## **EDUCATION:**

#### Doctorate of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology August 2014

#### The University of Alabama, Department of Psychology, APA-Accredited

#### Concentration: *Geropsychology*

#### Dissertation: *An Exploration of Workforce Diversity Principles & Practices in Nursing Homes*

#### APA-Accredited Internship: *North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System*

APA-Accredited Postdoctoral Fellowship: *Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center*

#### Master of Public Health, Health Care Organization May 2013

#### The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Health Care Organization & Policy

#### Internship: *St. Martin’s Retirement Community, Health Care Administration Student Intern*

#### Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology August 2011 The University of Alabama, Department of Psychology, APA-Accredited

Thesis: *Race, Power, & Workforce Diversity: Awareness, Perceptions, & Experiences among Nursing Home Leaders*

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### **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Business Administration Minor May 2006**

Clark Atlanta University, *Summa Cum Laude*

## **LICENSURE:**

Virginia Board of Psychology February 19, 2016 – Present

Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists August 12, 2015 – Present

**WORK HISTORY:**

**Director May 2019 – Present**

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Care for Patients with Complex Problems (CP)2 Program, Washington, DC

*Duties:* Providing program management and centralized technical assistance to VA Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) and medical centers implementing promising practices to improve care for patients with co-morbid medical, mental health and/or substance use disorders, and cognitive impairment.

**Psychologist Clinician Investigator August 2018 – Present**

VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, & Clinical Center (MIRECC), VA Maryland Health Care System, Baltimore, MD

*Duties:* Support the development, implementation, and evaluation of a range of MIRECC programming related to geriatric mental health and complex care needs. Oversee a national learning collaborative for address the needs of Veterans with complex care needs.

**Co-Director October 2017 – May 2019**

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Care for Patients with Complex Problems (CP)2 Program, Washington, DC

*Duties:* Providing program management and centralized technical assistance to VA Integrated Service Networks (VISNs) and VA medical centers implementing promising practices to improve care for patients with co-morbid medical, mental health and/or substance use disorders, and cognitive impairment.

**VISN 5 MIRECC Postdoctoral Fellow &**

**Health and Aging Policy Fellow October 2015 – August 2018**

***Fellowship Placement Sites:*** VHA Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care (GEC), VA Central Office and VISN 5 Mental Illness Research, Education, & Clinical Center (MIRECC), VA Maryland Health Care System, Baltimore, MD

*GEC Duties:* Served as operational coordinator for the “Complex Patient” Care Implementation Task Force. Developed and planned annual Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-VA Measurement Alignment Summits two years in a row. Participating in state and federal policy workshops, seminars, and briefings through the American Political Science Associations Congressional Fellowship Program.

*MIRECC Duties:* Designed, administered, and analyzed a national program needs assessment for complex patients; applying knowledge of research literature to develop national programs. Certified as a Caregiver Support Group Leader; co-facilitated and supervised two Caregiver Telephone Support Groups.Supervising research assistant (RA) and serving as research mentor by supporting RA in developing basic research skills related to program develop and policy projects.

#### Licensed Clinical Psychologist September 2015 – June 2018

#### PsychoGeriatric Services, LLC, Silver Spring, MD

*Duties:* Served as a licensed clinical psychologist in community skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, and assisted living facilities in Maryland and Virginia conducting capacity assessment and providing evidence-based therapies to residents and their caregivers with a range of mental health conditions.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Adjunct Professor May 2019 – Present**

Course: Public Mental Health (HS A690)

University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK

**Clinical Supervisor May 2016 – September 2017**

#### Supervision of Clinical Intern graduate student conducting Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Veterans with Dementia

#### VISN 5 MIRECC, Baltimore, MD

**Instructor January 2011 – May 2011**

Course: Introduction to Psychology (PY 101)

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Graduate Practicum January 2011 – May 2011**

Course: Teaching of Psychology (PY 695)

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Graduate Teaching Assistant January 2011 – May 2011**

Course: Advanced Clinical Practicum

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

**Guest Lecturer October 2010 – November 2012**

Courses: Psychology of Aging (PY 365), Aging & Health Undergraduate Seminar (PY 491)**,** Multiple Perspectives on Dementia Undergraduate Seminar (PY 491),Junior Honors Seminar (PY 378)

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

**Graduate Research Assistant August 2008 – May 2013**

The University of Alabama Department of Psychology, Tuscaloosa, AL

Research Mentor: A. Lynn Snow, Ph.D.

*Research Projects:* Culture Change Attitudes and Knowledge (CCAK) Scale development and pilot program and Resident-Centered Assessment of Interactions with Staff and Engagement (RAISE) observational tool development

**Graduate Research Assistant August 2009 – May 2012**

The University of Alabama Center for Mental Health & Aging, Tuscaloosa, AL

Research Mentor: Patricia Parmelee, Ph.D.

*Research Projects:* EMPOWER (Enhancing My Profession and Organization With Empathy and Respect) Program for certified nursing assistants (CNAs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and HOPE (Helping with Options, Planning, and Empowerment) Intervention Program for people with early-stage dementia and their caregivers

**Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research**

**Award Training (IRTA) Fellow October 2006 – July 2008**

National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD

Research Mentor: Christopher Baker, Ph.D.

*Research Project:* Position dependence in visual object recognition behavioral study

**Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention,**

**Prevention Partnerships Office Intern June 2006 – September 2006**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

Research Mentor: George Roberts, Ph.D.

*Research Project:* Business Responds to AIDS/Labor Responds to AIDS (BRTA/LRTA) program launch of HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness pilot project

**GRANT SUPPORT:**

**Principle Investigator January 2017 – January 2018**

Caring for Behavioral & Medically Complex Inpatients in VHA: Assessment of Program Needs & Models of Care Pilot Study

VISN 5 MIRECC

**CLINICAL TRAINING:**

#### Postdoctoral Fellow August 2014 – August 2015

#### Washington D.C. VA Medical Center, Washington, DC

Supervisor: Slavomir Zapata, Ph.D. and Melanie Paci, Ph.D.

*Rotations* Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center (PRRC); Geriatric Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP), Community Living Center (CLC)

**Psychology Intern July 2013 – June 2014**

North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System (NFSGVHS), Gainesville, FL

Supervisor: Jeffrey Bates, Ph.D. and Jennifer Adkins, Ph.D.

*Rotations* Geropsychology, Home-Based Primary Care (HBPC), PTSD Clinical Team, Outpatient Mental Health

**Clinic Behaviorist** **May 2012 – May 2013**

UAB EatRight Weight Management & Primary Care Clinic**,** Birmingham, AL

Supervisor:Kristine Lokken, Ph.D.

*Duties:* Served as a behavioral health consult to patients completing a weight management program.

**Graduate Clinician August 2011 – August 2012**

The University of Alabama Psychology Department,Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: Martha Crowther, Ph.D., MPH

*Rotations:* Geropsychology Clinic, Elder Law Clinic, Psychology Clinic, Tuscaloosa VA-CLC

**Graduate Therapist/Trainee August 2011 – May 2012**

The University of Alabama Counseling Center, Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: Lee Keyes, Ph.D.

*Duties:* Provided full range of psychodiagnostic services including assessment and evidence-based psychotherapeutic techniques to undergraduate and graduate students.

**Neuropsychological Assessment Technician August 2011 – May 2012**

Tuscaloosa VA Psychological Assessment & Testing Center, Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: L. Charles Ward, Ph.D.

*Duties:* Completed intake assessments and administered neuropsychological assessment batteries for inpatient and outpatient Veterans referred for evaluation.

**Psychology Graduate Student Intern January 2011 – August 2011**

Mary Starke Harper Geriatric Psychiatry Center, Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: Michael Mundy, Ph.D.

*Duties:* Provided individual and group therapy and administered neuropsychological assessments in an inpatient psychiatric hospital for older adults age 65 and older with serious mental illness.

**Graduate Clinician August 2010 – August 2011**

The University of Alabama Department of Psychology, Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: Forrest Scogin, Ph.D.

*Rotations:* University Medical Center Geriatric Primary Care Clinic, Geropsychology Clinic, Fair Haven Retirement Community (local Nursing Home),

**Mobile Interdisciplinary Student Health Care Provider May 2010 – August 2010**

West Alabama Mental Health Center Mobile Unit, Tuscaloosa, AL

Supervisor: Martha Crowther, Ph.D., MPH

*Duties:* Provided physical health screenings and behavioral health assessments to rural adults on a mobile unit. Conducted research on behavioral health and the metabolic syndrome.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

***Peer-Reviewed Papers:***

O’Malley, K. A., **Vinson, L. D.**, Pless Kaiser, A., Sager, Z. S., & Hinrichs, K. (In Press). Mental health and aging Veterans: How the Veterans Health Administration meets the needs of aging Veterans. *The Gerontologist Public Policy and Aging Report.*

Conti, E. C., Jahn, D., Simons, K. V., Chen-Edinboro, L. P., Jacobs, M. L., **Vinson, L. D.**, Stahl, S., & Van Orden, K. A. (2019). Safety Planning to Manage Suicide Risk with Older Adults: Case Examples and Recommendations. *Clinical Gerontologist*.

Crowther, M., Ford, C., **Vinson, L. D.**, Huang, C.-H., Wayde, E., & Guin, S. (2018) Assessment of Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors among Rural-dwelling Older Adults Requires Innovation: Partnerships and a Mobile Unit Can Help. *Quality in Ageing and Older Adults.*

Snow, A. L, Dodson, M. L. J., M., Palmer, J. A., Parmelee, P. A., Allen, R. S., Wewiorski, N. J., Hilgeman, M., **Vinson, L. D.,** Halli, A. D., & Hartmann, C. W. (2017). Development of a New Systematic Observation Tool of Nursing Home Resident and Staff Engagement and Relationship. *The Gerontologist.*

Boggiano, M. M., Burgess, E. E., Turan, B., Soleymani, T., Daniel, S., **Vinson, L. D.**, Lokke, K. L., Wingo, B. C., & Morse, A. (2014). Motives for eating tasty foods associated with binge-eating:  Results from a student and a weight-loss seeking population. *Appetite, 83*, 160-166*.*

**Vinson, L. D.**, Crowther, M. R., Austin, A. D., & Guin, S. M. (2014). African Americans, mental health, and aging. *Clinical Gerontologist, 27*(1), 1-13.

Huang, C.-H., **Vinson, L. D.**, Guin, S., & Crowther, M. R. (2013). Partnering with Local Communities to Enhance Rural Mental Health. *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship, 6*(1), 76-77.

Kim, G., Worley, C. B., Allen, R. S., **Vinson, L. D.**, Crowther, M. R., & Parmelee, P. (2011).

Vulnerability of Latino and Asian immigrant elders with limited English proficiency.

*Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 59* (7), 1246-1252.

Kravitz, D. J., **Vinson, L. D.**, & Baker, C. I. (2008). How position dependent is visual

object recognition? *Trends in Cognitive Sciences. 12*(3), 114-122.

***Book Chapters:***

Crowther, M. R., Ford, C. D., & **Vinson, L. D.** (2016). Mental and Physical Health Disparities and Older African Americans. In D. Smith-Ruiz, M. J. Watson, & S. L. Clark (Eds.), *Contemporary African American Families: Achievements, Challenges, and Empowerment Strategies in the Twenty-First Century* (pp. 54-53). New York, NY: Routledge.

***Reviews & Editorials:***

Harris, G. & **Vinson, L. D.** (Eds). (2011). Found in translation: Moving Science into Practice [Monograph]. Retrieved from http://www.publichealth.uga.edu/geron.

***VA Internal Reports:***

Wiechers, I. R. & **Vinson, L. D.** (November, 2017). *“Complex Patient” Care Implementation Task Force Summary of Work.* VHA Complex Patient Care Implementation Task Force. Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Goodman, D., Hutton, D., Kuykendall, L. (September, 2017). *Report of the Caring for Behaviorally and Medically Complex Inpatients in VHA: Assessment of Program Needs and Models of Care*. VHA Complex Patient Care Implementation Task Force. Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, D.C.

**SELECTED SYMPOSIUM & POSTER PRESENTATIONS:**

**Vinson, L. D.** (2019, March). *Development of the VHA Care for Patients with Complex Problems Program*. Symposium to be presented at the annual American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Wiechers I. R., & Karel, M. (2018, November). *Unraveling Complexities: Implementation of the VA Care for Patients with Complex Problems Program.* Poster to be presented at the annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in Boston, MA.

**Vinson, L. D.** & Wiechers I. R. (2018, August). Chronic Pain among Veterans with Complex Problems [Webinar]. Richmond VA SCAN-ECHO Pain Conference.

Karel, M., Cortina, J., Allman, R., Edes, T., McGuire, M., Cooley, S., **Vinson, L. D.**, Wiechers, I. (2017, July). *Inpatient Care for Veterans with Complex Cognitive, Mental Health, and Medical Needs*. Symposium presented at the 21st International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress in San Francisco, CA.

**Vinson, L. D.** (2017, June). *Care of Patients with Complex* Problems. Presented at the 2017 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Summit.

Burgess E. E., Schmidt, E. L., Turan, B., Soleymani, T., Daniel, S., Howard, C., **Vinson, L. D.**, Wingo, B., Lokken, K., & Boggiano, M. M. (2014, March). *Racial Disparities in Weight-Loss Treatment Attrition*. Poster presented at the UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Long-Daniels, A. C., Ward, A. M., Snow, A. L., & Crowther, M. R. (2013, November). *Exploring How Nursing Home Leaders Differentiate Workforce Diversity from Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Programs*. Poster presented at the 66th annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

**Vinson, L. D.** & Davis, J. A. (2012, November). *I'm Staying! Exploring Direct Care Workers' Desire to Stay in Long-Term Care.* Poster presented at the 64rd annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in San Diego, CA.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Snow, A. L., Crowther, M. R., & James, A. (2011, August). *An Exploration of Workforce Diversity in Nursing Homes from the Perspective of Nursing Leaders.* Poster presentation presented at the 119th annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

**Vinson, L. D.**,Huang, C., Crowther, M. R. (2011, October). *Assessing Risk Factors for Metabolic Syndrome among Rural Older Adults.* Poster presentation presented at the 139th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Snow, A. L., Jacobs, L., Machac-Burleson, M., **Vinson, L. D.**, Palmer, J., Parmelee, P., Allen, R. S., Berlowitz., D., & Hartmann, C. (2011, November). *Development of the Resident-centered Assessment of Interactions with Staff and Engagement (RAISE): A Nursing Home Quality of Care Observational Tool*. Poster presented at the 64th annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.

**Vinson, L. D.** & Crowther, M. R. (2011, August). *Mobile healthcare: An interdisciplinary approach to provide behavioral care to rural elders.* Oral presentation presented at the 119th annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

Austin, A. L., Crowe, M. G., Crowther, M. R., Howard, V. J., Letter, A. J., Pulley, L., Scogin, F. R., Unverzagt, F. W., **Vinson, L. D.**,Wadley, V. G. (2011, February). *Depressive Symptoms and Incident Stroke in Black and White Participants in the REGARDS Study*. Poster presented at the 2012 International Stroke Conference, New Orleans, LA.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Snow, A. L., Crowther, M. R., & James, A. (November, 2010). *Race, Power, &*

*Workforce Diversity: Awareness, Perceptions, and Experiences among Nursing Home Leaders.* Poster presented at the 63rd annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Snow, A. L., Machac-Burleson, M., Jacobs, M., Chandler, J., Copeland, J.,

Parmelee, P., & Beck, C. (November, 2009). *Themes of Culture Change: Preliminary results of an ethnographic culture change examination.* Paper presented at the 62nd annual Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

**Vinson, L. D.**, Little, C., Martin, M., Crowther, M. (September, 2009). Using Qualitative Methods to Understand the Sociocultural Context of Recruitment and Retention Strategies Targeting Older African Americans. Poster presented at 10th annual Rural Health Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Kravitz, D. J., **Vinson, L. D.**, & Baker, C. I. (2007, November). *Position invariance in object recognition*. Poster presented at the 37th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

**Vinson, L. D.** (2006, June). *Improving HIV/AIDS prevention through public-private*

*partnerships*. Oral presentation presented at the Morehouse College Public Health

Sciences Institute Project IMHOTEP Summer Seminar, Atlanta, GA.

**Vinson, L. D.** (2006, March). *Quality of care and corporate citizenship in nonprofit mental health organizations*. Poster presented at the 52nd annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA.

##### HONORS AND AWARDS:

Southern Regional Education Board-State Doctoral Scholars Dissertation Award 2012-2013

National Outreach Scholarship Conference Outstanding Poster Award 2012

The University of Alabama Graduate School Travel Award 2012

Nominated for the American Public Health Association Excellence in Aging &

Public Health Rural and Environment Research Award 2011

Psychology Department Graduate Student Research & Travel Award 2012

American Psychological Association Student Travel Award 2011

The Center for Mental Health & Aging Summer Research Fellowship, The

University of Alabama 2010

Health Resources & Services Administration Public Health Traineeship, The

University of Alabama at Birmingham 2010

The Center for Mental Health & Summer Research Fellowship, The

University of Alabama 2009

The University of Alabama Robert E. McNair Graduate Fellowship 2008-2010

National Institute of Mental Health-Career Opportunities in Research and

Education Training Program (NIMH-COR) Fellowship 2004-2006

##### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ad-hoc Reviewer, Federal Practitioner 2017-Present

National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging 2015-Present

Mental Health Practice & Aging Interest Group Co-Convener, The

Gerontological Society of America 2013-Present

Geropsychology Representative, Psychology Graduate Student Association 2012-2013

Graduate School Ambassador, The University of Alabama 2009-2013

Peer Mentor, Tide Together: Team Mentoring for Graduate Students 2010-2011

Co-Editor, The 21st Annual Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in

Gerontology and Geriatrics Monograph 2010-2011

Department of Psychology Development Committee, The University of Alabama 2009-2010

Research & Travel Co-Chair, Graduate Student Association, The

University of Alabama 2008-2009