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POSITIONS

2021 – present Predoctoral Fellow, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Department of Bioethics and National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Social and Behavioral Research Branch

EDUCATION

Expected 2024 Ph.D., Sociology, Rutgers University
Dissertation: Sickle Cells to Super Cells: The Alluring Genetic Cure for Sickle Cell Disease
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Catherine Bliss (Advisor and Chair), Dr. Dawne Mouzon, Dr. Norah MacKendrick, Dr. Christine Grady (NIH), Mr. Vence Bonham (NIH), Dr. Sara Hull (NIH)

2021 M.A., Sociology, Rutgers University, *with distinction*

2017 M.B.E., Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania

2016 B.S., Psychology; Health Studies Minor; Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Concentration, Haverford College

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Science, Knowledge, and Technology; Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications; Bioethics; Health Disparities; Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration; Qualitative Methods; Quantitative Methods; Computational Methods

GRANTS

2022 Travel Grant, Rutgers University School of Graduate Studies (\$1000)

2022 SSSP Conference Travel Award (\$200)

2020 Gretel Weiss Faculty-Student Collaborative Grant, Rutgers University (\$4,000)

2020 Research Grant Award, Rutgers University School of Graduate Studies (\$300)

2020 Research Grant Award, Rutgers University Department of Sociology (\$400)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021 – present NIH Department of Bioethics, NHGRI, and NHLBI Predoctoral Fellowship

2021 NIH NHGRI Summer Fellowship

2020 NIH NHGRI Summer Fellowship (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2019 Dean's Fellowship, Rutgers University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention)

2016 – 2012 Merck James Kerrigan Memorial Scholarship Award, Haverford College

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Baffoe-Bonnie, M. S. (2022). Lived experience with sickle cell disease: Predictors of altruistic participation in clinical research. *Social Science & Medicine*, 313, 115353.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M. S. (2019). A justice-based argument for including sickle cell disease in CRISPR/Cas9 clinical research. *Bioethics*. 2019;00:1–8.

Under Review

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S., Grady, C., Floyd, J., Livinski, A. A Scoping Review Exploring Cure Definitions and Language for Inherited Hemoglobinopathies.

Phillips, J., Davidson, T., **Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S.** Identifying Latent Themes in Suicide among Blacks and Whites aged 10-29 using the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2013-2019.

Willard, R., Ramirez, H., **Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S.**, and Bonham, V.L.: First in Human Gene Therapy Clinical Trials in the Media: Exploring Patient Narratives.

Abdallah, K., Amini, K., Buscetta, A., Keller, M., Ramirez, H., **Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S.**, Thomas, S., Bonham, V. Measuring (Mis)trust in the age of COVID-19: Viewpoints of Vaccine Clinical Trial Participation among Individuals living with Sickle Cell Disease

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S., Danda, V., Bonham, V.L. The Role of Chronic Illness and Institutional Trust on COVID-19 Health Behaviors.

Bonham V.L., **Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S.**, Ramirez, H., Buscetta, A., Abdallah, K., Liu, P., Woolford, S. The Institutional Medical Mistrust Measure: An Institutional-Level Approach and Psychometric Properties.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. & Bonham, V. Reframing Medical Mistrust in Sickle Cell Disease: Insights from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S., Grady, C. Therapeutic and Curative Misunderstanding: An Investigation of Sickle Cell Disease and Beta Thalassemia Interventional Clinical Research Informed Consent Forms.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. May 2023. Illness, Cure, and Sickle Cell Disease in the Postgenomic Era. United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. May 2023. Illness, Cure, and Sickle Cell Disease in the Postgenomic Era. Red Blood Cell Alloantibody Exchange Working Group.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. February 2023. Illness, Cure, and Sickle Cell Disease in the Postgenomic Era. NYU Pediatric Gene Therapy and Medical Ethics Working Group.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. December 2021. The Use of Cure Language in Sickle Cell Disease and Beta Thalassemia Written Documents. NIH Department of Bioethics.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. August 2021. The Development of the Multi-Institutional Medical Mistrust Measure. NIH.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. January 2021. Sickle Cell Disease Lived Experience and Altruistic Motivations for Participating in Clinical Research. NIH NHGRI Social and Behavioral Research Branch.

Conference Presentations

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S., Grady, C., Floyd, J., Livinski, A. August 2023. “A Scoping Review Exploring Cure Definitions and Language for Inherited Hemoglobinopathies”. American Sociological Association.

Phillips, J, Davidson, T., Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. August 2023. Investigating latent themes in youth and young adult suicides using data from the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2013-2019. American Sociological Association.

Phillips, J, Davidson, T., Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. October 2022. Investigating latent themes in youth and young adult suicides using data from the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2013-2019. American Public Health Association.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S., 2022. A Symposium Panel to Honor the Intersectional Scholarship of Carlton Haywood, Jr.

Fourth Annual Sickle Cell Symposium.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2022. Lived Experience with Sickle Cell Disease: Predictors of Altruistic Participation in Clinical Research. SSSP.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2022. Lived Experience with Sickle Cell Disease: Predictors of Altruistic Participation in Clinical Research. ELSI Congress.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2020. The last shall be first: Who ought to benefit in the age of new curative genetic therapies?. ELSI Congress. (Poster session canceled due to COVID-19).

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2020. Achieving Reciprocity in the face of Gene Editing Clinical Trials: Attaining Equitable Access to Health Care for All People with Sickle Cell Disease. World Congress of Bioethics.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2019. A justice-based argument for including sickle cell disease in CRISPR/Cas9 clinical research. 2019 European Association of Centres of Medical Ethics Annual Conference.

Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2016. "Psychological Factors that Predict Gender and Racial Disparities in Major Health Outcomes". Haverford College Public Policy Forum.

Laskin, R. and Baffoe-Bonnie, M.S. 2015. "Life at the Ford: An Investigation of Predictors of Non-Academic College Satisfaction." Haverford College Social Psychology Forum.

Guest Lectures

"Race, Equity, and Bioethics", 2022. University of Pennsylvania Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Intro to Bioethics Course.

"The Ethical and Social Implications of Sickle Cell Disease Gene Editing", 2020. University of Pennsylvania Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy

"Bioethical Issues in the Use of CRISPR/Cas9", 2019, Global Health, Dr. Lei Lei, Rutgers University

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

NIH Summer Internship Program, 2023

Direct Supervisor for NIH Summer Student

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, 2022

Medical Sociology

Sociology of Mental Illness

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania, 2017-2018

Online Courses and Modules

Ethics in Health Care Innovation and Research

American Health Care Systems

Neuroethics

Tarasoff: A Clinical, Ethical, and Policy Patchwork

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020 – present Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Catherine Bliss

Project Title: Rethinking Intelligence

Project Title: Let's Stop Calling Race a Social Construct

2020 – 2022 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Julie Phillips

Project Title: Health Disparities and Young Adult Suicide

2018 – 2019 Research Assistant for Dr. Anna Wexler

Project Title: Do-it-Yourself and Direct- to-Consumer Medicine and Science: Assessing the Public Health Issues and Regulatory Gaps

2016 – 2017

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Elizabeth Brannon

Project Title: Adult-level Approximate Arithmetic and School-based Approximate Arithmetic

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Inter-University, University, and Department Service and Activities

Member, NYU Pediatric Gene Therapy and Medical Ethics Working Group

Member, Red Blood Cell Alloantibody Exchange Working Group

Faculty Meeting and Graduate Program Committee Representative, Rutgers Graduate Union of Sociology Students, 2020-2021

Managing Guest Editor, *Teacher and Teacher Education* Special Issue: “Learning to Facilitate Discussions: Collaborations in Practice-Based Teacher Education”, 2018

Social Chair, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, 2016-2017

Panel Moderator, University of Pennsylvania and Haverford College Ethics in Science Symposium, Fall 2016

Professional Associations

Committee Member, SSSP Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee, 2022-2023

Committee Member, SSSP 2023 Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, 2022-2023

Presider, Medical Knowledge and Education Roundtable, American Sociological Association., 2021

Community Service and Activities

Panelist, Bioethics 4 Students. Careers in Bioethics. Spring 2023.

Panelist, CRISPR, Sickle Cell Disease, and Society: A VR Explainer and Ethics Discussion.” Bay Area Science Festival. Innovative Genomics Institute. Fall 2020

Member, Sickle Cell Disease Coalition.

Manuscript Referee

Sociological Imagination

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Eastern Sociological Society

American Sociological Association

Science, Knowledge, and Technology; Medical Sociology; Disability

American Society for Bioethics and Humanity

