

Curriculum Vitae

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**Research Assistant Professor**

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**Education:**

- 12/2004 Ph.D., Applied Medical Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Dissertation Research: African American Women with Type 2 Diabetes: Understanding Self-Management
- 12/2003 M.P.H., Public Health Education, Community & Family Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 12/1994 M.A., Communication with Health Cognate, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 06/1975 B.A., English, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

**Appointments:**

- 07/2008-Present Research Assistant Professor, College of Public Health and Health Professions, Behavioral Science and Community Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 09/2007- Present Research Assistant Professor, Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science, College of Dentistry, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 10/2006-Present Claude Pepper Scholar in Aging and Geriatric Research Department of Geriatric and Aging Research/Institute on Aging, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 10/2005-10/2007 Postdoctoral Pain Research Fellow, Comprehensive Center for Pain Research, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

## **Public Health Work Experience**

Medical Health Care Program Analyst Coordinator/Program Director: State of Florida, Department of Health/Community & Family Health, Tallahassee, FL (May 1998-December 1999)

Health Education Program Manager: State of Florida, Department of Health/Women's Health/Tobacco Pilot Program Tallahassee, FL. (Feb - May '1998)

Health Educator: Community Alliance of Pinellas for AIDS, Inc. St. Petersburg, FL (January -August 1996)

Health Services Representative/Disease Intervention Specialist: Pinellas County Health Department, St. Petersburg, FL (Aug -December 1994)

Senior Human Services Program Specialist: State of Florida, District V Health Program Office, Largo, FL (March -June 1993/ Time-limited, contract position)

Human Services Program Director: State of Florida, District VII Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Program Office, Orlando, FL (November 1990-September 1991)

Health Services Manager: Florida Department of Health, Orange County Health Department, Orlando, FL (Aug-Nov.1990)

Senior Human Services Program Specialist: Florida Department of Health, Health Program Office, Tampa, FL (Sept. 1989-August 1990).

Senior Human Services Program Specialist/Program Manager: Florida Department of Health, Disease Control Program, Tallahassee, FL (November 1988-July 1989)

## **Research Grants:**

*"Ethnic Group Differences in Pain, Physical Activity and Functional Mobility among Women with Knee Osteoarthritis"* (PI: Pahor, Marco, NIH/National Institute on Aging, 08/2008-present, 2 year Diversity Research Supplement; Role: Investigator; \$112,000.00).

*"A Community Health Self-Empowerment (CHSE) Program to Increase and Sustain Healthy Cooking and Vegetable Consumption and to Decrease Blood Pressure among Pre-Hypertensive and Hypertensive Low-Income African American Women"* (PI: Tucker, Carolyn; Blue Cross/Blue Shield Foundation, 09/2007-Present; Role: Co-Investigator).

*“Oral Health Disparities: Actions Taken for Pain,* (PI: Joseph L. Riley, NIH, NIDCR, 07/2007-Present; Role: Co-Investigator).

*“Ethnic Differences in Experimental Pain Sensitivity,”* PI: Roger B. Fillingim, Comprehensive Center for Pain Research, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (10/2005-10/2007; Role: Post-doctoral Fellow).

*“African American Women with Type 2 Diabetes: Understanding Self-Management,”* (Role: Principal Investigator; Michael Angrosino, Major Advisor; Dissertation Research 2000-2004, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida).

### **Awards**

- 07/2009 Fellow, Summer Institute on Community-based Participatory Research, NIH/Office of Behavioral & Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), August 2-7, 2009, New Orleans, LA.
- 05/2009 Fellow, Summer Institute on Aging Research, NIH/National Institutes on Aging (NIA), July 10-17, 2009, Queensland, MD.
- 05/2008 Young Investigator Travel Award, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, American Pain Society, Tampa, FL (\$750.00).
- 11/2007 Travel Award, 5<sup>th</sup> National Health Disparities Conference, “Diabetes Health Disparities: Determinants, Prevention, Treatment, and Policy, Nashville, TN (\$800.00).
- 05/2007 Young Investigator Travel Award, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, American Pain Society, Washington, DC (\$750.00).
- 04/2007 First Place, Certificate of Award and cash prize, PhD/Post-doctoral Research, Research Day, College of Dentistry, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (\$300.00).
- 05/2006 Young Investigator Travel Award, 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, American Pain Society, San Antonio, Texas (\$750.00).

### **Peer Reviewed Publications:**

**Rahim-Williams B**, Riley JL 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tomar S, Blanchard S. Influences of adult-onset diabetes on orofacial pain and related health behaviors. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* (In Press, 2009)

Fillingim, RB, King, CD, Ribeiro-Dasilva, MC, **Rahim-Williams, B** and Riley, III, JL. Sex, gender, and pain: A review of recent clinical and experimental findings. *The Journal of Pain* (In press, 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Riley III, Joseph L., Herrera, Dyanne, Campbell, Claudia, Hastie, Barbara A., and Fillingim, Roger B. "Ethnic Identity Predicts Experimental Pain Sensitivity among African Americans and Hispanics," PAIN 2007;129:177-184.

### **Non-referred publication**

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett** "African American Women with Type-2 Diabetes: Understanding Self-Management" (2004, Dissertation).

### **Publications Under Review and in Preparation:**

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Wilson, Ruth, and Mills, Terry. "Interrupted Lives: African American Women Managing Diabetes Mellitus" (Under review, Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 12/2008).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Fillingim, Roger, B. and Riley, Joseph L. "A Quantitative and Qualitative Review of Ethnic Group Differences in Experimental Pain Sensitivity" (submitted, Psychosomatic Medicine, 08/2009)

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Riley, Joseph L. "Ethnic group differences in arthritis pain and negative affect among African Americans, Hispanics and non-Hispanic Whites" (In preparation)

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, et al. "Pain and Physical Activity among Middle and Older African American, Hispanic and non-Hispanic Whites Women with Type 2 Diabetes" (In preparation).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, et al. "Health Beliefs and Health Behaviors among Middle and Older African American, Hispanic and non-Hispanic White Women with Type 2 Diabetes" (In preparation)

### **Presentations**

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett** and Samarawickrema, Indira Samarawickrema. "Prevalence of HIV Testing among Middle and Older-Aged Adult Floridians (Poster presentation at the Gerontological Society of America annual conference, Atlanta, GA, November 18-22, 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Wilson, Ruth, and Mills, Terry. "Interrupted Lives: African American Women Managing Diabetes Mellitus" (Poster presentation at the 137<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association's annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 7-11, 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley III, and June Marie Nogle  
“Functional and Emotional Impacts of Orofacial Pain among Middle and Older-aged Adults with Diabetes” (A poster presented at the 137<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association’s annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 7-11, 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett** “Pain and Type 2 Diabetes among older adults,” (An oral presentation, Oak Hammock Retirement Village, Gainesville, FL, May 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett** “Physical Activity and Exercise among Overweight and Obese African American Women with Diabetes Mellitus,” (A poster presented at the NIH/NIDDK Annual Meeting of the Network of Minority Research Investigators, Bethesda, MD, April 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett** “Physical Activity and Exercise among Overweight and Obese African American Women with Diabetes Mellitus,” (A poster presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, St. Petersburg, FL, April 2009).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley, III, Claudia Campbell, Dyanne Herrera, Barbara A. Hastie, and Roger B. Fillingim  
“The Association of Hypervigilance with Perceptual and Cardiovascular Responses to Experimental Pain among African Americans and non-Hispanic Whites” (A poster presented at the American Pain Society’s Annual Conferences, Tampa, Florida, May 2008).

**Rahim-Williams, Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley, III, Claudia Campbell, Dyanne Herrera, Barbara A. Hastie, and Roger B. Fillingim  
“The Association of Hypervigilance with Perceptual and Cardiovascular Responses to Experimental Pain among African Americans and non-Hispanic Whites” (A poster presented at Research Day, University of Florida, College of Dentistry, Gainesville, Florida, March 28, 2008).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley III, and June Marie Nogle  
“Functional and Emotional Impacts of Orofacial Pain among Middle and Older-aged Adults with Diabetes” (A poster presented at the Diabetes Health Disparities conference, Vanderbilt-Meharry Alliance, Nashville, Tennessee, Nov. 12-13 2007).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley, III, Dyanne Herrera, Kathrina Virtusio, Claudia M. Campbell, Barbara A. Hastie, and Roger B. Fillingim, “Heat Pain Sensitivity: Influences of Ethnicity and Gender” (A poster to be presented at the American Pain Society’s annual meeting, Washington, DC, May 2-5, 2007).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley III, and June Marie Nogle  
“Functional and Emotional Impacts of Orofacial Pain among Middle and Older-aged Adults with Diabetes” (A poster presented at the NIH, National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases conference of the Network of Minority Research Investigators, Bethesda, Maryland, April 18-20, 2007).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley III, and June Marie Nogle  
“Functional and Emotional Impacts of Orofacial Pain among Middle and Older-aged Adults with Diabetes” (A poster presented at the Research Day, University of Florida, College of Dentistry, Gainesville, Florida, April 13, 2007).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Joseph L. Riley III, and June Marie Nogle  
“Functional and Emotional Impacts of Orofacial Pain among Adults with Diabetes Across the Lifespan” (A presentation in the Aging Seminar Series sponsored by the Institute on Aging, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research, University of Florida, College of Dentistry, Gainesville, Florida, April 2, 2007).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Riley III, Joseph L., Herrera, Dyanne, Campbell, Claudia, Hastie, Barbara A., and Fillingim, Roger B., “Ethnic Identity Predicts Experimental Pain Sensitivity in African Americans and Hispanics” (A poster presented at the American Pain Society’s annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, May 3-6, 2006).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Riley III, Joseph L., Herrera, Dyanne, Campbell, Claudia, Hastie, Barbara A., and Fillingim, Roger B., “Ethnic Identity Predicts Experimental Pain Sensitivity among African Americans and Hispanics” (A poster presented at the University of Florida College of Dentistry’s Research Day, Gainesville, Florida, April 2006).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, “Divergent Models of Diabetes Self-Management: African American Women and Diabetes Educators” (A poster presented at the National Institutes of Health/NIDDK/Network of Minority Research Investigators, Bethesda, Maryland, April 2006).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, “Understanding Divergent Models Of Diabetes Self-Management: African American Women and Diabetes Educators” (A poster presented at the University of Florida’s Women’s Health Day, March 24, 2006)

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, “Ethnic Identity Predicts Experimental Pain Sensitivity in African Americans and Hispanics” (A paper presented at the Pain Interest Group Meeting, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, August 1, 2006).

**Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, “Understanding the Diabetes Care Management Practices of African American Women and Diabetes Health Educators: Best Practices for Diabetes Care Education and Service Delivery.” (A paper

presented at the Governor's Conference on Women's Health, May 18-19, 2006, Sheraton World Resort, Orlando, Florida)

Gibson, Robert, Harris, Rochell G., **Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett**, Herrera, Dyanne, Campbell, Claudia, Rahim-Williams, F. Bridgett, and Fillingim, Roger B., "Ethnicity and Pain: Experimental Pain Narratives" (A poster presented at the American Pain Society's annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, May 3-6, 2006).

**Service:**

05/09- Present UF Liaison, APHA Health Disparities & Diversity Resource Center

04/09- Present Executive committee of the UF Association of Academic Women

03/2009- Present UF/CBPR Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS

03/08- Present Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of the National Medical Association

10/2007- Present Committee Member  
Equity and Diversity Advisory Board, Health Sciences Center  
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

08/2007- Present Mentor  
University Minority Student Mentoring Program (UMMP), University  
of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

**Teaching:**

*"Health Communication,"* University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

*"Public Health Ethics,"* University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

*"Enhancing the Freshman Experience, First Year Florida,"* University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

*"Medical Anthropology: Culture, Health and the Humanities,"* Anthropology  
Department,  
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida

*"Introduction to Anthropology."* Anthropology Program, University of South  
Florida, Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida

*"Cultural Anthropology,"* Anthropology Program, University of South Florida, St.  
Petersburg, Florida

*“Urban Anthropology,”* Anthropology Program, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida

*“Medical Humanities,”* Department of Medical Ethics and Humanities, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

*“Enhancing the Freshman Experience, First Year Florida,”* University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

*“Culture, Health and the Humanities,”* Anthropology Department, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

*“Communication Dynamics.”* Southwest Florida College, Tampa, FL

Preceptor, *“Medical Ethics,”* Department of Medical Ethics and Humanities, College of Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

### **Memberships**

Network of Minority Research Investigators (NMRI, National Institute of Health/NIDDK)

Council for the Advancement of Diabetes Research and Education (CADRE)

American Diabetes Association (ADA)

Gerontological Society of America/Southern Gerontological Society

American Public Health Association (APHA)

American Pain Society (APS)

International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP)

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)