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EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ph.D. in Medical Sociology**
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, Alabama
- 2006 **M.A. in Counseling Psychology**
Concentration: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Child and Family Therapy
Assumption College; Worcester, Massachusetts
- 2004 **B.A. in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude**
Tougaloo College; Tougaloo, Mississippi

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present Assistant Professor and Health and Wellness Extension Specialist
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, Alabama
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Media and Information
Michigan State University; East Lansing, Michigan
- 2010-2014 Project Manager for *Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (ICAC)*
Shelia R. Cotten, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL
- 2010-2012 Research Assistant for *Overtreatment in Pediatric Critical Care: A Simulation Study*
Belinda L. Needham, Ph.D. Principal Investigator
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL
- 2008-2010 Research Assistant for *Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum (ICAC)* and
Birmingham Youth and Technology Study (BYTS)
Shelia R. Cotten, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL
- 2006-2008 Research Survey Interviewer for *Nashville Breast Health Study*
Wei Zheng, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., Principal Investigator
Vanderbilt University Epidemiology Center; Nashville, TN

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Minority Health and Health Disparities
- Chronic Disease Prevention and Management
- Obesity Prevention/Weight Management

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

O'Neal, LaToya J. and Shelia R. Cotten. 2016. "Promotive Factors and Psychosocial Adjustment among Urban Youth." *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 45(6), 947-961.

Simoni, Zachary, Philip A. Gibson, Shelia R. Cotten, Kristi L. Stringer, and **LaToya O. Coleman**. 2016. "Does Place Matter? The Effects of Concentrated Poverty on the Computer Use of Elementary Students." *Journal of Urban Technology*, 23(3), 3-21.

Ball, Christopher, Tim Kuo-Ting Huang, Shelia R. Cotten, R.V. Rikard, and **LaToya O. Coleman**. 2016. "Invaluable Values: An Expectancy-Value Theory Analysis of Youths' Academic Motivations and Intentions." *Information, Communication, and Society*, 19(5), 618-638.

Coleman, LaToya O., Philip A. Gibson, Shelia R. Cotten, Michael Howell-Moroney, and Kristi Stringer. 2016. "Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum: The Impact of Internal Barriers and Training Intensity on Computer Integration in the Elementary School Classroom." *Journal of Educational Computing Research* 54(2), 275-294.

Coleman, LaToya O., Timothy M. Hale, Shelia R. Cotten, and Philip Gibson. 2015. "The Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Usage on Psychological Well-Being Among Urban Youth." *Sociological Studies of Children and Youth*, 19, 267-291.

Gibson, Philip, Kristi Stringer, Shelia R. Cotten, Zachary Simoni, **LaToya J. O'Neal**, and Michael Howell-Moroney. 2014. "Changing Teachers, Changing Students? The Impact of a Teacher-Focused Intervention on Students' Computer Usage, Attitudes, and Anxiety." *Computers and Education* 71 (February) 165-174.

O'Neal, LaToya J. 2014. "Gender, Stress, and Health." In William C. Cockerham, Robert Dingwall, and Stella Quah (eds.), *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*. Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

*Carter, Alia, Shelia R. Cotten, Philip Gibson, **LaToya J. O'Neal**, Zachary Simoni, Kristi Stringer, and Leticia S. Watkins. 2014. "Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum: Incorporating Technology into STEM Education." In Yang, H., Z. K. Yang, D. Wu, and S.Y. Liu, (eds.), *Transforming k-12 classrooms with digital technology*. Hershey, PA: Information Science Reference/IGI Global.

Cotten, Shelia R., Timothy M. Hale, Michael Howell-Moroney, **LaToya J. O'Neal**, and Casey Borch. 2011. "Using Affordable Technology To Decrease Digital Inequality: Results from Birmingham's One Laptop Per Child XO Laptop Project." *Information, Communication & Society* 14(4) 424 – 444.

*Authors listed alphabetically

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

O’Neal, LaToya J., Philip A. Gibson, Shelia R. Cotten, and Alia Carter. “Elementary School Teachers’ Beliefs about the Role of Technology in 21st Century Teaching and Learning.”

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION FOR PUBLICATION

Bateman, Lori B., **LaToya J. O’Neal**, Theolishia V. Smith, Theresa Wynn, and Mona N. Fouad. “Policy, System, and Environmental Influences on Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in a Low Income African American Population in the Southeast.”

Bateman, Lori B., **LaToya J. O’Neal**, Majorie L. White, Nancy Tofil, and Belinda L. Needham. “Patient Race and Communication in Pediatric End-of-Life Care: An Exploratory Simulation Study.”

Cotten, Shelia R., **LaToya J. O’Neal**, Christopher Ball, Timothy M. Hale, Kuo-Ting Huang, and R.V. Rikard. “XO Laptops to ICAC: Evolution of a One-to-One Computing Program.”

O’Neal, LaToya J., R.V. Rikard, Shelia R. Cotten, and Philip A. Gibson. “Investigating the Leaky Pipeline: Factors Influencing STEM Related Career Interest Among Urban Elementary School Students.”

Huang, Tim Kuo-Ting, Christopher Ball, Shelia R. Cotten, R.V. Rikard, and **LaToya J. O’Neal**. “Effective Experiences: A Social Cognitive Analysis of the ICT Development of Youth.”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

O’Neal, LaToya J., Lori B. Bateman, Theolishia V. Smith, Yu-Fing Li, Chen Dai, Theresa Wynn Wallace, and Mona N. Fouad. “The Role of Policy Related Civic Engagement in Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Among Low-Income African Americans in 3 Southeast Cities.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC, April 1, 2017.

Coleman, LaToya O., Philip A. Gibson, and Shelia R. Cotten. “Integrating Computing for 21st Century Teaching and Learning: The Experiences, Beliefs, and Practices of Urban Teachers.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana. March 26, 2015.

Coleman, LaToya O., Philip A. Gibson, Shelia R. Cotten, and Kristi Stringer. “Integrating Computing Across the Curriculum: The Impact of Internal Barriers on Technology Integration in the Elementary School Classroom.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Charlotte, North Carolina. April 3, 2014.

Cotten, Shelia R., Philip Gibson, **LaToya J. O’Neal**, Zachary Simoni, Kristi Stringer, and Sarah Khaledi. “Impacts of ICAC Intervention on Students’ Computer Usage, Attitudes, and Anxiety: The Role of Teacher Effects.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. August 10, 2013.

O'Neal, LaToya J., Timothy M. Hale, and Shelia R. Cotten. "The Impact of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Usage on Depression Among Urban Youth." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, Nevada. August 22, 2011.

Hale, Timothy M., **LaToya O'Neal**, Shelia R. Cotten, and Casey Borch. "XO Laptops, Minority Youth and Technology Use: Decreasing the Digital Divide or Exacerbating Digital Inequality?" Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. April 23, 2010.

O'Neal, LaToya J. "The Impact of Neighborhoods on Obesity: Applying the Theories of Pierre Bourdieu." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, August 10, 2009.

O'Neal, LaToya . "Disproportionate Minority Contact and Confinement and Its Implications for Social Inequality." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, April 3, 2009.

COURSE EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Contemporary Family Problems and Interventions
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

2014-2015 Contemporary Social Problems (Online)
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL

Summer 2011 Introduction to Sociology
University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2016-2018 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Award
2009-2014 Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Scholar
2009 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society
July 2006 Completion of Master's Oral Examination with Distinction; Assumption College
2004-2004 United States Achievement Academy; Tougaloo College
2001-2004 National Dean's List; Tougaloo College
2000-2004 Presidential Scholarship; Tougaloo College

ORGANIZATIONS/AFFILIATIONS

2016-Present American Public Health Association
2010-2011 American Evaluation Association
2008-Present American Sociological Association
2008-Present Southern Sociological Society

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

2017-Present University of Florida Wellness Partners Program
2016-Present Multidisciplinary Academic-Community Obesity Disparities Research Partnership
University of Florida
2014-2015 IN-SHAPE Mentoring; Birmingham, Alabama
2011-2012 Provost Search Committee; University of Alabama at Birmingham
2009-2012 Black Graduate Student Association at the University of Alabama at Birmingham
Elected Position(s) Held: President 2010-2012; Treasurer/Finance Committee
Chair 2009-2010