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### EDUCATION

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08/05- Present **Doctorate in Urban Planning and Policy**, specialization Community Development, Degree Expected Dec 2011  
Department of Urban Planning and Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago

*Dissertation Title:* “From Isolation to Collaboration: African American Faith-Based Partnerships in Local Community Development”

*Dissertation Committee:* John J. Betancur (Chair), Lena Hatchett, Phillip J. Bowman, Douglas Gills, Curtis Winkle and Phillip Ashton

08/03-08/06 **Master of Arts in Community Psychology and Social Change**, Behavioral Sciences and Education, The Pennsylvania State University

*Master’s Thesis:* “Community Organizing Through the Black Church”

*Thesis Committee:* Kamini Maraj Grahame (Chair), Felicia Brown-Haywood, Kenneth Cunningham, Clemmie Gilpin

08/99-08/03 **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**, minor Spanish, Division of Social Science, Truman State University  
Cum laude

### RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

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Community Development/Organizing | Faith-based Community Development  
Sustainable Community Development | Urban Agriculture | Intersection of the Built Environment and Public Health | Economic Development | Political Economy | Affordable Housing

### NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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Vachta, K. E., Cunningham, K. C., Lilly, W., Martin, A., and **Sanders, T.** (2004). *Center for Community Action and Research: Community Service Learning Handbook*. Second edition. Middletown, PA: Center for Community Action and Research.

Vachta, K. E., Robinson, J., **Sanders, T.**, Cervasio, T., Coscomb, T., Gangaware, A., Jones, A. Martin, A. and Pinnick, M. (2004). *Putting the Neighbor Back in the 'Hood: A report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Allison Hill Multicultural Festival.*

**Sanders, T.** (2003). Assessing the effects of race, race awareness and skin tone on males' attribute ratings and dating preferences. *McNair Scholarly Review Truman State University*, 9, 93-106.

## JOURNAL MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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“Primary care patients’ views, attitudes, and decision-making factors regarding direct-to-consumer personal genome testing: Results from a qualitative study.” Katherine Wasson, PhD, MPH, Nancy S. Hogan, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Tonya Sanders, MA**, Kathy J. Helzlsouer, MD, MHS. Revise and resubmitt for the American Journal of Bioethics Primary Research on August 19, 2011.

“Primary Care Patients Choices About Disclosure When Undergoing Direct-To-Consumer Genomic Testing”. Sara Cherny, Katherine Wasson, **Tonya Sanders**, Nancy Hogan, Kathy Helzlsouer. Public Health Genomics.

## JOURNAL MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

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“Direct-to-consumer personalized genome scans: a study of primary care patients’ attitudes and decision-making consideration,” to be submitted in Fall 2011 with Katherine Wasson, PhD, MPH, **Tonya Sanders, MA**, Nancy S. Hogan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Kathy J. Helzlsouer, MD, MHS, and Sara Cherny, MS, CGC.

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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07/11-present      **Teaching Assistant** for Lena Hatchett, PhD,  
Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy  
Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago  
*Course:* Public Health Ethics (on-line course)  
Masters- and doctoral-level students

06/11-07/11      **Teaching Assistant** for Lena Hatchett, PhD,  
Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine  
*Course:* Cultural Competence in Health Care  
Taught students photojournalism. Role-played culturally competent medical assessments

02/11-present      **Urban Garden Connection committee member,**  
Broadview Park District Urban Garden Connection (UGC),

Planned implementation process of urban gardens project. Documented accurate records of planning meetings. Conducted numerous presentations to various stakeholders about UGC. Researched municipal, park district, and school healthy food policy initiatives and made recommendations to Food Policy Board. Assist with Maywood Multicultural Farmers Market.

06/11-07/11

**Research Assistant** for Shannon Zenk, PhD,  
College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago  
African American Women Daily Life Study  
Facilitated and took notes of focus groups.

02/09-06/11

**Project Manager and Board Member,**  
Proviso Action Committee (PAC),  
with Lena Hatchett, PhD., Executive Director,  
Work with over 30 local, county, state organizations and institutions to implement violence prevention and positive youth development initiatives. Develop strategic direction of the organization. Crafted detailed work plans for various community initiatives. Collaborated with Loyola University Chicago on the U-13 grant to secure external funding for organization. Initiated Faith-Based Foreclosure and Prevention Campaign through local churches. Marketed the organization via print, web, and television

09/09-12/10

**Research Assistant** for Katherine Wasson, PhD, MPH,  
Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine  
A Pilot Study of Primary Care Patients' Attitudes, Views and Decision-Making Processes About Direct-to-Consumer Genome Scans  
Recruited participants, facilitated focus group, interviewed participants, analyzed data, developed and edited manuscript for publication.

07/10-12/10

**Teaching Assistant** for Lena Hatchett, PhD,  
Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy  
Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago  
*Course:* Public Health Ethics (on-line course)  
Designed syllabus, taught selected sections, grade papers, responded to students' weekly comments online. Masters- and doctoral level students.

01/09-05/09

**Instructor,** for Curtis Winkle, PhD,  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Course:* UPP 101: Introduction to Urban Studies  
Designed course, lesson plans, and class assignments, graded papers, exams, and administered final grades. Undergraduate students

11/07-09/08

**Research Associate,** for Chinwe Onyeagoro, CEO  
O-H Community Partners, Ltd. Chicago, IL

Member of Organizational Development team. Collected and analyze industry data for clients' State of Organization Report. Made recommendations to clients on strategic planning for their organization. Planned and conducted in conjunction with COO on-site client meetings and board development retreats. Planned and executed benefit fundraiser for Young Women's Leadership Charter School sponsored by O-H Community Partners, Ltd. Marketed firm to potential new non-profit clients

- 01/07-12/07      **Teaching Assistant** for John Hagedorn, PhD,  
Criminal Justice and Sociology Departments  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Course:* A Lesson in Rule Breaking (advanced qualitative methods course)  
Taught selected sections, advised and oversaw research groups' field work  
for masters- and doctoral-level students
- 06/06-08/06      **Intern**, Mark Laubacher,  
The Laubacher Company, Chicago, IL  
Updated client progress reports. Participated in client meeting.  
Conducted industry research
- 08/04-08/05      **Research Assistant** for Stephen R. Couch, PhD,  
The Pennsylvania State University, Capital College  
Analyzed current literature for sacred ground project, community  
outreach, and 9/11
- 08/04-08/05      **Research Assistant** for Holly Angelique, PhD,  
The Pennsylvania State University, Capital College  
Analyzed seminal literature for the history and methodology of  
Community Psychology
- 08/03-08/04      **Research Assistant** for Senel Poyrazli, PhD,  
The Pennsylvania State University, Capital College  
A.C.T.S. research team member. Administered surveys to students,  
conducted parent interviews, analyzed and synthesized relevant academic  
literature.
- 08/03-06/04      **C-CAR Team Member**, supervised by Kerry Vachta, PhD  
Center for Community Action and Research,  
The Pennsylvania State University, Middletown, PA.  
Communicated with service-learning sites about their personnel needs and  
updated their contact information for inclusion in resource guide
- 01/03-05/03      **Intern**, for Dr. Kerry Mumford  
School-Based Health Center, Proviso East High School, Maywood, IL

Co-developed after school walking club for Proviso East students.  
Participated in therapy sessions with Proviso East students. Participated in in-take sessions with doctoral students in clinical psychology at UIC.

08/00-08/03

**Ronald E. McNair Scholar**, Truman State University,  
Designed, conducted, analyzed, and wrote research study on “Assessing the effects of race, race awareness and skin tone on males’ attribute ratings and dating preferences”

## PRESENTATIONS

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“From Isolation to Collaboration: African American Faith-based Partnerships In Local Community Development,” Tonya N. Sanders (2010). Presented paper at the American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, GA.

“From Isolation to Collaboration: African American Faith-based Partnerships In Local Community Development,” Tonya N. Sanders (2010). Presented paper at the Black Religion and Spirituality Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

“From Isolation to Collaboration: African American Faith-based Partnerships In Local Community Development,” Tonya N. Sanders (2010). Presented paper at the Association for Collegiate Schools of Planning, Minneapolis, MN.

“From Isolation to Collaboration: African American Faith-based Partnerships In Local Community Development,” Tonya N. Sanders (2010). Presented paper at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference, Atlanta, GA.

“What Will It Take: Making the Black Church Relevant to the Black Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Tonya N. Sanders (2009). Presented presentation at the Urban Affairs Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Community Organizing Through the Black Church: An A.M.E. Zion Experience,” Tonya Nashay Sanders (2007). Presented paper at the African American Studies Department Conference on Reconnecting Africana Studies and Community Agency: Integrating Community, Self and Scholarship, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

“Community Organizing Through the Black Church: An A.M.E. Zion Experience,” Tonya Nashay Sanders (2007). Presented paper at the Mc Cleary Symposium on The Black Church: Past, Present, Future, Texas Southern University, Houston, TX.

“Assessing the Effects of Race, Race Awareness and Skin Tone on Males’ Attribute Ratings and Dating Preferences,” Tonya Nashay Sanders with Dr. Judi Misale, mentor. (2002). Presented paper at the 6th Annual Ronald E. McNair MKN Heartland Research Conference and Graduate School Fair, Kansas City, MO.

“Assessing the Effects of Race, Race Awareness and Skin Tone on Males’ Attribute Ratings and Dating Preferences,” Tonya Nashay Sanders with Dr. Judi Misale, mentor. (2002). Presented paper at the 10th Annual McNair Research Presentation, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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Tonya Nashay Sanders. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual McNair Research Presentation and Luncheon. Guest Speaker for Ronald E. McNair Program, Truman State University, September 7, 2011.

Tonya Nashay Sanders. Annual McNair Dinner. Guest Speaker for Ronald E. McNair Program, Abilene Christian University, November 3, 2010.

## **MEDIA**

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Chicago Bar Association and WYCC-TV20 (Executive Producer). (2011, January 9 and 16). Community forward: Making a difference [Television broadcast]. Chicago: WYCC-TV20.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Proviso Action Committee’s Civic Leadership Award, 2011  
Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2003  
The National Dean’s List, 2003  
Most Outstanding McNair Scholar, 2002  
Most Involved McNair Scholar, 2001  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar, 2000-2003  
Freshman Woman of the Year, Coalition of African American Women, 2000  
Dean’s List (5 semesters, Truman State University), 1999-2003

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Abraham Lincoln Fellowship, 2005-2009  
Bunton-Waller Graduate Assistantship, 2003-2005  
Eddie B. Wade Scholarship, 2001-2003  
Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Internship, 2002  
ABC/Charles J. McClain Scholarship, 2001-2002  
President’s Honorary Scholarship, full-tuition, 1999-2003

## RESEARCH SOFTWARE

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SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) | GIS (Geographic Information Systems) HyperRESEARCH | HyperTranscribe | NVIVO | Mindjet MindManager | Endnotes

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**SafetyNetwork Funding Committee member**, Proviso-Lyden Council for Community Action, Maywood, IL, 2011

**Official Note Taker**, National Community Investment Fund Conference, Chicago, IL, 2009

**Volunteer**, ACSP/ AESOP Joint Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 2008

**President**, Urban Planning and Policy Student Association, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2006-2007

**Student Representative**, Graduate Student Council, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2006-2007

**Fundraising Committee Member**, Children's Organ and Transplant Association (COTA) Aurora Chicago land Area, 2008-2009

**Scholarship/Fundraising Committee Member**, Black Alumni Advisory Council (BAAC), University of Illinois at Chicago, 2008-2010

**Volunteer and Board Member**, Center for Champions of PA, Harrisburg, PA, 2003-2005

**Search Committee Member**, Office of Research and Graduate Studies, The Pennsylvania State University, Capital College, 2002

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Planning Association, 2005-present

Planning and the Black Community Division 2010-present

College of Urban Planning PhD Students (CUPPS), 2008-present

Urban Planning and Policy Student Association, 2005-2007

Association for Research on Non-profit Organizations & Voluntary Action, 2010-present

American Academy of Religion, 2010-present

Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2010-present

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2001-present