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**Professor of Sociology**  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph. D.            Sociology, University of Tennessee – Knoxville, 1998  
                    Dissertation: *Mediated Inequality: The Role of Governmental, Business, and Scientific Elites in Public Education*
- M. A.            Sociology, UNC Greensboro, 1981  
                    Thesis: *Ethnicity in Modern Society: An Empirical Analysis*
- B. A.            History, UNCG, December 1973; attended UNC-CH 1970-1972

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Urban Sociology, Political Economy, Racial and Gender Inequality, Globalization, the American South, Historical Sociology

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 2011-2014      Dunavant University Professor
- 2011-            Professor
- 2004-2011      Associate Professor to Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis
- 1998-2004      Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis
- 2007-2010      Director of Women's Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Memphis
- 1994-1998      Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology

1995 Graduate Research Assistant, January - December 1995 (on leave from GTA) University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology and Community Partnership Center, USDA Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Evaluation Project

1989-1994 Sociology Instructor, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

## **OTHER TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1981-1987 North Carolina Justice Academy and North Carolina Department of Justice, Juvenile Justice Consultant. Authored three Department of Justice Publications, including two textbooks written for the use of the NC Department of Public Instruction. Prepared a state newsletter for public school teachers, and developed in-service training for teachers.

1980-1988 Part-time sociology instructor, Forsyth, Mitchell and Davidson County Community Colleges.

1974-1978 Non-Profit  
Coordinated a federally funded arts program connected with the desegregation of Winston-Salem Forsyth County, NC public schools, and worked in juvenile delinquency prevention non-profit.

## **HONORS/AWARDS**

1979 Alpha Kappa Delta, UNCG (charter member)

1993-1994 Faculty Fellow, UNCG Center for Critical Inquiry

1996 Phi Kappa Phi, University of Tennessee

1997 Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student, University of Tennessee

1997 American Sociological Association Honors Program

2000 Oromo Studies Association, Professional Excellence Award for *Journal of Oromo Studies* (African Studies journal)

2002 Golden Key Honor Society, Honorary Faculty Member (selected by student members)

2004	Nominee and Finalist, Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Memphis
2004-2005	Faculty Fellow, Technology Fellowship Program, Advanced Learning Center, FedEx Institute of Technology
2005-2006	College of Arts and Sciences Professional Development Assignment University of Memphis
2006	Alma Bucovaz Urban Research and Service Award, University College, University of Memphis
2008	Nominee and Finalist, Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Memphis
2010	College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Research Award (CASDRA), University of Memphis
2012-2013	College of Arts and Sciences Professional Development Assignment University of Memphis

#### **SCHOLARSHIP/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

2002	Duke University Summer Institute. Globalization, Women & Development. Sponsored by a Title VI Grant to the Duke Center for International Studies and Women's Studies.
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#### **GRANTS**

2001-2002	"Global Cities: Promise and Peril." Public Service Funding Grant, University of Memphis (\$1,800); with York Bradshaw.
2002-2003	Curriculum grant, International Programs (\$2,500).
2003	"Teaching about Globalization, Culture, and Information Technology: Is 'Place' Still Relevant?" Office of Information Systems, University of Memphis; Wanda Rushing and York Bradshaw, with Melinda Jones, and others (funded \$9,699).
2003	York Bradshaw and Wanda Rushing. "Improving IT Fluency for Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching Initiatives." GAs for FITness Program, Advanced Learning Center, University of Memphis (\$4,000).

- 2004 Wanda Rushing. "Information Technology and Visual Sociology." GAS for FITness Program, Advance Learning Center, University of Memphis (\$4,000).
- 2004 Wanda Rushing, **Corey Twombly**, and **Daniel Duerr**. "Teaching, Learning, and Information Technology: Struggles for Educational and Economic Opportunity in a Digital Age." Hooks Institute, Working Papers Series, University of Memphis (\$2,000)
- 2007 Wanda Rushing and Deborah Clubb. Girls in Change Program. Academic Enrichment Grant, University of Memphis (\$500).
- 2008 Wanda Rushing. Academic Enrichment Grant, University of Memphis, for Third Annual Women's Studies Symposium (\$500).
- 2011 Wanda Rushing, College of Arts and Sciences, Dunavant Travel Enrichment grant, \$500.
- 2011-2014 Dunavant Professorship (\$15,000)
- 2012-2013 Hooks Institute Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000)

## BOOKS

- 2009 *Memphis and the Paradox of Place: Globalization in the American South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.
- 2010 *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture: Urbanization*, Editor, University of North Carolina Press. Volume 15 of the 24 volume series under the general editorship of Charles Reagan Wilson, Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi.

## BOOK

Edited, Contract in Advance (book in progress)

Wanda Rushing and Michele Scott, *Memphis Barbecue Tofu: Foodways, Culture and Identity in the Mid-South*. University of Arkansas Press. (anticipated publication in 2016)

## REFEREED ARTICLES

(student names listed in **bold**)

- 1995 Gaventa, John, Janice Morrissey, and *Wanda Rushing* Edwards. "Empowering People: Goals and Realities." *Forum for Applied Research and Public Policy* 10:4:116-121.

- 2000 Rushing, Wanda. "Cold War Racial Politics and Global Impression Management: North Carolina Economic Development as a Case Study." *Current Sociology* Vol. 48(2): 51-69.
- 2000 Rushing, Wanda. "Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities: The Impact of Globalization Processes and Public Policy on Economic Development." *Journal of Poverty* 4:4:45-63
- 2001 Rushing, Wanda. "Inequality and Education Reform: Formulating a Macro Historical Sociology Perspective." *Race Ethnicity and Education* 4:1:29-44.
- 2002 Rushing, Wanda. "Sin, Sex, and Segregation": Social Control and the Education of Southern Women." *Gender and Education* 14:2:167-179.
- 2003 **Collins, Tracy** and Wanda Rushing. "Across the Pond: A Comparative Analysis of Social Capital formation in the United States and Great Britain." *Humanity and Society* 27:1:30-49.
- 2004 Rushing, Wanda. "Globalization and the Paradoxes of Place: Poverty and Power in Memphis." *City and Community* 3:1:65-81.
- 2011 **Winters, Lisa**, Wanda Rushing, Martin Levin, and Troy Blanchard. "Deindustrialization, Class, and Adolescents: Changing Gender Attitudes in Middletown." *Sociology Mind* 1:3:114-120.
- Forthcoming **Smiley, Kevin**, Wanda Rushing, and **Michele Scott**. "Behind a Bicycling Boom: Governance, Cultural Change and Place Character in Memphis, Tennessee." *Urban Studies*.
- Forthcoming Scott, Michele and Wanda Rushing. "Barbecue Tofu and the Most Southern Food on Earth." *Arkansas Review*.

#### **ARTICLES** (Invited)

- 2009 Rushing, Wanda. "Memphis, the Delta, and a Progressive Sense of Place." *Business Perspectives*, vol. 20, no.1 (Summer/Fall), pp. 52-55.
- 2009 Rushing, Wanda. "Memphis: Cotton Fields, Cargo Planes, and Biotechnology." *Southern Spaces*. August 28.  
<http://www.southernspaces.org/contents/2009/rushing/1a.htm>

#### **ARTICLES** (in progress) (student names listed in bold)

“School Segregation and its Discontents” by Wanda Rushing. *Urban Education* (R&R)

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

(student names listed in **bold**)

- 2002 Rushing, Wanda. “Did You Hear What That White Woman Said? Speaking for Change and Chance in Memphis, Tennessee.” In, *The Quality and Quantity of Contact between African Americans and Whites on College Campuses*, edited by Robert Moore, published by University Press of America, a division of Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2005 Rushing, Wanda and **Zandria Robinson**. “Beyond the Veil: Black and White Perspectives on Teaching about Racial Inequality.” In, *African Americans and Whites: Changing Relationships on College Campuses*, edited by Robert Moore, published by University Press of America.
- Forthcoming Rushing, Wanda. “Memphis and Durable Inequality.” In, *The Dynamics of School District Consolidation: Race, Economics and the Politics of Educational Change*, eds. John Amis and Paul Wright. The University of Tennessee Press (under contract).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS** (invited)

- 2014 Rushing, Wanda. “We’re Going to Graceland: Globalization and the Reimagining of Memphis,” in *Sounds and the City: Popular Music, Place, and Globalization*, eds. Brett Lashua, Stephen Wagg and Karl Spracklen. (Aldershot: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014).
- 2015 Rushing, Wanda. “Region.” *Critical Terms for Southern Studies*, eds. Jennifer Rae Greeson and Scott Romine (Athens: The University of Georgia Press, forthcoming).

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

- 2009 “Poverty.” Pp. 223-227 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 12 *Gender*, edited by Ted Ownby and Nancy Bercaw. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.
- 2010 “Urbanization, Growth and Diversity.” Pp. 1-15 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 15 *Urbanization*, edited by Wanda Rushing. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

“Church of God in Christ and Annual Convocation.” Co-authored with **Katherine A. Warren**. Pp. 195-197 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 15 *Urbanization*, edited by Wanda Rushing. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

“White Flight.” Co-authored with Deden Rukmana. Pp. 173-175 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 15 *Urbanization*, edited by Wanda Rushing. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

“Memphis, Tennessee.” Pp. 215-217 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 15 *Urbanization*, edited by Wanda Rushing. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

“Piedmont Urban Crescent” Pp. 233-235 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 15 *Urbanization*, edited by Wanda Rushing. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

2012 “Urbanization” pp. 290-295 in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 20 *Social Class* edited by Larry G. Griffin and Peggy G. Hargis. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

## BOOK REVIEWS

2000 *Black Men and Divorce*, by Erma Jean Lawson and Aaron Thompson reviewed in *The Ethnic Conflict Research Digest* (March) 3:1:37.

2001 *Racial Conditions* by John Hartigan, Jr. reviewed in the *Journal of Appalachian Studies* (Spring) 7:1: 169-171.

2002 *Complex Inequality: Gender, Class, and Race in the New Economy* by Leslie McCall. Reviewed in *Standpoint* (Spring), vol. 20:2:8-9, a newsletter published by the Center for Research on Women.

2002 *Social Class, Poverty, and Education: Policy and Practice*, edited by Bruce J. Biddle. Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology* 31:6:775-776.

2009 *Race, Space, and Riots in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles* by Janet Abu Lughod. Reviewed in *Sociological Inquiry* 79:2:59-61.

2010 *Guten Tag, Y'all: Globalization and the South Carolina Piedmont, 1950-2000*, by Marko Maunula. Invited review for *Journal of American History* 97:3:883.

- 2012      *Looking South: Race, Gender, and the Transformation of Labor from Reconstruction to Globalization*, by Mary E. Frederickson. Invited review for *Journal of American History* 99:1:324-325.
- 2014      *Cold War Dixie: Militarization and Modernization in the American South*, by Kari Frederickson, Invited review for *Journal of American History* 101:1:324.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2014      “Southern U.S. Culture and Globalization.” Presentation to students from University of Coventry, UK visiting Memphis. (September 10)
- 2013      Panelist. Celebration for the completion of twenty four volumes of the New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture. Sponsored by Square Books and the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, Oxford Mississippi. (August 28). Panelists included Charles Reagan Wilson, Ted Ownby, Jimmy Thomas, John T. Edge, Judith Bonner, and Wanda Rushing
- 2013      “Spatial Justice, Community Activism, and Public Policy,” Presented at the Political Economy World System Mini-Conference, American Sociological Association, New York (August 6)
- 2013      “Reimagining Memphis.” Presentation to Kipp Memphis Academy Elementary Teachers. (June 18).
- 2013      “Reimagining Memphis: Going From Chaos to Community.” University of Mannheim. Mannheim, Germany (May 15)
- 2013      Panelist for the Southern Sociological Society Roll of Honor Award presented to John Shelton Reed. Panelists included Larry Griffin, George Wilson, Robert Freymeyer, Zandria Robinson and Wanda Rushing. (April)
- 2013      Invited panelist for National Education Month celebration for ServiceMaster’s Diversity and Inclusion program. Fellow panelists include Daniel Kiel, law professor at the University of Memphis, and Kenya Bradshaw, State Director of Stand for Children. March 28, 2013.
- 2013      Panelist for the People’s Conference on Race & Equality, Memphis, Tennessee. Sponsored by Mid-South Peace and Justice and Memphis United. (March)



- 2013 “Memphis.” A presentation for faculty and graduate students from Bocconi University as part of a blues tour of Chicago, Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans
- 2012 “Memphis.” A presentation for Teach for America. July 25 Manassas High School
- 2012 “Memphis: Understanding the Past, Reimagining the Future.” Presentation to KIPP Memphis Academy faculty June 21.
- 2011 “School Unification: Aspirations and Expectations.” A presentation given for Stand for Children (non-profit) at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, December 8.
- 2011 “Re-Imagining a Divided Memphis: Contesting Dual Governments, Special School Districts and ‘Durable Inequality.’” A paper presented at the Great Cities/Ordinary Lives Conference, Symposium in celebration of Anthony Orum’s retirement, University of Illinois Chicago. September 16-17.
- 2011 “Overcoming Racial and class Barriers to Citizen Organization: Lessons from Memphis and Other Southern Cities.” A panel discussion for the Planners Network International Conference, University of Memphis. Panelists included Leonie Sandercock (University of British Columbia, Chester Hartman (Poverty Race Action Council), Bill Goldsmith (Cornell), Stanley Hyland, University of Memphis, and Wanda Rushing. May 19.
- 2011 “Rethinking Economic Justice in an Age of Crisis.” Community Leadership Luncheon Series, Bridges USA, Non-Profit. March 17.
- 2011 “Memphis.” A talk for students and faculty visiting from the University of Groningen, Amsterdam, the Netherlands on their tour of cities in the U.S. South. March 14
- 2010 “Memphis, Place and Identity,” a presentation for staff of Bridges, Memphis non-profit. December 15.
- 2010 “Raising Self-Awareness Through Identification With Place,” a presentation and workshop for the College of Social Work, University of Tennessee, Memphis. November 5.
- 2010 “Memphis and the Paradox of Place.” Leadership Memphis, November 4.

- 2010 Changing the Conversation: An Evening with Wanda Rushing, sponsored by the Memphis Urban League and the Memphis Urban League Young Professionals, held at the National Civil Rights Museum, October 7.
- 2010 Being Seen and Heard: Race, Gender and the Consequences of Sensory Impairment for Psychological Well-Being. Wanda Rushing, **Jani A. Johnson** and Martin L. Levin. Colloquium at the School of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, University of Memphis. January 22, 2010.
- 2009 “Memphis and the Paradox of Place.” Invited speaker for Honors Academy at Southwest Tennessee Community College, November 12, 2009.
- “Race, Place, and Space in the Urban South.” Invited speaker for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, The University of Mississippi, November 11, 2009.
- 2009 Art:21 – Art in the Twenty-First Century: Compassion. A panel discussion at the University of Memphis including Chantal Rake, Earnestine Jenkins, Richard Lou and Wanda Rushing, October 15, 2009.
- 2009 “Articulating Race and Power through Public Spaces.” A panel discussion at Power House Memphis July 30. Panelists included D’Army Bailey, Ernestine Jenkins, Richard Lou, Lee Millar, John Weeden and Wanda Rushing.
- “Women and Activism.” Invited Panelist for a Symposium at the National Civil Rights Museum titled: “Wednesday’s Women: In Black and White.”
- 2008 Author-Meets Critic. Author Giovanni Arrighi’s book, *Adam Smith in Beijing*. The panel of critics included Francois Nielsen (UNC), Wilma Dunaway (VPI), Harry Dahms (UT) and Wanda Rushing. Southern Sociological Society, April 10, 2008, Richmond Virginia.
- “Cotton Fields, Cargo Planes and Confucius: The Future of Economic and Cultural Partnerships between Memphis and Beijing in ‘The Chinese Century.’” Invited presentation at the Navigating the Global American South Conference, April 13-14, 2008. The topic for the 2008 conference was: “Beyond the Sunbelt: Southern Economic Development in a Global Context.” The conference was sponsored by the UNC Chapel Hill Center for Global Initiatives, Center for the Study of the American South, and Office of Economic and Business Development.

- 2004 Invited Speaker, "Secrets, Lies, and Racial Injustice: Gender Studies & Possibilities for Social Change." UNC Greensboro, Women's and Gender Studies Program.
- 2003 Keynote Address, "Local Roots, Global Routes: Imagining Sociological Possibilities." Keynote address for AKD Awards Banquet, Department of Sociology, UNC Greensboro with support from National AKD Honor Society.
- 2003 Invited Speaker, "Research on Globalization and Place." Department of Information Science. University of Pretoria, Pretoria South Africa.
- 2000 Invited presentation. Research on the South, from the Center for Research on Women. Delta Blues Symposium VI: Women in the Delta. Arkansas State University.
- 1999 Invited panelist and moderator, "International panel Discussion: The Future of the Oromo." Oromo Studies Conference at Georgia State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

(student names listed in **bold**)

- 2012 Getting Promoted to Full Professor. Session Organizer and Presenter. SWS Winter Meeting, February 3, St. Petersburg Florida. Panelists: Shirley A. Jackson, Southern Connecticut State University; Dana Britton, Kansas State University; Julia McQuillan, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Jan Thomas, Kenyon College
- 2011 "Memphis: Innovation, Entrepreneurialism and Governance in the Global Economy." Presented at the American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, October.
- 2010 The Place of Heritage Preservation in the Delta: Critical Viewpoints: Panel discussion including Alan Barton, Luther Brown, Shannon Lamb. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Delta State University, February 21.
- 2009 "Being Seen and Heard: Race, Gender, and the Consequences of Hearing or Vision Impairment for Psychological Well-Being." Southern Sociological Society, April 1-4, New Orleans, LA. Paper by Wanda Rushing, **Jani A. Johnson** and Martin L. Levin.

- 2008      “Differential Effect of Hearing Impairment on Psychological Well-Being” poster delivered at the 2008 American Auditory Society Meeting, March 6-8, Scottsdale, AZ. Project by **Jani A. Johnson**, Martin L. Levin and Wanda Rushing.
- 2008      Session Organizer, Moderator and Discussant. “Gender Dynamics Viewed in Community Resistance, Class Distinctions, Family Expectations, and Adolescent Sexuality.” Southeastern Women’s Studies Association (SEWSA) Conference, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. April 3-5, 2008. Presenters included **Lisa Winters**, **Alesha Istvan**, **Jessica Abernathy** and **Rebecca Boucher**.
- 2007      “Who’s ‘Minding the South?’” Understanding Race, Culture and Public Policy in a Post-Civil Rights South.” Session Organizer and Presider, Southern Sociological Society, April 2007 in Atlanta.
- 2007      Who’s “Minding the South?” Re-imagining and Re-focusing Southern Research, Presentation, Southern Sociological Society, April 2007 in Atlanta.
- 2006      “Place and the Politics of Memory: Representation, Empowerment and Civil Rights in Memphis.” Paper presentation at the Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference at Texas State University November 2006.
- 2006      “Commemoration, Confederacy, and Civil Rights in Memphis,” paper presentation at the Southern Sociological Society in March in New Orleans.
- 2006      Presider/Discussant for paper session, “Shades of Identity: African and African American Identities.” Southern Sociological Society.
- 2005      “The Search for Theoretical Acuity About Place.” Professional Development Seminar for Graduate Students, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology, September 9.
- 2005      ‘The Thrill is Gone:’ Beale Street Redevelopment and Loss of Cultural Authenticity.” Southern Sociological Society, April 2005, Charlotte, NC.
- 2005      Co-author, paper presented by **Corey Twombly**, “Teaching, Learning, and Information Technology: Struggles for Educational and Economic Opportunity in a Digital Age,” Southern Sociological Society, April. Charlotte, NC.
- 2005      Presider/Discussant, “Articulations of Racial and Ethnic Identity.” Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC. April.

- 2004            Presenter, “Urban Landscapes and Paradoxes of Power in Memphis, Tennessee.” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta Georgia. April.
- 2004            Special Session Chair and Facilitator. “Using IT to Facilitate Global Understanding and Democracy.” Live videoconference involving high school students in Memphis and in Pretoria, South Africa as well as Dr. Benjamin Hooks in Memphis and Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. in Washington, DC.
- 2004            Presenter, with Coetzee Bester (University of Pretoria and the Africa Institute). “Globalization, Culture, and IT: Report on an innovative Course between the University of Memphis and the University of Pretoria.” Techsposium, Improving Education and Health Through Information Technology: Global and Local Strategies, University of Memphis.
- 2002            Presenter, Bradshaw, York W., Wanda Rushing, Stephen Scanlan, and **Kristin Heck Sajadi**. “The End of Childhood: Child Laborers and Soldiers in a Changing World.” Southern Sociological Society.
- 2002            Presenter, “Globalization and the Paradoxes of Place: Poverty and Power in Memphis.” Southern Sociological Society.
- 2001            Session Organizer and Chair. Lay-offs, Language, Labor and Low Wages; Assessing the Impact of Globalization. Southern Sociological Society. Presenters included **Bonnie Binkley, Gerise Guy, Carmen Mills, and Dale Souza**.
- 2000            Presenter, “Crossing the Color Line: Reflections of a White Southern Woman Teaching about Racial Inequality.” Southern Sociological Society.
- 1999            Presenter, Capitalist Pigs: Corporate Hog Farms and the Production of Knowledge. Humanist Sociology Association.
- 1999            Presenter, “The Impact of Globalization on Southern Elites.” Southern Sociological Society.
- 1999            Presenter, “Global Impression Management: Cold War Racial Politics and Southern Economic Development.” Refereed historical sociology session, American Sociological Association.
- 1998            Presenter, “‘Sin, Sex, and Segregation’: Social Control and the Education of Southern Women.” Southern Sociological Society.

- 1998      Presider/ Discussant for a Session at the Southern Sociological Society: "Persisting Patterns of Structured and Symbolic Racism."
- 1998      Presenter, "Mediated Inequality: The Role of Governmental, Business, and Scientific Elites in Public Education." Sociology of Education Association, Monterey, CA, February 6-8, 1998.
- 1997      Presenter, "White Supremacy and Educational Reform Movements." American Sociological Association. Roundtable on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
- 1997      Presenter, "Competing Ideologies and the Education of Southern Women." Southern Sociological Society.
- 1996      Presenter, "Poverty, Inequality and Empowerment: A Statistical Profile of 33 Communities." Southern Sociological Society.
- 1995      Presenter, "Do Empowerment Zones Create Empowerment? A Case Study." Wanda Rushing Edwards, Janice Morrissey, and John Gaventa. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 1994      Presenter, "Education in the Changing South." Southern Sociological Society.
- 1993      Presenter, "The Changing and Enduring South." Southern Sociological Society.

## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

- 2009      Panel presentation on the 2008 Election. Hispanic Student Association. University of Memphis. February 19, 2009.
- 2007      "Memphis and the Paradoxes of Place." Invited lecture, Dr. David Ciscel's graduate seminar. University of Memphis, March 2007.
- 2007      "Narrative Analysis and Historical Sociology: A Case Study Approach." A Department Seminar and thesis tutorial for Graduate Students.
- 2005      "Memphis: The Power of Place." Guest Lecturer for Dr. Ciscel's graduate seminar in public policy, October 19, University of Memphis.
- 2005      "Enhancing Teaching and Research in Urban Sociology." University of Memphis Faculty Seminar: Instructional Leadership Through Technology and Classroom Innovation, April 22, 2005.

- 2004 Presenter, "Narrative Sociology." Professional Development Seminar for Graduate Students, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology.
- 2003 Invited Speaker, "Research on Globalization and Place." Department of Information Science. University of Pretoria, Pretoria South Africa.
- 2003 Presenter, "Making Outstanding Presentations at Professional Meetings." Professional Development Seminar for Graduate Students, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology.
- 2002 Presenter, Closing Remarks, Global Cities Symposium, University of Memphis, March 21, 2002.
- 2002 Presenter, "Globalization and the Paradoxes of Place: Poverty and Power in Memphis." Colloquium Series Sponsored by the University of Memphis Department of Sociology.
- 2001 Presenter, "Making Outstanding Presentations at Professional Meetings." Professional Development Seminar for Graduate Students, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology.
- 2000 Presenter, "Pork, Power, and Expertise: The Implications of North Carolina's State-sponsored Economic Development for Social Problems Research." Colloquium Series Sponsored by the University of Memphis Department of Sociology and the Center for Research on Women.
- 1997 Invited panelist, Black Cultural Programming Committee, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Inequality in public education October 13, 1997. The panel discussion preceded a visit by Jonathan Kozol to discuss *Savage Inequalities*.
- 1997 Invited presentation. "Everybody Loses: The Impact of Racism in America." Grassroots, a student race relations organization at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- 1992 Invited Presentation, "Women in the South." UNCG Women's Leadership Coalition.

## REPORTS

- 2009 Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies. Self-Study. University of Memphis. (April.)

## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

- 2001            Rushing, Wanda. 2001. "Crossing the Color Line: Teaching a Course in 'Racial Inequality.'" *Standpoint* (Spring 2001), vol. 19:2:8-9, a newsletter published by Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis.

## APPLIED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

(Please note that I legally resumed my Rushing surname in 1999. Prior to 1999, publications and documents appear as Wanda Rushing Edwards)

- 1998            Gaventa, John, Janice Morrissey, Wanda Rushing Edwards, et al. *Findings and Recommendations of the Community Partnership Center EZ/EC Learning Initiative*. Vol. I. University of Tennessee, Community Partnership Center with Support from USDA and Ford Foundation.
- 1997            Morrissey, Janice, John Gaventa, Victoria Creed and other researchers, including Wanda Rushing Edwards. *Preliminary Findings From Phase I of the Rural EZ/EC Evaluation Project*. University of Tennessee, Community Partnership Center.
- 1995            Gaventa, John, Janice Morrissey, and Wanda Rushing Edwards. *The Evaluation and Learning Initiative of the National Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program: Review and Recommendations for Phase II Support. Volume I: Project Overview and Recommendations*. University of Tennessee, Community Partnership Center.
- 1995            Gaventa, John, Janice Morrissey, and Wanda Rushing Edwards. *The Evaluation and Learning Initiative of the National Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program: Review and Recommendations for Phase II Support. Volume II: Literature Review*. University of Tennessee, Community Partnership Center.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1982            Edwards, Wanda Rushing. 1982. *The PYD Pilot: A Guide to Public Awareness for Delinquency Prevention*. A public relations manual for the NC Justice Academy.



- 1983 Edwards, Wanda Rushing. 1983. "Profile: An Interview with Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources." *North Carolina Criminal Justice Letter and Review* (January).
- 1983 Edwards, Wanda Rushing and Edward G. Carr. 1983. *Learning the Law*. Published by the NC Department of Justice and adopted by the NC Department of Public Instruction.
- 1985 "North Carolina's Children Deserve Protection." *Greensboro News and Record*, April 28, 1985.
- 1988 Edwards, Wanda Rushing. 1988. *Learning the Law*. Second Edition. Published by the NC Department of Justice and adopted by the NC Department of Public Instruction.

## **SERVICE**

### Department

- 1998-2005 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2001-2003 Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
2004-2005
- 2001, 2002 Search Committee Member
- 2001- 2005 Chair, Sociology Department Honors Program
- 2002 Co-planner, with York Bradshaw, for Global Cities Symposium
- 2004-2005 Sociology Department Chair Search Committee
- 2006 – 2007 Graduate Coordinator for Sociology
- 2006-2007 Chair, Sociology Department Graduate Committee
- 2006 – 2008 Chair, Sociology Department Honors Program
- 2006, 2007 Sociology Department Search Committee (assistant professor position)
- 2007 Sociology Department Search Committee (senior position)
- 2007 Sociology Department Tenure and Promotion Committee
- 2006-present Sociology Department Graduate Committee

- 2008-2011 Chair, Sociology Department Search Committee
- 2012- Chair, Sociology Department Tenure and Promotion Committee

College and University

- 1998- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on Women
- 1999-2001 Steering Committee, Women's Research Forum, University of Memphis
- 2001-2002 Center for Research on Women search committees for staff positions
- 2001 Commentator, Graduate Student Conference in African American History, November 2, 2001, University of Memphis
- 2002 Faculty Facilitator, African and African American Studies Symposium on Reparations, November 1, University of Memphis
- 2002-2005 International Fellow, Memphis Center for International Business Education and Research, the Robert Wang Center, Fogelman College of Business and Economics
- 2002-2005 Faculty Council, University College, and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Advisory Subcommittee, University of Memphis
- 2003 Discussion leader, Great Conversations Dinner, University of Memphis. Topic: Globalization and Memphis
- 2003 Faculty Marshall, University of Memphis Commencement
- 2003 Search Committee for Assistant Director, University Honors Program
- 2003-2005 University Undergraduate Curriculum Council, College of Arts and Sciences Representative for Social Sciences
- 2004 University Undergraduate Curriculum Council: By-laws Subcommittee
- 2003-2005 College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- 2004 College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Subcommittee to review BA and BS requirements
- 2004 NCAA Gender Equity Subcommittee
- 2004 College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Grade Appeals Committee

2004	Discussion co-leader with York Bradshaw, Great Conversations Dinner, University of Memphis, CAS. Topic: Globalization and Technology
2004-2005	ASTAC Member, (Arts and Sciences Technology Advisory Committee)
2006 –2009	Graduate Council Representative, College of Arts and Sciences
2006-2007	Women’s History Month Program Committee, Women’s Studies Program
2008-2011	University Appeals Committee, Judicial and Ethical Affairs (Division of Student Affairs)
2009-2010	Task Force on the Future of the College of Arts and Sciences
2009-2011	Chair, University Appeals Committee, Judicial and Ethical Affairs (Division of Student Affairs)
2010	University of Memphis Representative, Tennessee Board of Regents and University of Tennessee Articulation Task Force for Sociology
2011-2013	University Council of Graduate Studies, CAS Social Sciences Representative (elected)
2011-2012	Hooks Institute Book Prize Committee to select book published each year that furthers understanding of the Civil Rights movement
2011-	Hooks Institute, Faculty Advisory Committee
2013-	Chair, Hooks Institute Book Prize Committee
2014	University Ombudsperson Selection Committee (appointed by administration)

#### Professional Service

1997-1998	Membership Committee, Southern Sociological Society (appointed)
1997-2000	Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Oromo Studies</i>
2000	Tennessee Delegate, National Summit on Africa, Washington
2002-2004	Chair, Committee on the Status of Women, Southern Sociological Society (appointed)

- 2004 Chair and Facilitator, interactive videoconference involving students in Memphis and Pretoria, South Africa, and Congressman Harold Ford, Jr. in Washington, DC for Techposium Conference held at the University of Memphis in March.
- 2006-2007 Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society (appointed)
- 2007 Consultant and Outside Evaluator, USC Upstate, Community Outreach Partnership Center, HUD Grant (February)
- 2009-2010 Jane Addams Award committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (appointed)
- 2010-2013 Southern Sociological Society, Executive Committee. Three year term, elected in a general election.
- 2013-2014 Treasurer, SWS, Sociologists for Women in Society (elected)

#### Reviewer

*Journals:* *Social Forces*, *Journal of Poverty, Humanity and Society*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Journal of American History*, *Urban Education*

*Southern Spaces and Places*, an on-line peer-review journal supported by Emory and the Andrew Mellon Foundation

Textbooks: McGraw-Hill, Mayfield, Wadsworth

Book Manuscripts: University of North Carolina Press (2011, 2013)  
Louisiana State University Press (2014)

#### Editorial Boards

2004-present *Journal of Poverty*

2010-present *The Sociology Mind*

#### Outreach

2007-2009 National Civil Rights Museum Committee for "Wednesdays in Mississippi" project.

2014 Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis, author for Legends Award program, Ms. Modean Thompson honoree

### Selected Media

- 2007 Interviewed for local Fox TV program which aired in November as a three part series. The title was "Black and White in Memphis."
- 2008 Interviewed by Judge Kay Robilio, host of the television program "A Question of Law," sponsored by the Shelby County Public Library Channel.
- 2009 Interviewed by Leonard Gill for **Memphis** Magazine's book section published in October. It is titled -- "Genius Loci. Memphis: That's the Spirit," pp. 85-87.  
<http://www.memphismagazine.com/gyrobase/Magazine/Content?oid=oid%3A1766762>
- 2009 "A Sociologist finds her Subject: Memphis." An interview by Peggy Burch published in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* December 17.
- 2009 Peggy Burch *Memphis Commercial Appeal* book review Jan. 3
- 2010 James Roper, "Sights on the South: U of M professor, Dr. Wanda Rushing, edits encyclopedia look at the region's urbanization." *Memphis Commercial Appeal*. September 14.  
<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2010/sep/14/sights-on-the-south/>
- 2010 James Roper, "Sights on the South: U of M professor, Dr. Wanda Rushing, edits encyclopedia look at the region's urbanization." Reprinted in *The Southern Register* Fall 2010, pp. 30-31. University of Mississippi, The Center for the Study of Southern Culture.

## **TEACHING**

### *Undergraduate Courses at the University of Memphis:*

Sociology 1111 Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology 3420 Sociology of the South  
Sociology 4210 The Rise of Social Theory  
Sociology 4420 Racial Inequality  
Sociology 4908 Special Topics, Globalization, Culture, and Information Technology: Is Place Still Relevant?  
Sociology 4631 Cities in Change

Sociology 4460 Black and White Women in the South

University Honors Program Forum: Sociology, Inequality, and the Blues

*Graduate Courses at the University of Memphis:*

Sociology 7210, Contemporary Theory

Sociology 7212, Multi-racial Feminist Theory

Sociology 7421, Racial and Social Inequality

Sociology 7711, Globalization and Social Change

Sociology 7631, Urban Theory Seminar

Women's and Gender Studies 7330, Professional Seminar

**Undergraduate Student Committees:**

Rashawn Ray, Sociology Honors Thesis Chair (May 2003) (2010 Indiana University  
Ph.D. and Assistant Professor University of Maryland)

Carrie Pecinovsky, Sociology Honors Thesis Chair (December 2003)

Jessica Swan, Sociology Honors Thesis Chair (May 2004) (Truman Scholarship)

Daniel Duerr, Sociology Honors Thesis Chair (May 2004) (Now University of Arizona  
Ph.D. Student)

Kimberly Lumm, Sociology Honors Thesis Chair (Summer 2004)

Kelly Sanderson Sociology Honors Thesis chair (May 2007)

Daniel Graubman, Honors thesis, second reader (2009)

**Graduate Student Committees:**

Beth Haag, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee Chair (2000)

John Kluksdahl, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee (2002)

Dawn Pugh, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee (2002)

Bonnie Binkley, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee Chair (2003)

Carmen Mills, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee (2003)

Brandi Rossi, Sociology MA, Comprehensive Exams Committee (2005)

Emily Haire, Sociology MA, Thesis Committee Chair (2003)

Tracy Collins, Sociology MA, Thesis Committee Chair (2002) (Completed Ph.D. Keele  
University,UK)

Autumn Morning Star, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Special Project Chair

Abby Bennett Johnston, Sociology MA, Thesis Committee Chair (2005)

Zandria Robinson, Sociology MA, Thesis Committee Chair (2005)  
(2010 Ph.D. Northwestern University)

Corey Twombly, Sociology MA, Thesis Committee Chair (2005)

Victoria Brown Sociology M. A., Thesis Committee Member (2007)

Rebecca Boucher, Women's Studies MA, Comprehensive Committee Chair

Natalie Davis, Women's Studies MA, Comprehensive Committee Chair (2007)

Bridgit Taylor, Women's Studies MA, Comprehensive Committee Chair (2008)

Rebecca Boucher, Women's Studies MA, Thesis Committee (2008)  
Lisa Winters, Sociology M.A. Thesis Committee Chair (2008). (Ph.D. Louisiana State University, 2012)  
Tiffanie Grier, Sociology M.A. Thesis Committee Member (2009)  
John Pruitt, Sociology M.A. Thesis Committee Member (2009).  
Jessica Abernathy, Sociology M.A. thesis committee chair (2010)  
Kelly Sanderson, Sociology M.A. comprehensive committee chair (2010)  
Christy Lewis, M.A. thesis committee member, 2011  
Armanthia Duncan, M.A. thesis committee member, 2011  
Ryan Johnson, Comprehensive Exam Committee Chair, 2012  
Michele Scott, Thesis Committee Chair, 2012  
Kevin Smiley, Thesis Committee Chair, 2012  
Claire Rhodes, Ph.D. student in College of Communication and Fine Arts, doctoral committee, 2013  
Yan Shen, Sociology M.A. committee, 2014

### **Current Committees**

Kristen Hungerford, Ph.D. student in College of Communication and Fine Arts, doctoral committee

Scarlett Hester, Ph.D. student in College of Communication and Fine Arts, doctoral committee

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Society for Women in Sociology