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Social Research & Evaluation Center (SREC)
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Education

PhD, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2014
Major: Social Work

MA, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2009
Major: Community Counseling

BS, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 2004
Major: Psychology

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Research, Social Research & Evaluation Center, Louisiana State University, 2024–present.

Adjunct Instructor, School of Social Work, Louisiana State University, 2022 – present.

Associate Professor, School of Social Work, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2020–2024.

Associate Director, School of Social Work, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2020–2023.

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2014–2020.

Research Associate 5, Social Research & Evaluation Center, Louisiana State University, 2013–2014.

Associate Director, Louisiana Center Addressing Substance Use in Collegiate Communities, Louisiana State University, 2010–2013.

Research

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B.J., & Lee, J. (submitted August 2026). The roles of community resilience and social support in individual disaster preparedness. *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* [under review].

Ainsworth, L., Rhodes, J. F., Murray, G., & Blackmon, B. J. (in press, July 2026). The Periscope Program: Integrating culturally responsive practices to transform schools through professional learning. *School Social Work Journal*.

Ainsworth, L., Moon, C., Blackmon, B., Lee, N., & Robison, S. (submitted March 2026). Workforce wellbeing in child welfare: A mixed-methods study of a foster care transition program in a Deep South U.S. state. *Journal of Public Child Welfare* [under review].

- Salgado, A. L., Kelly, M. W., Brown, J. M., Mason, N. A., Wilson-Kennedy, Z. S., Little, K., Robison, S. B., Blackmon, B., Burns, A. R., & Lagomarsino, L. P. (2026). Strengthening the STEM workforce: Outcomes from Louisiana's post-baccalaureate program in applied evolution. *Bulletin of the Society of Systematic Biologists*, 5(1). <https://doi.org/10.18061/bssb.6737>
- Blackmon, B. J., Lee, J., Bain, R., Brazeal, M., Williams, C. L., & Green, Y. (2022). Person-centredness in the workplace: An examination of person-centred skills, processes and workplace factors among Medicaid waiver providers in the United States. *International Practice Development Journal*, 12(2). <https://doi.org/10.19043/ipdj.122.006>
- Gillespie, H., & Blackmon, B. J. (2022). Perceptions of evidence-based practice among juvenile justice workers from a detention facility located in the rural Deep South. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2128707>
- Dabney, W. F., Blackmon, B. J., & Livermore, M. (2021). A typology to describe school choice policy in the United States: Using cluster analysis to categorize states' charter school law characteristics. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 17, 134–144. <https://thescipub.com/pdf/jssp.2021.134.144.pdf>
- Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B. J., & Zakaras, L. S. (2022). The role of mood in the self-care activities of primary care patients with type 2 diabetes. *Social Work in Public Health*, 37, 397–406. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2021.2017380>
- Lee, J., Blackmon, B. J., Lee, J. Y., Cochran, D. M., & Rehner, T. A. (2019). An exploration of posttraumatic growth, loneliness, depression, resilience, and social capital among survivors of Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 47(2), 356–370. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jcop.22125>
- Lee, J., Blackmon, B. J., Cochran, D. M., Jr., Kar, B., Rehner, T. A., & Gunnell, M. S. (2018). Community resilience, psychological resilience, and depressive symptoms: An examination of the Mississippi Gulf Coast 10 years after Hurricane Katrina and 5 years after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, 12(2), 241–248. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2017.61>
- Blackmon, B. J., Lee, J., Cochran, D. M., Kar, B., Rehner, T. A., & Baker, A. M. (2017). Adapting to life after Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill: An examination of psychological resilience and depression on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. *Social Work in Public Health*, 32(1), 65–76. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19371918.2016.1188746>
- Robison, S., Jagers, J., Rhodes, J., Blackmon, B. J., & Church, W. (2017). Correlates of educational success: Predictors of school dropout and graduation for urban students in the Deep South. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 73, 37–46. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.11.031>
- Robison, S. B., Blackmon, B. J., & Rhodes, J. L. F. (2016). Variations in juvenile offending in the Deep South: Demographic, behavioral, geographic and school-related predictors. *Journal of Juvenile Justice*, 5(2), 31–49. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/251065.pdf>
- Blackmon, B. J., Robison, S. B., & Rhodes, J. L. F. (2016). Examining the influence of risk factors across rural and urban communities. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 7(4), 615–638. <https://doi.org/10.1086/689355>
- Blackmon, B. J., & Cain, D. S. (2015). Case manager perspectives on the effectiveness of a truancy intervention. *School Social Work Journal*, 40(1), 1–22.
- Blackmon, B. J., Cain, D. S., & Livermore, M. (2015). Juvenile court dispositions in the Deep South: Examining the concept of justice by geography. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 11(2), 82–90. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3844/jssp.2015.82.90>

Reports, Book Reviews, and Other Publications

- Blackmon, B., Robison, S., & Tillison, A. (2026). *Climate Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Production of Rice (CRISP Rice): Year 3 evaluation report*.

- Little, K., Robison, S., & Blackmon, B. (2026). Louisiana Graduate Network in Applied Evolution (LAGNiAppE): Final evaluation report.
- Blackmon, B., Moles, A., Little, K., & Rhodes, J. (2026). *Louisiana–Mississippi Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (LAMS GWEP): 2025–2026 evaluation report*.
- Tillison, A., Burns, A., & Blackmon, B. (2026). *Healthy Aging Research Center (HARC) final evaluation report*.
- Blackmon, B., Moles, A., Little, K., & Rhodes, J. (2025). *Louisiana–Mississippi Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (LAMS GWEP): 2024–2025 evaluation report*.
- Robison, S., & Blackmon, B. (2025). *Climate Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Production of Rice (CRISP Rice): Year 2 evaluation report*.
- Little, K., Robison, S., Blackmon, B., & Burns, A. (2025). *Louisiana Graduate Network in Applied Evolution (LAGNiAppE): 2024–2025 end-year report*. LSU Scholarly Repository.
- Tillison, A., Burns, A., & Blackmon, B. (2025). *Healthy Aging Research Center (HARC) Year 1 evaluation report*.
- Little, K., Robison, S., Blackmon, B., & Burns, A. (2024). *Louisiana Graduate Network in Applied Evolution (LAGNiAppE): 2023–2024 end-year report*. LSU Scholarly Repository.
- Robison, S., & Blackmon, B. (2024). *Climate Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Production of Rice (CRISP Rice): Year 1 evaluation report*.
- Little, K., Robison, S., Burns, A., & Blackmon, B. (2024). *LAGNiAppE Scholars Cohort 2 baseline survey report*.
- Guin, C. C., Rhodes, J. L. F., Daly, C., Duhe, D., Dinecola, C. M., Robison, S. B., & Blackmon, B. J. (2015). *The role of education in preventing the development of delinquency and adult criminality*. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana Sentencing Commission.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2011). Review of the book *Teenage troubles: Youth and deviance in Canada* (3rd ed.), by J. Tanner.

Funded Contracts, Grants, and Sponsored Research

Ongoing

- National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Gulf Research Program. *Safer Offshore Energy Systems (SOES) Portfolio Evaluation*. Principal Investigator. 2026–2027. Total award: \$198,000.
- Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. DWI Court Capacity Building Initiative. Principal Investigator. October 1, 2026–September 30, 2027. Total award: \$99,680.
- Louisiana Board of Regents. Collegiate Gambling in Louisiana: An Assessment of Risk, Prevalence, and Prevention. Principal Investigator. 2026–2027. Total award: \$140,000.
- Louisiana Department of Health, in collaboration with the College of Human Sciences and Education at Louisiana State University. Shaping Futures. Senior Investigator. 2026–2027. Total award: \$568,000.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture. Climate Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Production of Rice (CRISP Rice). Senior Evaluator. 2024–2027. Total award: \$10,000,000; estimated SREC share: approximately \$60,000.
- Health Resources and Services Administration. Louisiana–Mississippi Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Project (LAMS-GWEP). Senior Evaluator. 2024–2028. Total award: \$5,000,000; estimated SREC share: approximately \$1,000,000.

National Science Foundation. Louisiana Energy Transition Engine—Future Use of Energy in Louisiana (FUEL). Senior Evaluator. 2024–2034. Up to \$160,000,000 over 10 years; estimated SREC share: approximately \$2,000,000.

National Science Foundation. Louisiana Graduate Network in Applied Evolution (LAGNiAppE). Senior Evaluator. 2022–2026. Total award: \$3,000,000; estimated SREC share: approximately \$219,000.

Completed

LSU College of Human Sciences and Education. Healthy Aging Research Center (HARC) Evaluation II. Principal Investigator. 2025. Total award: \$54,990.

LSU College of Human Sciences and Education. Healthy Aging Research Center (HARC) Evaluation I. Senior Investigator. 2024. Total award: \$59,000.

Mississippi Division of Medicaid. Mississippi Person Centered Practices Initiative I–VI. Principal Investigator; statewide capacity building, training, and evaluation. 2017–2024. Total award: \$2,594,038.

Forrest General Hospital. Forrest General Hospital Family Medicine Residency & Social Work Integration Program. Co-Principal Investigator. 2021–2023. Total award: \$175,556.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. Youth Empowerment Program. Coauthor. 2014–2017. Total award: \$1,500,000.

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. Louisiana Higher Education Coalition to Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. Principal Investigator. 2014–2016. Total award: \$275,000.

Louisiana Highway Safety Commission. Baton Rouge Collegiate Alliance. Principal Investigator. 2012–2013. Total award: \$53,682.

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health. Louisiana Higher Education Coalition to Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs. Principal Investigator. 2011–2013. Total award: \$285,000.

Presentations and Trainings

Selected Invited Trainings and Applied Presentations

Vasquez, M. & Blackmon, B. (2026, July 15-16). Trauma-Informed Care Foundations 2-day workshop. Mobile Drug Court. Mobile, AL.

Mason, S., Robison, S., & Blackmon, B. J. (2025, November 13). Implementing and adapting evaluations in complex, shifting environments. *American Evaluation Association Annual Conference*. Kansas City, MO.

Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2025, November 20–21). Stress reduction for first responders. Harrison County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Academy, Gulfport, MS.

Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2025, August 11). Crisis, stabilization, and recovery. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2025, February 6–7). Stress reduction for first responders. Harrison County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Academy, Gulfport, MS.

Blackmon, B. J. (2025, April 30). Trauma-informed care foundations for youth. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

- Blackmon, B. J. (2024, July 10). Trauma-informed care for youth. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2024, August 8–9). Trauma-informed care foundations. Domestic Abuse Family Shelter, Inc., Ellisville, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2024, April 3–4). Stress mitigation and trauma-informed crisis response for law enforcement. Harrison County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Academy, Gulfport, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Vasquez, M. (2023, December 18–19). Stress mitigation and trauma-informed crisis response for law enforcement. Harrison County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Training Academy, Gulfport, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2023, September 29). Behavioral success. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Selected Conference Presentations

- Vasquez, M., & Blackmon, B. J. (2023, April 27). Trauma-informed behavioral change: Modern theories and practical applications. *20th Hawai'i International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Across the Lifespan*, Honolulu, HI.
- Blackmon, B. J., Williams, C., Vasquez, M., & Green, Y. (2023, April 26). Integrating person-centered practice and trauma-informed care to support survivors with disabilities. *20th Hawai'i International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Across the Lifespan*, Honolulu, HI.
- Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B. J., & Bain, R. (2022, October 27). Uncovering the “black box” of clinical social work practice by examining an integrated health program. *50th Annual Alabama Mississippi Social Work Education Conference*, Meridian, MS.
- Williams, C., Green, Y., & Blackmon, B. J. (2022, June 16). Person centered practices. *Mississippi disAbility MegaConference*, Jackson, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Williams, C., & Green, Y. (2022, April 20). Intersectionality & charting the life course: Components of person-centered practices. *Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Annual Conference*, Biloxi, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Williams, C., & Green, Y. (2022, March 25). Advanced skills to enhance person-centered communication and assessment: Charting the life course, understanding intersectionality, and advanced matching. *NASW-MS Conference*, Jackson, MS.
- Lee, J., Blackmon, B. J., & Bain, R. (2022, March 25). Culturally informed crisis preparedness and management amidst cumulative disasters on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. *NASW-MS Conference*, Jackson, MS.
- Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B. J., & Zakaras, L. S. (2021, March 25). Mood and self-care among individuals with type 2 diabetes. *NASW-MS Virtual Annual Conference*, Jackson, MS.
- Lee, J., Blackmon, B. J., Williams, C. L., & Green, Y. (2021, January 29). Person centeredness among human service professionals in Mississippi. *Person Centered Practices Initiative Advisory Board Meeting, Mississippi Division of Medicaid*.
- Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B. J., & Zakaras, L. S. (2021, January 20). Improving mental and physical health outcomes through a collaborative care intervention. *SSWR 2021 Annual Conference*.
- Brazeal, M., Blackmon, B. J., & Zakaras, L. S. (2020, November). Effective interventions to improve mental and physical well-being in underserved populations. *CSWE Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO.

- Blackmon, B. J., Williams, C., & Green, Y. (2019, April 23). Person centered practices: An overview. *Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Annual Conference*, Biloxi, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Lee, J., Williams, C. L., Green, Y., & Sternberg, S. (2018, March 9). The Mississippi person centered practices initiative: A statewide training institute of support persons with disabilities and older adults. *NASW-MS Conference*, Biloxi, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2016, July 14). Evidence-based practices in juvenile justice. Making a Change Coalition Meeting, Gulfport Police Department, Gulfport, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Beasley, E., & Howard, L. (2015, October 30). Social entrepreneurship in the social work curriculum. *Alabama–Mississippi Social Work Education Conference*, Hattiesburg, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Ball, A. (2015, October 17). The impact of a school-based truancy intervention on youths’ juvenile justice involvement. *CSWE Annual Program Meeting*, Denver, CO.
- Blackmon, B. J., Baker, A. (2015, March 25). Exploring pathways to death row using life history narratives. *NASW-MS Conference*, Biloxi, MS.
- Blackmon, B. J., Guin, C. C., & Baker, A. (2015, January 26). Examining pathways to death row: Turning points and the role of the educational system. *American Association of School Social Workers Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Cain, D. (2014, October 9). Reducing delinquency through early intervention: A program evaluation of an elementary school truancy intervention. *Alabama–Mississippi Social Work Education Conference*, Tuskegee, AL.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2014, March). Reducing delinquency through a childhood truancy intervention. *NASW Louisiana Conference*, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Rhodes, J. L. F. (2014, February). Reducing delinquency through a childhood truancy intervention. *American Council for School Social Work Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Smith, A. (2014, February). Substance use among Louisiana’s college students. *NASW Louisiana Conference*, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2013, August). Substance use and impaired driving among college students in Louisiana. NHTSA Assessment on Impaired Driving, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Blackmon, B. J., & Smith, A. (2012, September). Substance abuse among Louisiana college students: Findings from a statewide research initiative. *National Prevention Network Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Blackmon, B. J. (2011, March). Evaluating a truancy prevention program on juvenile justice outcomes. *NASW Louisiana Conference*, Baton Rouge, LA.

Teaching Experience

Louisiana State University

SW 7807, Entrepreneurship in Social Work, 23 courses.

The University of Southern Mississippi

SWK 300, Social Service Systems, 1 course.

SWK 340, Human Behavior and the Social Environment I: Transition in Early Life, 4 courses.

SWK 420, Methods of Social Work Research, 7 courses.

SWK 492, Special Problems, 1 course.

SWK 492H, Special Problems, 3 courses.

SWK 493, Crisis Intervention: CAST 3, 1 course.

SWK 499, Forensic Social Work, 1 course.

SWK 607, Systems and the Human Life Course, 6 courses.

SWK 615, Social Work Integrative Seminar II, 3 courses.

SWK 616, Social Work Integrative Seminar III, 2 courses.

SWK 619, Evidence-Based Practice in Social Work, 1 course.

SWK 626, Social Work Part-Time Field Education I, 2 courses.

SWK 627, Social Work Part-Time Field Education II, 1 course.

SWK 633, Social Work Leadership Theory and Practice, 1 course.

SWK 637, Administrative Research and Entrepreneurship, 9 courses.

SWK 642, Social Work Part-Time Field Education IV, 1 course.

SWK 645, Management, Supervision and Leadership in Social Work, 1 course.

SWK 646, Program and Community Development, 1 course.

SWK 663, Consultation and Supervision, 4 courses.

SWK 689, Forensic Social Work, 1 course.

Directed Student Learning

Internship/Practicum Supervisor, School of Education, Louisiana State University. (Summer 2026).
Advised: Raymond Kaburi

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member, “Two Major Problems at Once: The Effects of Tropical Cyclone Disasters on Chronic Absenteeism in Louisiana.” Advised: Bich Do. 2024.

Internship/Practicum Advisor/Supervisor, “SWIFTS Field Internship.” Advised: Heather Gillespie. 2021.

Internship/Practicum Advisor/Supervisor, “SWIFT Field Internship.” Advised: Margaret McCrory. 2020–2021.

Internship/Practicum Advisor/Supervisor, “SWIFT Field Internship.” Advised: Kaitlyn Gray. 2020–2021.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, “Understanding Perceptions of Workers in the Juvenile Justice.” Advised: Heather Gillespie. 2019–2020.

McNair Research Scholarship Program Thesis. Advised: Sara-Lee Kidd. 2018–2019.

Directed Individual Study/Special Problems, “A Child’s Future Is Important: Early Detection of Adverse Childhood Experiences Can Be the Key.” Advised: Pam Libys. 2018.

Directed Individual Study/Special Problems, “Reclaiming Innocence: Improving Rehabilitation for Former Child Soldiers.” Advised: Benjamin Mitchell. 2018.

Directed Individual Study/Special Problems, “Social Entrepreneurship in the Social Work Curriculum: A Hybrid of Social Work Macro Practice Principles & Innovative Business Activity.” Advised: Brian Street. 2017.

Directed Individual Study/Special Problems, “Justification for Redesign Efforts with Zero-Tolerance Policies to Prevent School-to-Prison Pipeline Outcomes.” Advised: Christina Jacobs. 2016.

Master’s Thesis Committee Member, “The Invisible People of the Invisible Coast: The Resilience of People Experiencing Homelessness to Disasters on the Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi Gulf Coasts.” Advised: Nicole Callais. 2016.

Service

University Service

Member, SREC Assessment Committee, 2024–present.

Member, College Curriculum Committee, 2020–2023.

Member, Graduate Council, 2020–2023.

Member, Graduate Assistant Application Review Committee, 2020–2023.

Member, Administrative Leadership Team, 2020–2023.

Co-Chair, Senior Faculty Leadership Team, 2020–2023.

Member, Dean’s Advisory Council, 2020–2023.

Co-Chair, SWK–Coastal Operations Leadership Team, 2019–2023.

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2019–2023.

Member, Accreditation and Reaffirmation Committee, 2019–2023.

Chair, COVID-19 Public Interface Committee, 2020.

Committee Member, Curriculum/EPAs Committee, 2014–2019.

Committee Member, Student Organization Council (Gulf Park), 2017–2019.

Faculty Advisor, MSW Club–Gulf Coast, 2017–2019.

Committee Member, Evaluation Committee, 2014–2019.

Committee Member, BSW Admissions Committee, 2014–2019.

College of Health Representative, Gulf Coast Faculty Council, 2017–2018.

Chair, Social Work Macro Team, 2015–2017.

Committee Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2015–2016.

Professional Service

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 2026.

Reviewer/Referee, *Academia Mental Health and Well-Being*, 2026.

Reviewer/Referee, *American Journal of Public Health*, 2026.

Grant Coauthor, Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana, 2025.

Reviewer/Referee, *Social Work in Public Health*, 2021.

Reviewer/Referee, *Disaster Medicine*, 2021.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Community Psychology*, 2019.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Crime and Delinquency*, 2018.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Social Sciences*, 2018.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*, 2017.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Juvenile Justice*, 2016.

Reviewer/Referee, *Journal of Urban Health*, 2014.

Public Service

Grant Writer, LA Epilepsy Alliance, Baton Rouge, LA 2025.

Volunteer, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Gulfport, MS, 2021.

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Researcher of the Year, School of Social Work, 2022.

Certificate of Recognition for Excellent Mentorship of Honors Thesis, Honors College, 2021.

Nominated for You Rock! Professor of the Year Award, Student Alumni Association–Gulf Coast, 2018.

Nominated for You Rock! Professor of the Year Award, Student Alumni Association–Gulf Coast, 2017.