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Education

- 2021 Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Old Dominion University
- 2017 Doctor of Philosophy in Health Psychology, Virginia State
University ***Concentration: Behavioral and Community Health
Psychology***
- 2014 Masters of Science in Psychology, Virginia State University,
Concentration: Clinical Psychology
- 2010 Bachelor of Science in Psychology
Old Dominion University
- Minor: Women's Studies

Professional Experience

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
Virginia State University
- 2018-2019 Adjunct Professor, Department of Women's Studies
Old Dominion University
- 2017-2019 Instructor, Department of Psychology
Virginia State University
- 2013-2017 Graduate Teaching Instructor, Department of Psychology

Virginia State University

2013-2016	Graduate Student Research Evaluator, Behavioral & Community Health Sciences Lab Virginia State University
2011-2013	Graduate Research Lab Team Lead, Behavioral & Community Health Sciences Lab Virginia State University

Teaching

Virginia State University 2017-Present

Undergraduate Courses

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 214	Social Psychology
PSYC 309	Experimental Psychology Lab
PSYC 310	Experimental Psychology
PSYC 316	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 401	Topics in Psychology: Health Psychology, Psychology of Sexuality
PSYC 424	Research in Psychology

Graduate Courses

PSYC 510	Pro-Seminar
PSYC 599	Research & Thesis
PSYC 603	Health Psychology
PSYC 703	Assessing & Evaluating Community Health Programs
PSYC 720	Health Psychology Practicum

Old Dominion University 2018-2019

WMST 201	Introduction to Women's Studies
WMST 405/COMM 495	Gender & Media

Publications

Keen, L., Turner, A. D., George, L., & **Lawrence, K.** (2022, November). Cannabis Use Disorder Severity and Sleep Quality among Undergraduate Attending a Historically Black University. *Addictive Behaviors*, 134, 1-8.
doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2022.107414>

Lawrence, K., Boyd, K., Clark, V., Brooks, J., Vixamar-Owens, D., Denslinger, C., Williams, M., & Washington, C. (2019). Relax and Relate: The Interaction of Drugs and Relationships. *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*

Boyd, K., **Lawrence, K.**, Clark, V., Owens, D., Brooks, J., & Perkins, P. (2018) Relationship Contingent Self-Worth: The Role of Happiness, Well-Being, Self-Esteem, and Depression. *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*

Boyd, K., Perkins, P., **Lawrence, K.**, Sutherland, J., & Blake, K. (2015). The Female Condom: Knowledge, Image, and Power. *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*

Grants Awarded

Title: Cannabis Nexus Initiative: Cannabis and Heart Rate Variability Study in HBCU Students (PI: Larry Keen, Ph.D.)

Effective Dates: 9/01/2021 – 8/31/2024

National Institute on Drug Abuse

\$430,120.00 direct yrs 1-2

Role: Co- Principal Investigator

Presentations

2010 “The Price of Beauty,” Mid-Atlantic Popular American Culture Association, Alexandria, VA

2011 “Knowledge Production and Research in Psychology: Examining the Ideology of the Strong Black Woman and the Effect on Young African American Women,” National Women’s Studies Association, Atlanta, GA

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| 2015 | “Personality and Sexual Health: The Effect of Gender-Specific Personality Traits on Sexual Health,” Virginia State University Graduate Research Conference, Petersburg, VA |
| 2016 | “The Role of Gender Relations on Depression, Well-Being, and Sexual Health,” ABSC Black Families, Black Relationships, and Black Sexuality II |

Student Mentorship

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| 2018 | Sophia Howard, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Chelsey Cooper, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Dashia Iyana, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Charde Washington, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Monae Porter, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Shamier Yates, Thesis Committee Member |
| 2021 | Precious Morris, Faculty Mentor |
| 2021-Present | Ayanna Bryant, Faculty Mentor |

University Service

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| 2022-Present | Institutional Review Board (IRB) Member |
| 2021 | Scheduling Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University |
| 2021-Present | Search Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University |
| 2020-Present | Curriculum Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University |
| 2019 | Psychology Careers Investment Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University |
| 2019-Present | Behavioral & Community Health Sciences Ph.D. Team, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University |

2018-Present	Assessment Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University
2018-2020	Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University
2017- 2021	Introduction to Psychology Campus-Wide Coordination, Department of Psychology, Virginia State University

Community Engagement

2017-2019	Sisters Promoting Hope Team, Virginia Department of Health
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Professional Associations

2021	Black Women's Studies Association
2020-Present	Association for Women in Psychology
2020-Present	American Association for University Women
2016-Present	American Psychological Association
2011-Present	National Women's Studies Association

Awards and Honors

2022	Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) Institute Fellow
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