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CURRENT POSITION

2015-present **Forensic Psychological Postdoctoral Fellow**
Legal Consensus, PLLC
Austin, Texas

EDUCATION

2008-2015 **Ph.D., Counseling Psychology**
Howard University of Washington DC
Department of Psychology
Washington, DC
Dissertation: "The Association between Personal Values and Mental Health Functioning Among African American Youth in the Juvenile System"

2005-2008 **M.A., Counseling Psychology**
Howard University of Washington DC
Department of Psychology
Washington, DC

2005 **B.S., Psychology**
Xavier University of Louisiana
Department of Psychology
New Orleans, LA

WORK EXPERIENCE

2014 **Mental Health Screener**
Child Guidance Clinic, D.C. Superior Court
Washington, DC
Administer, score, and interpret psychological screening instruments in order to identify arrested youth who may qualify for mental health court. Present cases in the Juvenile Behavior Diversion Program in order to determine acceptability in the JBDP Mental Health court program.

2013-2014 **Clinical Intern**
Child Guidance Clinic, D.C. Superior Court
Washington, DC
Conduct weekly clinical assessment batteries (e.g. psychological, psycho-sexual, violence risks, neurological, competencies, etc.), including collect collateral data. Perform group and individual therapy with adjudicated juveniles and Howard University students. Facilitate sex-offender and competency restoration groups with juveniles. Also participate in training seminars at DC Superior Court, Howard University, and St. Elizabeth's Psychiatric Hospital.

- 2012-2013** **Psychology Extern**
Howard University Counseling Center
Washington, DC
Conduct clinical intakes, provide short and long term psychodynamic therapy, crisis intervention, audiotaping sessions, writing clinical notes (i.e, progress, termination, etc.), and conduct groups for college students. Also engaged in psychoanalytic seminar, group therapy seminar, case conference, observational group, staff development, group and individual supervision and outreach programming.
- 2012** **Psychometrician**
Transatlantic Professional Group, L.L.C.
Washington, DC
Psychoeducational assessments of D.C. Public School students. Administer, interpret, and score various assessments including WISC-IV, WJII, Bender Gestalt-II, ASEBA, The Conner's Rating Scale, and BASC-2. Also wrote psychological reports that were reviewed by school administrators, special education teachers, inclusion classroom teachers, social workers, and parents for I.E.P. evaluations. Provided recommendations for the child's learning.
- 2012** **College Counselor**
Howard University
Student Support Services (SSS), TRIO
Washington, DC
Responsible for conducting counseling, college advisement, financial guidance, graduate school entry guidance, arranging social activities, workshops, and seminars (i.e., financial, academic, career).
- 2010-2011** **Psychology Extern**
Child Guidance Clinic, DC Superior Court
Washington, DC
Psychological and competency assessments of juvenile offenders. Administer, score, and interpret various assessments including WISC-IV, WAIS-IV, WJII, Rorschach, MMPI-2, MACI, TAT, and TSCC. Wrote psychological reports for trial and witnessed expert testimony. Provide recommendations for adjudication and schooling.
- 2010** **Therapist**
K&M Consultants, LLC
Oxon Hill, MD
Conduct psychotherapy groups within D.C.'s 28-day sanctions and reentry program. Clients were pre-trial or reentering individuals. Clients demonstrated a range of ethnicities and mental illnesses (i.e., mood disorders, psychosis, substance dependence, dually diagnosed, etc.). Received individual supervision.
- 2010** **Therapist**
LAUNCH, LLC
Silver Spring, MD
Conduct clinical intakes and interviews for children, youth, and adult clients in Prince George's County, MD. Provide individual, group, and family therapy with diverse clientele. Treat mood, impulse, anxiety, and developmental disorders, substance addiction, and dual diagnoses. Received individual supervision.
- 2009-2011** **Teacher's Assistant**
Howard University School of Education
Curriculum & Instruction Department,
Washington, DC
Responsible for developing course lectures, lecturing, grading papers, research, and research writing. Courses involved Introduction to Special Education and Teaching Exceptional Children.

- 2009-2010** **Research Analyst Assistant**
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
Responsible for assisting in report, proposal, and article writing and organizing district-level forums on Black youth academic achievement. Contributed to the Breaking Barrier Reports and organized forums for the CBCF Annual Legislative Conference.
- 2009-2010** **Psychology Extern**
Tree of Life Public Charter School
Washington, DC
Conduct short and long term therapy with elementary and middle school students. Manage crisis intervention, engaged and trained in play therapy, participate in multidisciplinary I.E.P. and S.S.T. meetings with (i.e. teachers, administration, social workers, parents, etc.), conduct group therapy, and family interventions. Received individual and group supervision.
- 2008-2010** **Therapist**
Circles of Hope Psychotherapy & Substance Addiction
Washington, DC
Conduct intakes, interviews, school visits, and home visits for a diverse population of clients in MD, DC, and VA. Also provide individual, group, and family therapy for youth and adults on probation or pre-trial. Conduct psychoeducational groups on addiction and substance use.
- 2007-2008** **Therapist**
Center for Multicultural Human Services
Washington, DC
Conduct intakes with children, youth, and adults with a variety of severe mental disorders. Perform hospitalizations for clients of all ages. Perform individual and group psychotherapy with clients presenting mood disorders, psychosis (e.g. Schizophrenia), substance addictions, learning disabilities, and developmental disorders. Also, perform crisis intervention.
- 2007** **Psychology Practicum**
Anacostia Senior High School
Washington, DC
Individual and group therapy, career and college counseling, crisis intervention, and psychoeducational groups. Performed debriefing with students who experienced trauma (i.e., classmate killed). Participate in didactic trainings hosted by the D.C. Public School system regarding bullying, learning disorders, and emotionally disturbed students.
- 2006** **Psychology Practicum**
D.C. Correctional Detention Facility
Washington, DC
Co-facilitate psychotherapy groups and facilitate substance abuse groups in the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program. Clients were severely mentally ill and dually diagnosed. Individual therapy was conducted with RSAT members and individuals within general population and the mental health units. Conducted therapy with correctional officers and engaged in training seminars on suicide, restraint techniques, and CPR.
- 2005-2008** **Group Counselor**
Howard University Passport-to-Work Program
Washington, DC
Conduct counseling, psychoeducational, and topic groups (i.e., anger management, study skills, etc.) with adjudicated high school youth. Also provided tutoring for the youth in the group.
- 2004** **Volunteer Psychology Assistant**
Children's Psychiatric Hospital
New Orleans, LA
Observe patient interactions and therapy sessions and engage patients in developmental tasks.

2002-2005

Counselor

Tulane University

Upward Bound Program, TRIO

New Orleans, LA

Responsible for organizing and managing the tutoring program, provide college counseling, facilitate college prep and financial seminars, conduct counseling with high school students, and organize and manage summer activities (college visits and the "on-campus experience").

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 1st place at Research Association for Minority Professors Conference
Awarded to a graduate student(s) whose overall presentation demonstrated a high level of academic and research quality.

PUBLICATIONS

Andretta, J. A., **Sutton, R. M.**, Ramirez, A., Barnes, M. E., Odom, T., Woodland, M. (2015). The Effects of Value-Affirmation in Forensic Screening in African-American Youth. (*In Progress*)

Toldson, I. A., **Sutton, R. M.**, & Fry-Brown, R. L. (2012). Preventing delinquency and promoting academic success among school-age African American males. *Journal of African American Males in Education*, 3(1), 12-28.

Mattis, J. S., Hope, M., **Sutton, R.**, Udoh, M., & Doucet, F. (2012). Researching and facilitating African American global volunteerism. Review of Faith & International Affairs, Special issue on: "Religion and African American Leadership in Global Voluntarism," 10, 29-36.

Toldson, I. A., Fry-Brown, R. L., & **Sutton, R. M.** (2009). Commentary: 75 years after the mis-education of the Negro: New imperatives for the education of Black males. *The Journal of Negro Education*, 78(3), 195-203.

Sutton, R. M. (2010, Spring). The miseducation of Black children. [Review of the book *The Miseducation of Black Children*, by Shockley, K. G.]. *Journal of Negro Education*, 79(2), 195.

Stills, A., Kearney, J., & **Sutton, R.** (2009). The Black church and spirituality: An effective approach to counseling adolescent African American males. *Journal of Research Association for Minority Professors*, 11(1).

PANELS

Jackson, J., Dossman, C., Crump, B., **Sutton, R.**, Vincent, G., Martin, R., Heaven, A. (2015). Baton Rouge Answers the Call to Service: My Brother's Keeper. Baton Rouge, La., June 2015.

Sutton, R. (2014). Social Action Panel. Boule National Conference. Boston, MA., July 2014.

Hugonnet, M., **Sutton, R.**, & Schuchart, R. (2014). Competency to Stand Trial for Juveniles and What Happens When They are Not - Competency Attainment Training? Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA). Washington, D.C., June 2014.

Sutton, R. & Donnelly, M. (2014). Why Can't I Control My Brain and Behavior: How Juvenile Brain Injury is Assessed and What It Looks Like at Home, School, and in the Streets. Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA). Washington, D.C., June 2014.

Barnes, M. E., **Sutton, R.**, Williams, D., & Garcia-Lord, D. (2013). Violence Risk and Psychosexual Assessments in Juvenile Cases. George Washington University Law School. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Sutton, R. & Barnes, M. E. (2013). Juvenile Violence Risk Assessment. Trinity University. Washington, D.C., October 2013.

Sutton, R. & Lemons, Brianna. (2011). Breaking Barriers. Ethnic Education Summit. Olympia, WA, February 2011.

Sutton, R. & Lemons, Brianna. (2010). Breaking Barriers: How to Help Black Males Achieve. Education Trust Conference. Crystal City, VA, November 2010.

Sutton, R., Walford, V., Watkins, K. & Toldson, I. (2010). Culturally Relevant Assessment Procedures: Decreasing Testing Error and Improving Fairness for Black Examinees. Association of Black Psychologists Convention. Chicago, IL, July 2010.

Walford, V., **Sutton, R.**, Watkins, K. & Toldson, I. (2010). The Future of the "Black Church" and its Past/Current Role in the Black Community. Association of Black Psychologists Convention. Chicago, IL, July 2010.

Sutton, R., Brown, C. E., Ammons, J. H. & Long, A. E. (2010). Panel Discussion. The State of HBCUs. National Urban League BEEP Conference. Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 2010.

Sutton, R., Watkins, K., Walford, V., & Toldson, I. (2010). Multiple Systems for Reducing Juvenile Incarceration and Creating a Culture of Learning in Schools for African American Youth: The Role of School-related, Social, Environmental and Family Factors. Columbia University Teachers College: 27th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, Incorporating Multicultural Models in Psychology and Education. New York, NY, February 2010.

Thompson, Neisha-Ann, & **Sutton, R.** (2010). God in the Counseling Room: The Role of Spirituality in Counseling. Columbia University Teachers College: 27th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, Incorporating Multicultural Models in Psychology and Education. New York, NY, February 2010.

Sutton, R. & Toldson, I. (2009). African American Adolescent Males' Involvement in the Juvenile Justice System; An Exploratory Analysis. American Psychological Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada, August 2009.

Sutton, R. (2009). Spirituality as a Means of Improving Academic Performance among African American males. Association of Black Psychologist Convention. Atlanta, GA., July 2009.

Sutton, R., Weaver, R., & Dye, K. (2009). Panel Discussion. National Counseling on Educating Black Children. Success Highways: Proven Dropout Prevention. Bethesda, MD, April 2009.

Sutton, R., Watkins, K., & Toldson, I. (2009). Examination of Multisystemic Treatment on Reducing Incarceration and Increasing School Retention of African American Adolescent Males. Columbia University Teachers College: 26th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, Incorporating Multicultural Models in Psychology and Education. New York, NY, February 2009.

Hill, M. A., McCall, N., Moore, J. L., **Sutton, R.**, Toldson, I., & Williams, R. (2008). Panel Discussion. Emerging Leaders Series, Annual Legislative Conference. 75 Years after the Miseducation of the Negro: New Imperatives for the Education of Black Males. Washington, DC, September 2008.

Sutton, R., & Kearney, J. (2007). The Black church and spirituality: An effective approach to counseling adolescent African American males. Presentation at the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Conference, Washington, DC, February 2007.

Sutton, R. (2007). Tomorrow's Promise: A community center framework. Poster presentation at the Research Association of Minority Professors (RAMP) Conference, Washington, DC, February 2007.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Shared Hope International & Children's Justice Act Grant Task Force. (2014, September). Intervene: Identifying and Responding to Sexually Exploited Youth. Presented by Elizabeth Scaife in Washington, DC.
- Conroy, M. A. (2014, May). Assessing and Managing Violence Risk. American Academy of Forensic Psychology. Presented by Dr. Mary Alice Conroy in San Diego, CA.
- Packer, I. A. (2014, May). Evaluating Criminal Responsibility. American Academy of Forensic Psychology. Presented by Dr. Ira K. Packer in San Diego, CA.
- Slobogin, C. (2014, May). Criminal Competencies. American Academy of Forensic Psychology. Presented by Dr. Christopher Slobogin in San Diego, CA.
- Neimeyer, G. J. (2014, February). Understanding the DSM-5 and the ICD: Problems and Prospects in Recent Revisions. Presented by Dr. Greg J. Neimeyer in Washington, DC.
- Otto, R. (2013, September). Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making in Forensic Psychological Evaluation. Presented by Dr. Randy K. Otto in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Stein, S., Behnke, S., & Nace, V. (2011, December). D.C. Psychological Association Ethics Workshop. Presented by Dr. Steven Stein, Dr. Stephen Behnke, & Dr. Vladimir Nace in Washington, DC.
- Barnes, D.H. (2008, September). Suicide Risk Assessment and Management. Presented by Dr. Donna Barnes in Washington, DC.