oxford, OH.
- January 2019 Guest Speaker: Graduate student research seminar, Medical Sociology, University of Miami, FL.
- November 2018 Panel Discussant: Mental Health and Sports Participation - Sociology Department, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI.
- November 2018 Book Discussion: The Black Bag Speakers Series, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: Black Studies, Sociology, Athletics & University Studies, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- October 2018 Book presentation and panel discussant: Peters Education Center - sociology department, kinesiology department, and

- the Athletic Alumni association, Fresno State University, Fresno, CA
- October 2018 Book Discussion: Sociology of Sports with Dr. Jeff London, Hunter College, City University of New York, NY.
- October 2018 Book Discussion: Critical Issues in Sports Media with Dr. Steve Miller, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ.
- September 2018 Panel Discussant: John B. Slaughter Symposium – A View from the Mountaintop: 50 Years Later, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- September 2018 Book Discussion and Q&A session: Sociology of Health & Medicine SHM, Medicine majors or Minor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- September 2018 Panel Discussant: Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians Inc. (BNGAP), seminar for CNMC, Georgetown, Howard, and UMD, for diverse medical students, residents, and fellows. George Washington University, DC.
- 2014 Panel Discussant: “The Perceptions of African American Athletes in the Media.” The Black Honors Caucus and the W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society, The University of Maryland, College Park
- 2014 Convocation speaker & honorary degree honoree: Piscataway Township Board of Education School System & Superintendent.
- 2010 Organizer & Host: “Race in Milwaukee and the Hip-Hop Generation: A Panel Discussion.” Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2015 – Present Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington, DC.
- 2015 – Present Volunteer Head Coach & Mentor, 4th & 1 Football Camp, Mount Pleasant Texas, Northeast Texas Community College.
- 2014 – Present Volunteer Mentor, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington | George Ferris Jr. Clubhouse 6. Washington, DC.
- 2009 Organizing committee for Former NFL Athlete fundraiser to support the Family Assistance Center at the Teaneck Armory, Teaneck, NJ.

REFERENCES

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