DARNELL LEATHERWOOD
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2021 **University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice**
Ph.D. in Social Policy and Social Welfare

2020 **University of Chicago Committee on Education**
Certificate in Education Sciences

2013 **University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences**
M.A. in Social Sciences

2012 **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Gies College of Business**
B.S. in Management and Business Process Management

APPOINTMENTS

2022-Present **Saint Louis University School of Education**
Visiting Assistant Professor

2022 **University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice**
Teaching Fellow

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2022 **University of Michigan School of Social Work**
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Equitable Family and Community Well-Being

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Education
Social Policy, Inequality, and Inequity
Adolescent Development and Identity Formation
Race and Racism
Quantitative Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Research

Leatherwood, D. (2017). Parenting influences and school engagement among African American male youth: a personal narrative. *International Journal of Higher Education,* 6(2), 225-233.

Review

Leatherwood, D. & Payne, C. (2016). Putting No Child Left Behind behind us: rethinking education and inequality. *Social Service Review,* 90(3), 562-570.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2021-2023	National Science Foundation Fellowship Methods Training Institute for STEM Education Research University of Chicago & Michigan State University Travel Support (Transportation and Lodging), $500 Stipend (Yearly)
2021	NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship Finalist (2021)
2020	Dissertation Completion Fund University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice $15,000, Full Tuition, Health Insurance, Fees
2017-2020	Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Fellowship Illinois Board of Higher Education $15,000 Stipend (Yearly)
2015-2020	United States Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Fellowship University of Chicago Committee on Education $30,000 Stipend, Full Tuition, Health Insurance, Fees (Yearly)
2016-2019	Graduate Aid Initiative Summer Stipend University of Chicago UChicagoGRAD $4,000 (Yearly)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2021	Simons Doctoral Student Teaching Award University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice $1000
2020	Allison Davis Research Award University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences $10,000
2020	35 Under 35 Chicago Scholars Chicago, IL
2014	The Earl S. and Esther Johnson Excellent Thesis Prize-Nominated University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences
2012	Tuition Academic Merit Award University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences $30,000
2012	Academic Excellence Award University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2010	Original Research Award: SAEOPP National Research Symposium Atlanta, Georgia, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign McNair Program

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Leatherwood, D. (2022). STEM education for whom? Engaging the educational life course of Black students in the United States. Poster Presentation. HBCU Leadership in STEM Reception. *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.* San Diego, CA.

Leatherwood, D. & Hui, A. (2022). A national assessment of heterogeneity in Black student academic outcome. Paper Presentation. *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.* San Diego, CA.

Leatherwood, D. (2020). Black Boys Shine: Discoursing identity formation via Spencer's PVEST. Presentation. *2020 Black Male of Excellence Leadership Conference.* Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Cabrera, T., Leatherwood, D., & Parada-Villatoro, A. (2018). Unmasking racism in college admissions. Presentation. *Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling Annual Conference.* Itasca, IL.

Leatherwood, D. & Clark, K. (2017). Supplementary school funding and concentration of poverty: Academic performance in Chicago's community schools. Paper Presentation. *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.* San Antonio, TX.

INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PANELS

Leatherwood, D. (July, 2022). *Effective school districts for Black students: national insights with implications for policy and practice.* Presenter. Summer Institute in Advance Research Methods (SIARM) for STEM Education Research. National Science Foundation Methods Training Institute. University of Chicago and Michigan State University. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (April, 2022). *A national assessment of school district variation in Black student academic achievement*. Presenter. School of Education. Saint Louis. St. Louis, MO

Leatherwood, D. (June, 2021). *A national assessment of school district variation in Black student academic achievement*. Presenter. Summer Institute in Advance Research Methods (SIARM) for STEM Education Research. National Science Foundation Methods Training Institute. University of Chicago and Michigan State University. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (October, 2020). *Fundamentals of education research.* Guest Lecturer. College of Education. Chicago State University. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (March, 2019). *Education policy and school reform.* Guest Speaker. Seminar in Urban Education. College of Education. Chicago State University. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (December, 2018). *The achievement gap fallacy? Is there a case for improved content distribution?* Presenter. Dissertation Writing Course. College of Education. University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Champaign, IL

Leatherwood, D. (December, 2018). *A national assessment of variation in academic achievement among Black students.* Presenter. Workshop on Education. Committee on Education. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (April, 2018). *Social work's grand challenge: can public education lift children out of poverty and reduce Extreme inequality*. Guest Speaker. SSA 416: Public Schools Systems and Service Populations. Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (February, 2018). *A wider lens: I am not your Negro.* Presenter. Arlington Heights Memorial Library. Arlington Heights, IL

Leatherwood, D. (September, 2017). *Introduction to teaching.* Guest Speaker. Graduate Programs in Education. Chicago State University. Chicago, IL

Leatherwood, D. (June, 2016). *Youth violence in the 21st century*. Presenter. Aspire Program and Health Equity and Advocacy Leaders Initiative. Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Maywood, IL

Leatherwood, D. (March, 2015). *Philosophy of American education.* Guest Speaker. Graduate Programs in Education. Chicago State University. Chicago, IL

EDITORIAL BOARDS

2019-Present **Young Scholars Editorial Board Member**
The Journal of Negro Education (JNE) Editorial/Advisory Board
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2020 **Moderator**
2020 AAAC Symposium: The Black Vote Panel
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice African American Alumni Committee (AAAC)

2018 **Facilitator**
LifeCourse Simulation
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, Shanta Robinson, Ph.D., and the Office of the Dean of Students

2017 **Moderator**
Black Mental Health Matters Panel
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice Office of the Dean of Students

2016-2018 **Coordinator and Committee Chair**
University of Chicago Workshop on Education

2016-2017 **Coordinator and Facilitator**
Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Discussion
University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice Office of the Dean of Students

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020 **Advance/Peer Reviewer (Policy Report)**
Quality Education for Minorities Network (QEM Network)

2019-2020 **Advisory Board Member**
Chicago State University College of Education Advisory Board
College of Education
Chicago State University

SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

2021-Present **Board Member, Board of Education**
Matteson School District 162

2019-2021 **Founding Member**
My Brother's Keeper Action Team (MBKChicago)
The Obama Foundation and Thrive Chicago

TEACHING

Winter 2022	**Teaching Fellow** University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice Course: Urban Adolescents in their Families, Communities & Schools: Issues for Research and Policy Co-Instructor: Melissa Roderick, Ph.D. Course: Data for Policy Analysis and Management Co-Instructor: Melissa Roderick, Ph.D.
Fall 2021	**Lecturer** University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice Course: The Social Meaning of Race
2014-2015	**Algebra Teacher** Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, Englewood Campus, Chicago, IL
2013-2014	**Civic Engagement Coordinator and Assistant Teacher** The Montessori School of Englewood, Chicago, IL
2012	**Volunteer Teacher and Mentor** Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Champaign, IL
2009-2012	**Assistant Teacher and Tutor** Champaign Juvenile Detention Center, Champaign, IL

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2013-2022	**Board Member, Alumni Association Board of Directors** University of Chicago's Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS) Chicago, IL
2019-2021	**IVenture Expert and Mentor** Illinois IVenture Accelerator, Champaign-Urbana, IL
Summer 2018	**Professional Mentor** University of Chicago's Seidel Scholars PRISM Grant Program for Undergraduate Students, Chicago, IL
2016-2020	**Mentor** John Fiske Elementary School, Chicago, IL
2014-2017	**Mentor** Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men, Englewood Campus, Chicago, IL
2013-2017	**Mentor** The Montessori School of Englewood, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association
Black Doctoral Network
Black Male Educators Alliance of Illinois
National Black Child Development Institute (Chicago Affiliate)