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Current Positions

2009 – Present	Professor Department of Criminal Justice, Albany State University
2003 – 2009	Director, ASU- Family Life Center, Family and Community Violence Prevention
1998 -2009	Assistant & Associate Professor, Criminal Justice & Forensic Science, ASU

Education and Training

1995-96	Post-doctoral training BST Program funded by National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), NDRI, Inc., NY
1994-95	Post-doctoral training, Research Institute on Addictions, Buffalo, NY
1994	Ph. D. in Sociology, University of Delaware Dissertation - <i>Role of family bond and supervision on adolescents' substance use</i>
1990	M. A. in Criminal Justice, Atlanta University

Research Experience

2009- 14	Evaluator, ASU RIMI Project funded by National Institute of Health
1996-97	Principal Research Associate, Center for Therapeutic Community Research, NDRI, Inc
1995-96	Research Associate, Institute for Special Population, NDRI, Inc., New York
1994-95	Research Associate, Research Institute on Addictions, Buffalo, New York
1990-94	Research Assistant, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware

Selected Publications

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2011). The role of tobacco promotions on smoking among African American college students. *AJCJS*, 5, 19-31.

Thomas, G. & George, R (2007). *The Effects of Cognitive and Socio-psychological variables on School Violence: A Prevention Model*. In M. J. Adams-Higgins, L. Rodney & C. Kowalski (Eds.), *Diverse Approaches to Family & Community Violence Prevention*, 2-11. Boston, MA: McGraw Hill

Thomas, G. (2003). Alcohol and marijuana misuse among young adolescents: Role of parental bond and deviant peer association. *Journal of Public Affairs and Public Issues*, 6, 47-62.

Melnick, G., De Leon, G., & Thomas, G., (2001). A client-treatment matching protocol (CMP) for therapeutic communities: First Report. *Journal of Substance Abuse and Treatment*, 21, 119-128.

Melnick, G., De Leon, G., Thomas, G., Kressel, D., & Wexler, H., (2001). Treatment process in prison therapeutic communities: Motivation, participation and outcomes. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 27, 633-650.

George, R., & Thomas, G., (2000). Multilevel modeling of school violence and student victimization. *The High School Journal*, 84, 48-57.

De Leon, G., Melnick, G., Thomas, G., Kressel, D., & Wexler, H., (2000). Motivation for treatment in prison-based therapeutic community. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 26, 33-46

Thomas, G., Reifman, A., Barnes, G., & Farrell, M. (2000). Delayed onset of drunkenness as a protective factor for adolescent alcohol misuse and sexual risk-taking: A longitudinal study. *Deviant Behavior: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 21, 181-210.

Johnson, B., Thomas, G., & Golub, A. (1998). Trends in heroin use among Manhattan arrestees from the heroin and crack eras. In J. A. Inciardi, L. Harrison, and J. French (Eds.), *Heroin in the age of crack-cocaine*, pp. 109-130. Sage Publications.

Thomas, G., Farrell, M., & Barnes, G. (1996). The effects of single-mother families and non-resident fathers on delinquency and substance abuse in black and white adolescents. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 58, 884-894.

Recent Conference Presentations

George, R. and Thomas, G. (March, 2016). *Gender differences in substance abuse and mental health issues among college students*. Poster to be presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, Colorado.

George, R. and Thomas, G. (November, 2015). *The effect of religiosity and social support on drug and alcohol use among college students*. Poster to be presented at the American Society of Criminology Meeting in Washington, DC.

Thomas, G., & George, R. (March, 2015). Relationship between depression and substance abuse among college students. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Selected Funded Grants

Thomas, G., Handwerk, S., & George, R. (2015-2018). Principal Investigator: *Project STOP- MSI-CBO partnership SA, HIV/AIDS and HCV prevention grant*. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency. \$769,165.

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2013-2016). Principal Investigator : *We Are One –ASU Campus Suicide Prevention grant*. Funded by the SAMHSA. \$304,000.

Thomas, G., Handwerk, S., & George, R. (2011-2012). Principal Investigator: *MSI: HIV prevention among college students*. Funded by SAMHA. \$95,599.

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2009-2010). Principal Investigator: *Patterns and predictors of HIV risk behaviors among African American college students*. Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the ASU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (\$10, 000).

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2006-2007). Principal Investigator: *Substance abuse among African American college students*. Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the ASU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, - \$10, 000.

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2006-2009). Principal Investigator: *Youth empowerment program grant (YEP)*. Funded by the OMH & U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, - \$750,000.

Thomas, G. & George, R. (2003-2006). Principal Investigator: *Family and Community Violence Prevention grant*. Funded by the OMH & U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, - \$750,000

Professional Development

Summer Institute on Research methodology- Multilevel Modeling & Latent Growth Curve Modeling, Oregon State University, 2009; Adv. Multivariate Stat, ICPSR Summer Workshop, University of Michigan, MI, 2000