

Nubian Sun, PhD, LCSW, MSSW

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Social Work, Policy, Planning and Administration**
Whitney M. Young Jr., School of Social Work, Clark Atlanta University
Cognate: Africana Women's Studies
Dissertation: Attitudes and Perceptions Among Social Work Students
Regarding Political Participation at Three HBCUs.
Committee Chair: Dr. Margaret Spriggs
- Studio Art Nashville State Community College
- M.S.S.W. **Social Work**
University of Tennessee Knoxville- Nashville Campus
Track: Community Welfare Management
- B.S.W. **Social Work**
University of Tennessee Chattanooga
Minor: Africana Studies

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- December 2018- Current - State of Louisiana- Licensed Clinical Social Worker- License # 15155
- May 2015- Current- State of Tennessee- Licensed Clinical Social Worker- License #5598
- May 2006-May 2015- State of Tennessee- Licensed Master Social Worker License #5598
- November 2012- Certified Reentry Specialist- The National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Association- Atlanta, GA- Fulton County Jail
- Ordained in the Non-Denominational Church in America, September 2015 with Open Ministry- San Diego, CA.
- July 2017- Certified Inside Out Prison Exchange Program Facilitator, The Inside Out Center/ Temple University- Philadelphia, PA, Graterford Prison

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

May 2017-Current- Center for Resilient Individuals, Families and Communities- New Orleans, LA

Executive Director/ Founder (2017-Current)

Social Services Stabilization Case Manager (2017-Current)

Social Services Stabilization Regional Coordinator (2017- Current)

May 2017-Current- Nubian Sun Consulting, LLC - New Orleans, LA

Social Services Consultant

November 2011- November 2012- Fulton County Reentry Program- Atlanta, GA

AmeriCorps VISTA Grant Coordinator (2011-2012)

Reentry Case Management Assistant (2011-2012)

Literacy Instructor (2012)

February 2008- July 2011-Veterans Affairs Medical Center- Nashville, TN

Medical Social Worker/ Discharge Coordinator

October 2006- February 2008- Reconciliation Prison Ministries, INC. - Nashville, TN

Family Services and Youth Specialist

April 2006- October 2006- Youth Villages- Nashville, TN

Children's Specialized Crisis Counselor

August 2005-April 2006 Tennessee Dept. of Human Services (Family Assistance and Policy)- Nashville, TN

Family Assistance Policy, Management and Community Practice Intern

September 2004-July 2011 Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee- Nashville, TN

Child Abuse Prevention/ Intervention Case Management and Parenting Education Intern (2004-2006)

Nurturing Parenting Educator- Community- (2004-2006)

Nurturing Parenting Educator- Davidson County Jail (2004-2006)

Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Hotline Counselor (2004-2011)

June 2004-September 2004 High Hopes-Nashville, TN

Special Needs Teaching Assistant

October 2004-Present- Independent

Artistic Expression Facilitator- Visual/Performing Artist

September 2003- May 2004 Partnership for Families, Children and Adults- Chattanooga, TN
Adoption and Foster Care- Case Management Intern (2003-2004)
GED Instructor and Client Support Assistant (2003-2004)

September 2000-September 2003-Cumberland Hall Psychiatric Hospital- Adolescent Behavioral Health, Chattanooga, TN
Mental Health Technician

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

January 2019- Current- Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Instructor (Undergraduate Social Work Classes)- College in Prison Program- Louisiana Institute for Incarcerated Women, Baker, LA

August 2018- Current- Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work

August 2017- Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
Assistant Professor of Social Work

August 2015- May 2017-Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY
Assistant Professor of Social Work

January 2014-May 2015- Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
Social Work and Human Services Instructor

August 2012- May 2013-Clark Atlanta University-Whitney M. Young School of Social Work- Atlanta, GA
Social Work Adjunct Faculty

July 2012- August 2014-Art Institute of Atlanta- Atlanta, GA
General Education Studies Adjunct Faculty

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Customer Service Award 2008- Nashville VA Hospital
Actively Changing Tomorrow Through Service (A.C.T.S)- Book Scholarship 2012-Clark Atlanta University
The Academic & Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health Fellowship- March 2012, Atlanta, GA

Civil Liberties and Public Policy's Conference: 26th Annual Conference, From Abortion Rights to Social Justice Fellowship, April 2012, Amherst, MA
 SHADES Retreat Scholarship, April 2012, Jacksonville, FL
 United Negro College Fund: Anna Bing Fellowship, 2012-2014, Atlanta, GA
 Transfaith in Color Conference Scholarship, August 2012, Charlotte, NC
 Gendered Perspectives Travel Award –Xavier University, October 2012, New Orleans, LA
 AmeriCorps VISTA Segal Education Award, December 2012, Atlanta, GA
 Southeastern Women’s Studies Travel Award, April 2013, Greensboro, NC
 George and Pearl Strickland Scholarship, 2013-2014, Atlanta, GA
 Whitney M. Young Jr., School of Social Work Graduate Fellowship, 2013-2014, Atlanta, GA
 Phi Kappa Phi: Love of Learning Award 2013-2014, Atlanta, GA
 Alpha Epsilon Lambda: Simone Watson Memorial Book Scholarship 2013-2014, Atlanta, GA
 Part-time Faculty Academy Award- Kennesaw State University Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning- Kennesaw, GA
 City of Bowling Green Martin Luther King, Jr., Calendar Honoree 2016, Bowling Green, KY
 Bowling Green Human Rights Commission: Women of Excellence Nominee 2016, Bowling Green, KY
 SisterReach Reproductive Justice at the Intersections Award, 2019, Memphis, TN

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Phi Alpha Phi- National Honor Society
- Phi Alpha, National Social Work Honor Society
- Alpha Epsilon Lambda-Alpha Tau Chapter, National Graduate Student Honor Society
- National Association of Black Social Workers
- Southerners on New Ground (SONG)
- National Bail Out

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2019, Current, TSSW Diversity Council Faculty Co-Advisor
- 2018, Current (Research Advisor)- TSSW-Advanced MSW and DSW Students
- 2018, Current, TSSW- Educational Policy Committee (EPC)- Faculty Member
- 2018, Current, TSSW Theory and Diversity Sequence Co-Chair
- 2017, (Faculty Member) TSU-SWRK Advisory Committee-(Department)
- 2017, (Faculty Member/ Mentor) TSU- UNCF Career Pathways Initiative Grant Committee-(University)/ Mentoring Student
- 2017, (Member) Association of Social and Behavioral Sciences (ASBS)- Conference Planning Committee-(College)
- 2017, (Coordinator)- TSU-SWRK Hollace Brooks Symposium-(Department)
- 2017, (Member)-Faculty Benefits and Welfare Committee-(University)
- 2016, CHHS Workload Committee

- 2016, WKU HBCU Recruitment Committee (Lane College, Rust College, and LeMoyne Owen College)
- 2016, \$100 Solution Project Faculty Advisor (South Africa, Faculty Lead Study Abroad)
- 2016, WKU-Hill House SWRK Faculty Consultant
- 2016, Chair of ICSR Inside-Out Working Group
- 2016, Chair of Social Work Month Committee
- 2016, WKU Adjunct Faculty Mentor
- 2015-2016, Department Library Liaison
- 2015- 2016, WKU GSSW Advisor
- 2015-2016, SWRK Scholarship Committee
- 2015-2016, MSW Curriculum Committee
- 2015-2016, PRE-Committee
- 2015-2016, WKU-MAP Scholar Mentor
- 2014- 2015, Kennesaw State University-Faculty Mentor
- 2012- 2014, Art Institute of Atlanta- Faculty Mentor
- 2012- 2014, Whitney M. Young School of Social Work- Social Work Field Practicum Supervisor

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2019-Current-Mystic Krewe of Femme Fatale- Mardi Gras Krewe Member
- 2019-Current-National Bailout Collective Advisory Board-Member
- 2018- Current-Sister Reach Memphis, TN- Board Chair/ Executive Board Member
- 2016, City YouthSpeak Poetry Program- Nashville, TN
- 2016, WKU CEU Community Facilitator
- 2016, NASW-KY PACE
- 2016, NASW-KY Diversity Committee
- 2015-2017, President Association of Black Social Workers-SCKY
- 2015-2017, Bowling Green Community Kwanzaa Committee
- 2015-2017, Bowling Green MLK Day Committee
- 2011-2012 AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer
- 2011- 2015, SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW- Community Organizing and Outreach Volunteer
- 2004-2011-Nashville CARES- Community Organizing/ Outreach Volunteer
- 2004-2005-Better Decisions-Volunteer Mentor/ Literacy Tutor
- 2005-2006 Phi Alpha, National Social Work Honor Society-Community Service Coordinator
- 2005-2006- Tennessee Department of Correction- Volunteer Assistant to the Director of Volunteer Services
- 2005-2011-Vanderbilt University Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center/Project Safe-Outreach Volunteer

- 2002-2019 Big Brothers Big Sisters- Mentor

SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Journal Editor

- 2019, Guest Editor, *Journal of Colorism Studies*

Journal Reviewer

- 2020, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer- *Affilia, Journal of Women and Social Work*
- 2016, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer- *SAGE Publishing- Leadership*
- 2016, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer- *Journal of Indigenous Social Development*
- 2014, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer- *Journal of Black Studies*
- 2013, Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer- *Youth & Society*

Conference Proposals Reviewer

- 2017, Association of Social and Behavioral Sciences (ASBS)- Conference, Nashville, TN

Guest Lecturer

- 2016, InsideOut International Prison Education Exchange Guest Lecturer- Howard University, Washington, DC

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The Afrocentric Perspective in Andragogy and Praxis
- Incarceration/Reentry- Women and Girls
- Healing and Creative Arts in Social Work
- Black Women and Healing-Informed Leadership

CLASSES TAUGHT

- Rural Diversity (Hybrid and Online)
- Diversity and Social Justice (In person and Online)
- Restorative Approaches (In person)
- Community Organizing and Policy Advocacy (In person and Online)
- Generalist Practice (Hybrid and In person)
- Practicum (Hybrid) and (Online)
- Child Sexual Abuse (Online)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and II (In person and Online)
- Capstone (Online)

- Macro Social Work Practice (Hybrid, In person and Online)
- Advanced Social Welfare Policy (Hybrid and Online)
- Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (In person, Online, College in Prison Program)
- Spirituality and Resilience (South Africa)
- Service Learning (South Africa)
- Advanced Macro Practice with Groups (In person)
- Advanced Practice with Families (In person)
- Concerns with Ethnic Minorities (In person)
- Introduction to Social Work (In person)
- Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment (Online)

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

Emily Schoenbaum Community Development Grant

Project Title: A Study of Reproductive Healthcare Needs and Barriers of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals (2020)

Project Co-Leader

Funder: Tulane University- \$2,000

Newcomb Faculty Grant


Project Title: Saving Lives Including Our Own: Best Practices of Healing Informed Leadership among Black Women Reproductive Justice Leaders in the South (2020)

Project Leader

Funder: Tulane University- \$1,300

Faculty Awards for Service, Teaching, and Research Committee Scholars in Service Grant

Project Title: Perceived Self-Efficacy of Social Work Students of Color at Predominantly White Institutions (2017-2018)

Project Co-Leader 

Funder: University of Southern Indiana - \$5,000

TSU-UNCF Career Pathways Initiative Grant

Project Title: UNCF Career Pathways Initiative Grant

Project Faculty Member

Funder: The United Negro College Fund/ Lilly Endowment- Undisclosed Amount

Scholars in Service Grant

Project Title: Project L.I.F.E. (2017)

Project Leader 

Funder: WKU Center for Citizenship and Social Justice - \$1,000

Scholars in Service Grant

Project Title: Project L.I.F.E. (2016)

Project Leader [SEP]

Funder: WKU Center for Citizenship and Social Justice- \$1,000

Orleans Parish Coroner's Office: New Orleans Forensic Center

Project Title: Coroner's Psychiatric Recidivism Prevention System (CPRPS)
2016-2017

Program Monitor/Evaluator

Funder: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)- \$16, 830

WKU- Institute for Citizenship, Service and Responsibility Research Group

Project Title: Inside-Out Prison Education Research Group

January 2016-May 2016

Project Leader

Funder: WKU Institute for Citizenship, Service and Responsibility (ICSR)- \$800

Fulton County Government- County Manager's Office

Project Title: Fulton County Second Chance Reentry Program Atlanta, GA
November 2011- November 2012

Project Leader

Funder: United States Department of Education- (DOE)-\$14,000

Fulton County Government- County Manager's Office

Project Title: Fulton County Second Chance Reentry Program Atlanta, GA
November 2011- November 2012

Project Co-Leader

Funder: United States Department of Justice Grant Renewal- (DOJ)-\$750,000

Clark Atlanta University-Whitney M. Young Jr., School of Social Work

Project Titles: City of Atlanta Homeless Project 2012: Resilience and Child Welfare Workers
January 2011- January 2015

Research Assistant

- Assisted with the needs assessment survey of 400 homeless individuals in the city of Atlanta.
- Conducted a content analysis of scholarly works regarding resilience of child welfare workers.

University of Tennessee-Nashville School of Social Work

Project Title: Sacred Women Project –First Response Center-Nashville, TN

January 2005- April 2005

Research Assistant/Data Entry Clerk

- Assisted in the evaluation of a faith-based substance abuse and HIV prevention education services provided to enhance the wellbeing of incarcerated, formerly incarcerated and community women.

PUBLICATIONS

Arceneaux, A., & Sun, N. (2007). A Newsletter for the Alliance for Tennessee Children of Prisoners: Eradicating Stigma by Promoting Change. *The Forgotten Voices*, 1(4).

Sun, N. (2013). Correction Fluid: Uncovering Multiple Reproductive Health Injustices Towards Women of the American Correctional System. *Contraception* 88(2), 304.

Sun, N. (2015). "An analysis of the attitudes and perceptions of social work students regarding political participation and three historically black colleges and universities." *ETD Collection for AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library*. 2454.

Sun, N. (2016). Women in Art: Dr. Nubian Sun, Artist, *Les Femmes Folles*, Spring 2016. Retrieved from <http://femmesfollesnebraska.tumblr.com/post/143057711537/dr-nubian-sun-artist>.

Sun, N. (2016). Twin Towers- Artwork. *The New Social Worker*, Spring 2016. Retrieved from <http://www.socialworker.com/extras/social-work-month-project-2016/twin-towers-artwork/>.

Sun, N., Starks, S. (2016). Nguzo Saba as a Framework for Mentoring Black Female Students at Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs). *Journal of Colorism Studies*. Vol. 2: Iss. 1, Article 6.

Sun, N. (2016). I Been Prepared. In K. Smith (Ed.), *Solace: Writing, Refuge, and LGBTQ Women of Color*. Clayton, NC: BLF Press.

Sun, N. (2017). The Relevancy of Black Feminism. In S. Deskins (Ed.), *Les Femmes Folles: The Women 2016 Anthology*. Omaha, NE: Les Femmes Folles Books.

Huggins, V., Sun, N., Davidson, T. (2018). E' truth Mouth: Exploring Cultural Linguistic Self-Efficacy Among Gullah Speaking People of Charleston, SC. *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*. Vol. 11: Iss.1.

Sun, N. (2019). Motherhood as Immortality. In D. Culbreth and J. Jung (Eds.), *Our Voices Our Stories: Advancing, Celebrating, Embracing and Empowering Girls and Women of Color Anthology*. Jersey City, NJ: Complexity Publishing.

Sun, N. (2020). An Assessment of the #Freeblackmamasfellowship Program, 2019. National Bail Out.

Battle, K., **Sun, N.**, Huggins, V., Davidson, W., Gibson, A. (2020). Strategic 7: A Divine Mission Accomplished. In N. Sun and D. Culbreth (Eds.) *Mastered and PhDished: Reflections of Women of Color in Graduate Education*. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. *Journal of Colorism Studies*.

Sun, N. (2020). Book Review: “A Dirty South Manifesto: Sexual Resistance and Imagination in the New South.” [Manuscript submitted for publication]. *Affilia Journal of Women and Social Work*.

Manning, O., **Sun, N.** (2020). Music as a Mechanism for Spiritual Resilience in Havana, Cuba. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*.

Stanford, M., **Sun, N.** (2020). Reflections on Interviewing Female Victims of Rape as a Weapon of War in Bogota, Colombia. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*.

Sun, N. (2021). Saving Lives Including Our Own: Best Practices of Healing Informed Leadership among Black Women Reproductive Justice Leaders in the South. In N. Sun and D. Culbreth (Eds.) *Best Practices of Healing Informed Leadership among Black Women CEOs and Community Leaders*. [Manuscript in preparation]. *Journal of Colorism Studies*.

Sun, N., Huggins, V. (2021). Perceived Self-Efficacy of Social Work Students of Color at Rural Predominantly White Institutions. [Manuscript in preparation]. *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*.

JURIED PRESENTATIONS

Sun, N., (2019). *St. Diane of Seventh Ward*. Exhibited at the “Pre-Sister”, Tulane Newcomb Art Gallery New Orleans, LA.

Sun, N., Mosely, K. (2018). *National Black Mamas Bailout: A Roundtable*. Presented at the Southern Human Rights Organizer's Conference, The King Center, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N., (2018). *For Southern Black LGBTQ Folks Who Have Considered Rebellion When the Rainbow Ain't Enuf*. Presented at Global Perspectives on Police, Law & Society: Common Ties Across Communities of Color, Howard University, Washington, DC.

Sun, N., (2018). *Black Mama's Bail Out Workshop- Creating Change*, Washington, DC.

Sun, N., Mosely, K. (2018). *Direct Services as Direct Action*. Presented at OUTSOUTH-Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Huggins, V., Sun, N. (2018) *E tru Mout: Exploring Cultural Linguistic Self-Efficacy among Gullah Speaking People of Charleston, South Carolina*. Presented at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Sun, N. (2016). *Attitudes and Perceptions Among Social Work Students Regarding Political Participation at Three HBCUs*. Presented at the National Association of Black Social Workers 2016, New Orleans, LA.

Sun, N. (2013). *Correction Fluid, Multiple Injustices of Incarcerated Women*. Presented at Southeast Women's Studies Conference, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

Sun, N. (2013). *Multiple Injustices of Incarcerated Women*. Presented at SPARK Reproductive Justice Organizing Intensive (SOI) 2013, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2012). *Correction Fluid: Multiple Injustices of Incarcerated Women*. Presented at Gendered Perspectives Conference, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA.

Sun, N. (2012). *Transformative Dance Through the Hard Times*. Presented at Black Women's Life Balance & Wellness Conference, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2011). *Correction Fluid: Multiple Injustices of Incarcerated Women*. Presented at NASW-GA Conference, Marriot Conference Center, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2012). *Correction Fluid: Multiple Injustices of Incarcerated Women*. Presented at 5th Annual Legislate THIS Conference, Phillip Rush Center, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2011). *Eating Healthy 101*. Presented at Tennessee Council on Social Welfare Conference, Nashville, TN.

Sun, N. (2010). *TransDance Therapy*. Presented at Tennessee Council on Social Welfare Conference, Nashville, TN.

Sun, N. (2009). *Using Art Therapy with At Risk Youth*. Presented at Brown Bag Lunch, University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Nashville, TN.

Sun, N. (2008). *TransDance Therapy*. Presented at Nashville CARES Conference, Nashville, TN.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Sun, N. (2016). *The "Othermothers" of the Negritude Movement*. Presented at WKU-Generations Panel, Bowling Green, KY.

Sun, N. (2016). *Of Seed and Body: Excavating Reproductive Justice*. Presented at the 3rd Interfaith Dialogue on Earth Care, Bowling Green, KY.

Sun, N. (2016). *From Jane Addams to Stonewall: Forging Solution Out of Challenges*. Presented at WKU-LGBTQ Panel, Bowling Green, KY.

Sun, N. (2015). *Afrocentric Social Work: A Storehouse of Strategies and Movements*. Presented at Brown Bag Lunch, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.

Green, M. (2013). *The Many Paths of the Social Work Profession*. Presentation to CSW Course: Social Work with Groups, Whitney M. Young Jr., School of Social Work, Clark Atlanta University

Sun, N. (2013). *The History, Politics and Statistics of Shackling*. Presentation to Women in the Halls Lobby Day with Planned Parenthood Southeast Advocates- Georgia Coverdell Legislative Building, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2012). *Spiritual Health and Women*. Presented at the Seven Dimensions of Health Program, Clark Atlanta University's Student Health Services Center, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2012). *Reproductive Justice and the Environment*. Presentation to Policed Bodies: A Discussion Across Identities -Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, N. (2010). *Eating Healthy on a Budget*. Presentation St. Louis Arts Commission, St. Louis, MO.

Sun, N. (2009). *Using Art to Cope*. Presentation to Meharry Medical College - Elam Center, Nashville, TN.

Sun, N. (2008). *Passion Through Social Work*. Presentation to Human Services Course: Intro to Human Services, Nashville State Community College, Nashville, TN.

Sun, N. (2008). *Choosing the Right Career Path for You*. Presentation to Human Services Course: Intro to Human Services, Nashville State Community College, Nashville, TN.