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### EDUCATION:

- 2010      **Ph.D. in Sociology**, Florida State University (anticipated)  
Dissertation Title: *Physical Disability and Quality of Life: The Stress Process and Experience of Stigma in a Chronically-Strained Population*  
Committee: R. Jay Turner (Chair), Thomas E. Joiner, Jr., Verna M. Keith, and John Taylor
- 2007      **M.S. in Sociology**, Florida State University  
Preliminary Examinations: Health and Aging (*passed with honors*)
- 2005      **M.S. in Social Research**, Hunter College of the City University of New York  
Concentration: Research in International Development
- 2000      **B.A. in Communication and Social Sciences**, *Magna Cum Laude*, Flagler College  
Minors: Journalism, Psychology, and Sociology

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

- Mental Health
- Medical Sociology
- Life Course and Aging
- Social Psychology
- Sociology of the Family
- Race and Ethnicity

### PUBLICATIONS:

Joiner, Thomas E., Jr., Kimberly A. Van Orden, Tracy K. Witte, Edward A. Selby and Robyn Lewis. 2009. "Main Predictions of the Interpersonal-Psychological Theory of Suicidal Behavior: Empirical Tests in Two Samples of Young Adults." *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* (forthcoming).

Lewis, Robyn and John Taylor. 2009. "The Significance of Social and Religious Resources for Perceptions of Mattering among African American and White Adults." *Sociological Spectrum* 29(2):273-94.

Turner, R. Jay and Robyn Lewis Brown. 2009. "Social Support and Coping." In *A Handbook for the Study of Mental Health: Social Contexts, Theories, and Systems, Second Edition*, edited by Allan V. Horwitz and Teresa L. Scheid.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS:**

Barrett, Anne E. and Robyn Lewis Brown. "The Relationship between Perceived Discrimination and Physical Health: Race and Gender Variation."

Brown, Robyn Lewis, Natalie O. Armstrong and R. Jay Turner. "Anger in the Experience of Physical Limitations: Assessing the Role of Stress Exposure and Psychosocial Resources."

Brown, Robyn Lewis and Anne E. Barrett. "Determinants of the Relationship between Visual Impairment and Psychological Distress among Older Adults."

Brown, Robyn Lewis and R. Jay Turner. "Physical Disability, Shame and Depression: Racial/Ethnic Contrasts." (Under review, *Journal of Aging and Health*).

Brown, Robyn Lewis, Sunshine Rote, and Mathew D. Gayman. "Gender Differences in Substance Use among Hispanic Adults: The Significance of Family Role Norms and Acculturation."

Gayman, Mathew D. and Robyn Lewis Brown. "Depressive Symptoms and Bodily Pain: Reciprocity and the Role of Social Stress and Physical Disability." (Under review, *Journals of Gerontology Series B: Social Sciences*).

Taylor, John, David Russell and Robyn Lewis Brown. "Age and the Cost of Caring." (Revise and resubmit, *Sex Roles*).

Turner, R. Jay, Verna M. Keith, and Robyn Lewis Brown. "Race, Stress, and Physical Disability: The Mental Health Significance of John Henryism and Mastery."

Turner, R. Jay, John Taylor, and Robyn Lewis Brown. "Concordance in Couple's Stress Reports: The Mental Health Implications of Known and Unknown Stress Exposure."

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

### *Graduate:*

- Florida State University College of Social Sciences Graduate Scholarship (2005-2009)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Mental Health Division, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention (2008)
- Florida State University Department of Sociology Summer Training Award (2008)

### *Undergraduate:*

- Flagler College Honors Student (1997-2000)
- Florida Academic Scholar Scholarship Recipient (1997-2000)
- Business Press Educational Foundation (BPEF) Internship (1999)
- Northwestern University's Prudential Spirit of Community Award Recipient (1997)
- Columbia University Scholastic Press Association Gold Seal Award Recipient (1997)

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Brown, Robyn Lewis, Natalie O. Armstrong and R. Jay Turner. "Physical Limitation and Anger: Assessing the Role of Stress Exposure and Psychosocial Resources." The annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2009, San Francisco, CA. (*accepted*)

Brown, Robyn Lewis and Anne E. Barrett. "Determinants of the Relationship between Visual Impairment and Psychological Distress among Older Adults." The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2009, San Francisco, CA. (*accepted*)

Gayman, Mathew D. and Robyn Lewis Brown. "Depressive Symptoms and Bodily Pain: Reciprocity and the Role of Social Stress and Physical Disability." The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2009, San Francisco, CA. (*accepted*)

Rote, Sunshine and Robyn Lewis. "Gender Differences in Substance Use among Hispanic Adults: The Significance of Family Role Norms and Acculturation." The annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2009, New Orleans, LA.

Keith, Verna, Ellen Granberg and Robyn Lewis. "Big Boned and Fine: Body Weight, Body Image and Health Issues for African American Women." The annual meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, February 2009, Savannah, GA.

Lewis, Robyn and John Taylor. "The Significance of Social and Religious Resources for Perceptions of Mattering: Race/Ethnic Contrasts." The annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2008, Boston, MA.

Lewis, Robyn. "Clarifying the Relationship between Visual Impairment and Psychological Well-Being." The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2008, Boston, MA.

Lewis, Robyn and R. Jay Turner. "Physical Disability and Psychological Well-Being: Understanding the Role of Stress Exposure and Shame" The 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Stress Research, May 2008, Santa Fe, NM.

Turner, R. Jay, John Taylor and Robyn Lewis. "Concordance in Couple's Stress Reports: The Mental Health Implications of Known and Unknown Stress Exposure" The 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Stress Research, May 2008, Santa Fe, NM.

Armstrong, Natalie O., Robyn Lewis and R. Jay Turner. "Activity Limitations and the Experience of Anger: Racial/Ethnic Contrasts." The annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2008, Richmond, VA.

Lewis, Robyn. "Physical Disability and Substance Use among Hispanics: The Role of Stress, Coping and Shame." The annual meeting of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, September 2007, Miami, FL.

Lewis, Robyn and R. Jay Turner. "Race-Ethnic Differences in the Linkage between Physical Disability and Depression: Understanding the Role of Shame and Other Personal Factors." The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2007, New York, NY.

Lewis, Robyn and R. Jay Turner. "Physical Disability and Depression: Age, Race-Ethnic and Gender Contrasts." The annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2007, Atlanta, GA.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

- 2006-2009      Research Assistant, Florida State University Center for Demography and Population Health; Supervisor: R. Jay Turner  
Project: Physical Health Challenges Study (supported by grants R01DA13292 and R01DA16429 from The National Institute on Drug Abuse to R. Jay Turner)
- 2006      Research Assistant, Department of Sociology; Supervisor: Anne E. Barrett  
Project: An Examination of the Social, Political, and Psychological Implications of the Red Hat Society (supported by FSU College of Social Sciences grants to Anne E. Barrett and Deana Rohlinger)
- 2005      Research Assistant, Department of Sociology; Supervisor: Anne E. Barrett

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- 2009      Instructor, Family Problems and Social Change  
Teaching Assistant, Multivariate Statistical Analysis (graduate-level course)
- 2008      Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Statistics (graduate-level course)  
Guest Lecturer, Sociological Theory  
Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology
- 2007      Guest Lecturer, Family Problems and Social Change  
Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology
- 2006      Instructor, Family Problems and Social Change
- 2005      Teaching Assistant, Aging and the Life Course

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE:**

- 2009-      Reviewer: *Journal of Aging and Health*  
  
Student Council Member, American Sociological Association Medical Sociology Council
- 2008-      Reviewer: *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*  
  
Florida State University, Department of Sociology, Sociology Graduate Students' Union Vice President; Departmental Colloquium Committee
- 2008      ICPSR Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research: Multilevel Modeling (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)  
  
Presider, Disabilities Division thematic session, "New Directions in Disability Research and Theory," Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, August 2008

- 2007-2008 Florida State University, Department of Sociology, Departmental Policy Committee, Departmental Program Committee, and Graduate Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
- 2007 Presider, Mental Health section roundtable, American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2007
- 2006-2007 Florida State University, Department of Sociology, Departmental Policy Committee

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Sociological Association
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Sociologists for Women in Society
- Southern Sociological Society