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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Sociology, Vanderbilt University
2012 M.A., Sociology, Vanderbilt University
2006 M.P.H., Global Health Policy, The George Washington University
2003 B.A. (*summa cum laude*) Psychology & Classical Civilization, Loyola University Maryland

POSITIONS HELD

- 2015-present Endowed Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago
2010-2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow
Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
2008-2010 Program Manager for CDC-funded SES Related Cancer Disparities Program
Office on SES, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
2007-2008 Program Coordinator, Office on SES
American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
2005-2006 Capacity Building Intern, Office on AIDS
American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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| Medical Sociology | Race & Ethnicity | Family | Global Health |
| Migration | Health Disparities & Inequities | Social Psychology | Population |

OTHER TRAINING

- 2015 Certificate in Health Policy, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
2012 Summer Institute on Health Policy, Course: “Race, Health, & Ethnicity” (Dr. David R. Williams), Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
2011 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Patterson, Evelyn J. and **Helena E. Dagadu**. 2016. “Fractures in the Color Line: Consequences of Constructions of Race and Ethnicity on Measures of Imprisonment.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 2(1):10-26.

Dagadu, Helena E. and Evelyn J. Patterson. 2015. “Placing a Health Equity Lens on Non-communicable Diseases in sub-Saharan Africa.” *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 26:967–989.

Christie-Mizell, C. André, Stacye A. Blount, Whitney N. Laster, **Helena E. Dagadu**, Erika T. A. Leslie, and Peter S. Vielehr. 2015. “Psychiatric Medication, African Americans and the Paradox of Mistrust.” *Journal of the National Medical Association* 107(2):51-59.

Dagadu, Helena E. and C. André Christie-Mizell. 2014. "Heart Trouble and Racial Group Identity: Exploring Ethnic Heterogeneity among Black Americans." *Race and Social Problems* 6:143-160.

Christie-Mizell, C. André, Whitney N. Laster, **Helena E. Dagadu** and Stacye A. Blount. 2014. "The Use of Psychiatric Medication, Human Capital, and the Amplification of Mistrust." *Sociological Spectrum* 34(3):222-243.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Dagadu, Helena E. "Black Immigration and Non-Communicable Disease Health Disparities in the U.S.: Consequences for Research and Policy." In preparation for submission August 2016.

Dagadu, Helena E. "Socioeconomic Determinants of Diabetes among Ghanaian Women and Men: Implications for a Country in Transition." In preparation for submission October 2016.

Dagadu, Helena E. "Socioeconomic and Gender Determinants of Hypertension in Ghana." In preparation for submission November 2016.

Patterson, Evelyn J. and **Helena E. Dagadu.** "Social Disorganization and Spaces of Degradation." In Preparation for *Social Science Research*.

GRANTS

Helena Dagadu (co-PI). 2014-2016. With Daniel B. Cornfield, PhD (PI). "Immigration and Chronic Disease within the U.S. Black Population: Using an Equitable Longevity Framework to Explore Policy Implications for Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities." The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College Pilot Projects Mini-Grant (\$20,000).

Helena Dagadu (PI). 2014. "The Social Determinants of Transitions: Using A Health Equity Framework to Understand the Emergence of Non-communicable Disease among Ghanaians in Ghana and the U.S." Summer Research Award. Funded by College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University (\$1,995).

Helena Dagadu (Program Manager). 2008. With Keyona King-Tsikata, MPH (PI). "Addressing SES Related Cancer Disparities: National in Scope – Local in Impact (The APA SESRCD Program)." Funded by The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (\$1.75 million over five years).

GRANTS PENDING REVIEW

Helena Dagadu (PI). 2016. "Immigration and Chronic Disease within the U.S. Black Population: Implications for Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities." Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD).

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Dagadu, Helena E. et al. Research Committee (by invitation). *Health Equity Conference*. April 26, 2016 Maywood, IL.

Dagadu, Helena E. (Sponsored by Medical Sociology Section). August 2015. "Black Immigration and Non-Communicable Disease Health Disparities in the U.S.: Consequences for Research and Policy" *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.

Dagadu, Helena E. (Poster Presentation). April 30 – May 2, 2015. “Placing a Health Equity Lens on Non-Community Diseases in Ghana.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. San Diego, CA.

Dagadu, Helena E. and Evelyn J. Patterson. August 2014. “Mortality Transitions and Inequities: Moving Towards a Global Framework” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA.

Dagadu, Helena E. and Evelyn J. Patterson. August 2013. “Challenges in Addressing Mortality from Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.

Patterson, Evelyn J. and **Helena E. Dagadu**. May 2013. “Advancing Humanity: Eliminating Health Disparities for Women Inside and Outside U.S. Prisons.” *Rethinking Prisons Conference 2013*. Nashville, TN.

Dagadu, Helena E. Session Facilitator. July 2012. Title: “USA Social Determinants of Health and Health Differences between Native and Foreign-born Blacks in the United States” Presenter: Eleanor Fleming, PhD, DDS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Inaugural International Conference on Health in the African Diaspora (ICHAD)*. Baltimore, MD.

Dagadu, Helena E. and C. André Christie-Mizell. June 2012. “Heart Trouble and Racial Group Identity: Exploring Ethnic Heterogeneity among Black Americans.” *The 13th International Conference on Social Stress Research*. Dublin, Ireland.

INVITED TALKS

Dagadu, Helena. “Race, Ethnicity, Immigration, and Health Disparities.” Presented to the College of Arts & Sciences Dean’s Advisory Council, Loyola University Chicago, April 2016.

Dagadu, Helena. “Socioeconomic Determinants of Self-Reported and Measured Hypertension among Ghanaian Men and Women: Implications for a Country in Transition.” Presented to the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), Loyola University Chicago, March 2016.

Dagadu, Helena. “Healthcare Panel for IMPACT Leadership Development Program.” Presented to the Chicago Urban League IMPACT Leadership Development Program at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business’ Gleacher Center, March 2016.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2016 | Selected Scholar, Health Equity Leadership Institute (uwheli.com), University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health, Collaborative Center for Health Equity & University of Maryland-College Park, School of Public Health, Maryland Center for Health Equity, Madison, WI. |
| 2010-2015 | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellowship, Center for Health Policy at Meharry Medical College. |
| 2003 | Grindall Psychology Medal & Classical Civilization Medal, Loyola University Maryland (Awarded to student with highest GPA in major) |
| 2003 | Phi Beta Kappa Society (Epsilon of Maryland Chapter) |
| 2002 | Psi Chi (The National Honor Society in Psychology) |
| 2002 | Eta Sigma Phi (The National Classics Honor Society) |

REVIEW & EDITORSHIPS

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| 2015-2016 | Reviewer, <i>City & Community, Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Sociological Inquiry</i> |
| 2015 | Deputy Editor, <i>Work and Occupations</i> – Vanderbilt University |
| 2011-2014 | Associate Editor, <i>Work and Occupations</i> – Vanderbilt University |

SERVICE

Loyola University Chicago

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| 2016-present | Big Health Data Workgroup (Collaboration between College of Arts & Sciences and Health Services Division) |
| 2016-present | Health Equity Conference Research Committee |
| Fall 2015 | Convocation and Faculty Conversation, New Student Convocation, Lakeshore Campus, Loyola University Chicago |

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| 2015-present | Intellectual and Professional Life Committee |
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Service to Field

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| 2016-present | Program Committee, 4th United States Conference on African Immigrant Health “Health Behaviors of African Immigrants and Refugees: Rethinking Integration, Challenges, and Empowerment”, September 15-18, 2016, East Elmhurst, NY |
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Community Service

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| 2015-present | Volunteer & English Language Mentor, Pan African Association, Chicago, IL |
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STUDENT RESEARCH & COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS (*=Sociology Department)

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Committee Type</u> | <u>Role</u> |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| 1. Darwin Baluran | McNair Scholars Program (Undergraduate) | Faculty Mentor |
| 2. Soulit Chacko* | Specialty Graduate Field Exam in Gender & Family | Reader |
| 3. Soulit Chacko* | Specialty Graduate Field Exam in International Immigration | Reader |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
 Population Association of America (PAA)
 American Public Health Association (APHA)