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Best, Latrica E. & W. Carson Byrd. (2014). Methods beyond methods: A model for Africana graduate methods training. *Journal of Pan-African Studies*, 7(1), 61-73.

Best, Latrica E. & John Chenault* (2014). Rethinking bioethics: The implication of biological markers in health research in the African diaspora. *Journal of Pan-African Studies*, 7(1), 74-98.

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the Black family: Ideological and methodological contestations. In J. Conyers, Jr. (Ed.) *The Black Family and Society*, 6th Edition (pp. 87-102). Routledge.

Vasunilashorn, Sarinnapha, **Best, Latrica**, Kim, Jung Ki, & Crimmins, Eileen M. (2014). Predicting mortality from profiles of biological risk and performance measures of functioning. In J. Anson & M. Luy (Eds.), *Mortality in an International Perspective (European Studies of Population)* (pp. 119-135). Springer.

Reviews & Essays

Best, Latrica E. (spring 2021). Understanding the pandemic's impact on Black Americans' health from a life course perspective. *Footnotes*, 49(2), 10-11.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Best, Latrica E., Lauren Heberle, & Jordan Gatewood*. The burden of racialized time: exploring cumulative impacts using an intergenerational environmental justice framework. To be submitted to *Environmental Justice* (special issue on Cumulative Impacts and Government Decision-Making)

Best, Latrica E. & Solomon Amoatey. The changing context of disability and eldercare among Ghanaian families: A critical review of the literature.

Best, Latrica E., Lauren Heberle, & Haley Metcalf-Wade. Towards an Intergenerational Environmental Justice Framework for Climate Change Scholarship and Practice

Best, Latrica E. Environmental justice, intergenerational justice, and the impacts of climate change on health: Theoretical considerations

Best, Latrica E. Methodological innovations and the growth of sociogenomics in health disparities research

Best, Latrica E., Oliver Rollins, & Morgan Costa⁺. Mapping the different positions and politics of biosocial research on race and health disparities.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021 Louisville Metro Government Office of Resilience and Community Services. "Louisville Metro Homeless Services Evaluation," Lora Haynes (PI), **Latrica Best**, Kelly Kinahan. \$100,000. (*funded*)

2017 National Science Foundation. "Genetic racial conceptualizations across the biomedical and social sciences, 1950-2015," National Science Foundation. **Latrica Best** (Co-PI) and W. Carson Byrd (Co-PI). \$944,031. (*not funded*)

- 2016 Research Project Initiation Grant, Office of Community Engagement, University of Louisville. “Age-appropriate curriculum development in African American Studies for the Street Academy Project: Roosevelt Perry Elementary School,” Co-Investigators: **Latrica Best** (Co-PI), Theresa Rajack-Talley (Co-PI) and Charles C. Davis, Jr. \$10,000. *(not funded)*
- 2016 National Science Foundation, “Floating signifiers in academic innovation and publication: The use of race and ethnicity across multiple disciplines in the genomic era: 1900-2014,” **Latrica Best** (Co-PI) and W. Carson Byrd (Co-PI). \$403,240. *(not funded)*
- 2015 Intramural Research and Creative Activities, University of Louisville. “Floating signifiers in academic innovation and publication: The use of race and ethnicity across multiple disciplines in the genomic era,” **Latrica Best** (Co-PI) and W. Carson Byrd (Co-PI). 2015-2016, \$2,039. *(funded)*
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AWARDS

- 2014 “Faculty Favorite” nominee, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Louisville.
- 2009 Poster Session Winner, Vasunilashorn, Sarinnapha, **Latrica Best**, Jung Ki Kim, and Eileen M. Crimmins. “Predicting Mortality Using Latent Class Risk of Biological and Functioning Indicators.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.
- 2006 Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar, University of Michigan
- 2004 1st Place Winner, Social and Behavioral Sciences Division, Graduate School Exhibition, The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2003 Joan Huber and William Form Graduate Scholarship in Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University. 2003-2004.
- 2001 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & RECOGNITION

- 2024 University of Michigan’s Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research short course, “R: Learning by Example.” Virtual.
- 2017 National Institute on Aging’s Genomics for Social Scientists Workshop, University of Michigan.
- 2013 University of Michigan’s Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research short course, “Analyzing Developmental Trajectories”, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- 2013 University of Michigan’s Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research short course, “Applied Multilevel Models for Longitudinal Data”, at the University of Colorado-Boulder.
- 2013 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Coaching Clinic, Boston, MA.
- 2012 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Symposium, Princeton, NJ.
- 2012 American Educational Research Association Grants Program’s Faculty Institute for the Teaching of Statistics with Large-Scale Datasets, Stanford University.

- 2021 “The road I’ve traveled: Navigating the tenure process as an interdisciplinary scholar.” Talk to the UC Berkeley Black Feminist Health Sciences Studies Collaboratory.
- 2021 “Picture a scientist post-film discussion.” Panel discussion, NSF Athena women in STEM initiative, University of Louisville.
- 2021 “How racism affects public health & health outcomes.” Panel discussion, All Eyes On

and practice.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. (August)

- 2023 Burns, Shane D., **Latrica E. Best**, and Solomon Amoatey. “Exploring the intersection of locality and gender among older adults in Ghana: How social cohesion influences rates of disability.” Paper presented at the Workshop on Determinants on Adult Mortality, Morbidity, and Healthy Aging in Low- or Middle-Income Countries (LMICs). Virtual workshop co-sponsored by the UC Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA) and the USC/UCLA for Biodemography and Population Health (CBPH). (February)
- 2022 Heberle, Lauren, Haley Metcalf, Charlie Zhang, **Latrica Best**, Natasha DeJarnett, Clara Sears, Gabriell Gassaway, & T. Gonzalez. “Intersections in climate change, public health, and intergenerational justice: Implications for research and practice in Louisville, KY.” Session presented at the American Public Health Association annual meeting, Boston, MA. (November)
- 2022 “Environmental justice, intergenerational justice, and the impacts of climate change on health: Theoretical considerations.” Paper presented at the American Public Health Association annual meeting, Boston, MA. (November)
- 2020 “The need for critical Science, Technology, and Society (STS) perspectives within demographic research on health disparities.” Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Prague. **(declined/no participation due to COVID-19).**
- 2019 “Double jeopardy: Health and caregiving responsibilities of women in the diaspora.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2018 “Social stressors, personality and healthcare utilization.” Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Assessing the meanings of self-rated health across different socioeconomic groups: An examination of biological marker data from Ghana and South Africa.” Presented at the International Union of the Scientific Study of Population Meetings, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2016 Pugh, James Kent*, **Latrica E. Best**, & Allison S. Smith. “Up in smoke: Assessing the impacts of coal-fired power plants on respiratory, cardiovascular, and lung cancer mortality using a power plant risk population risk measure.” Poster presented at the Population Association of America meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Della, Lindsay J, **Latrica E. Best**, Siobhan Smith, Quaniqua Carthan, Margaret D’Silva,

- interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption among urban and rural African American audiences: Applying market decision-analysis to the intervention design processes.” Paper presented at the American Public Health Association meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Assessing the prevalence and impact of multiple chronic illnesses by gender Among Older Ghanaians”. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Byrd, W. Carson and **Latrica E. Best**. “Between (racial) groups and a hard place: An exploration of social science approaches to race and genetics, 2000-2014.” Paper to be presented at the 6th Annual Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences conference, Institute of Behavioral science, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 2015 The impact of personality change on health among older Americans: Findings from the Health and Retirement Study.” Paper presented at the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- 2014 “The growing burden of chronic disease among older Ghanaians.” Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “The Health of parental caregivers in Ghana.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Della, Lindsay J., Siobhan E. Smith, Margaret U. D’Silva, **Latrica E. Best**, Quaniqua N. Carthan, Theresa Rajack-Talley, Deborah Potter, & Lisa B. Markowitz. “A cross-disciplinary approach to message design for public health campaigns encouraging increased fruit and vegetable consumption.” Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences.
- 2012 “Aging in Ghana: The cultural and societal implications awaiting a country’s newest demographic.” 1st Africa Region Conference on Gerontology and Geriatrics. (“Ageing Africa: Beyond Madrid +10”). International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics. Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2012 **Best, Latrica E.** & Margath Walker. “New frontiers or old stories: The deployment of social darwinism in health disparities studies.” Biennial Meeting of Race, Ethnicity, & Place Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. (*accepted, but declined participation*)
- 2012 “Personality and other psychosocial indicators in population-based studies: The example of race differences in personality.” Informal Roundtable. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- 2010 **Best, Latrica E.** & Lindsey Baker. “Undiagnosed and poorly treated diabetes and

hypertension among older caregivers.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA.

- 2009 “The impact of personality on depressive symptoms profiles in middle-aged and older adults.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 Vasunilashorn, Sarinnapha, **Latrica E. Best**, Yasuhiko Saito, & Eileen M. Crimmins. “Gender differences in biological markers in the U.S., Taiwan, and Japan.” Paper presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Meeting, Marrakech, Morocco.
- 2009 “The impact of psychosocial factors in explaining race

Department of Sociology:

Member, Department Speaker Series, 2022-2023, (Boston College)
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022-2023, (Boston College)
Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2011-2012; 2021-2022
Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2011; 2020-present
Chair, Jon Rieger Speaker Series, 2020-2021
Member, Personnel Committee, 2011-2012; Fall 2016; 2019-2021
Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2017-2018
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2017-2018

College & University Level

Appointed Member, Provost's College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, 2022

Elected Alternate Member, College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Grievance Committee, 2021-2023

Chair, Institutional Review Board review panel, University of Louisville, 2017-2018

Grant proposal reviewer, Cooperative Consortium for Transdisciplinary Social Justice Research, 2017-2018

Co-Chair, Equity and Inclusion and Organizing Committee, American Association of University Professors, University of Louisville chapter, 2016

Delegation Member, Partnership between University of Louisville's Pan-African Studies Department and the University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana. 2011

Internal Review Committee, Center for Reducing Mental Health Disparities, University of Louisville, 2011-2012

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Board of Directors, Americana World Community Center, Louisville, KY (2021-present)

John Broadus, Sociology.

Alexis Keen Crook, Pan-African Studies.

Warren King, Pan-African Studies. “Neighborhood disparities in healthcare: The accessibility, availability, and affordability of healthcare services.”

Jamar Wheeler, Sociology. “Black middle-class neighborhoods in Louisville through multiple lenses.” 2020.

James Kent Pugh, Sociology. “Moving mountains: A study examining long-term impacts of mountaintop removal coal mining on mortality in the Appalachian region using geographic information systems.” 2017.

Ph.D. Committees (UofL)

Chandre Chaney, Public Health. “Food insecurity during COVID-19.”

Camara Douglas, Pan-African Studies. “The underbelly of residential segregation & busing on education: A case study of Louisville, Kentucky.”

Rebecca Halpryn, Sociology

Haley Metcalf, Sociology

Trey Allen, Sociology. “A study of Arab and Pakistani American men with immigrant-family origins in two regionally isolated settings.” 2021.

Jonathon Holland, Sociology. “The norms are more guidelines than actual rules: Applying isomorphism to disability accommodations in the Catholic church. 2020.

Jelisa Clark, Sociology. “This is a black-white conversation: Navigating race, class, and gender at an urban school.” 2017.

Sula Hood, Public Health. “The influence of social contextual conditions and basic psychological need fulfillment on self-management and emotional distress among urban African American adults with type-

Fairen Harris, University of Louisville, College of Arts and Sciences, Inclusion & Equity, 2013.

Israel McCullough, Community Development, 2013.

Amber Burns, Revolutionary Reading Circle, 2012.

Jyler Donovan, University of Louisville, Pan-African Studies Department, 2012.

On'Draya Green, Muhammad Ali Center, 2012.