
AMBER A. GOLDEN, PhD.

Managing Associate

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Dr. Golden's current evaluation work includes providing technical assistance, project management, research and evaluation support. Her evaluation interests include community and systems change, health equity, health disparities, and the theory, methodology, and practice of program evaluation. She also has research experience and interests related to the influence of social support and network influences on holistic health and well-being in youth and adults, adolescent transition to adulthood, and intergenerational communication on values, health, and identity in families. Dr. Golden uses qualitative and quantitative research methods in her work and has advanced training in measurement and statistics.

Dr. Golden provided technical assistance and evaluation services to Communities in Schools, Inc. of Florida and a newly developing rural affiliate in Gadsden County Florida. Her evaluation experience also includes work in youth development, arts-in-education, higher education learning outcomes, pre-marital education, and substance abuse and mental health programs for the State of Florida Department of Children and Families head program offices. She is experienced in multiple evaluation approaches including portfolio analyses, multi-case studies, and culturally responsive evaluation framework and principles. She has also worked on a team assessing psychosocial and social determinants of stress and chronic disease in various local populations in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Dr. Golden was selected to participate in the American Evaluation Association Graduate Diversity Internship (AEA GEDI) program. The AEA GEDI program provides extensive training and mentorship in conducting evaluations in culturally diverse communities and attending to inequities in access to resources and power. Additionally, Dr. Golden trained in cross cultural research through the National Institutes of Health Minority International Research Training Program. This training encompassed cross-cultural research methods and ethics. Her research and evaluation interests are undergirded by her experience as a clinician. She has worked in community based settings to provide mental health therapeutic and psychological testing services to children, adults, and families.

EDUCATION

2006	Doctorate in Family Relations	Florida State University
1997	Masters of Science in Community Psychology	Florida A&M University
1994	Bachelor of Science in Psychology	Howard University

WORK HISTORY

2011 - Present **Community Science**
Managing Associate Gaithersburg, MD

Provide research and technical support on the development, implementation, and evaluation of cultural competency, health equity, health disparities, and community and systems change. Other responsibilities include: task\project management, contributing to reports and presentations for practitioners, scientists, and the general public, and proposal writing for business development.

2007-2008 **Florida A & M University, Psychology**
Undergraduate Coordinator **Department**
Tallahassee, FL

Chaired the Imhotep Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference that hosts students and faculty from across the country. Updated curriculum in accordance with departmental strategic plan and external consultant recommendations. Coordinated departmental efforts to meet the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) University wide reaffirmation of accreditation requirements.

2006-2007 **Florida A & M University, Psychology**
Assessment Coordinator **Department**
Tallahassee, FL

Coordinated departmental efforts to meet the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) University wide reaffirmation of accreditation requirements. Aligned undergraduate curriculum with American Psychological Association. Developed and revised surveys to document departmental progress in meeting the established academic learning compact for undergraduate students.

2005-2006
Program Evaluation Intern

**Communities In Schools, Inc. of Florida
American Evaluation Association
Graduate Diversity Internship Program**
Tallahassee, FL

Provided technical assistance to the Gadsden County local network affiliate (CIS-GC) on database management and using evaluation for strategic planning and funding requests. Develop evaluation plan for two projects sponsored by CIS-GC.

2002
Program Evaluator

Florida State University Family Institute
Tallahassee, FL

Conducted interviews and administered survey instruments to adolescent females. Supervised research assistants. Trained assistants in SPSS and data analysis. Authored final report.

2000-2002
*Graduate Research Assistant, Marriage
Preparation and Preservation Project*

Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL

Administered surveys and interviewed marital and premarital couples. Created and maintained SPSS and Excel databases to store and perform quantitative and qualitative data analysis. Facilitated and coordinated 'A Marriage Built to Last' monthly premarital education workshops.

1999
Program Evaluation Assistant

**Urban Bush Women/FSU Summer
Dance Institute: A New Dancer for a
New Society**
Tallahassee, FL

Coded and entered quantitative and qualitative data collected from institute participants. Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data using SPSS and Excel.

1999-2000
Assistant in Research Faculty

**University of South Florida, Louis De La
Parte Florida Mental Health Institute,
Department of Community Mental
Health**
Tallahassee, FL

Managed data to produce quarterly evaluation reports of certified mental health service providers throughout Florida using Microsoft Access. Created data summaries in response to legislative, departmental and provider requests for the State of Florida's Mental Health and Substance Abuse head program offices. Developed research protocol and survey instruments for statewide mental health needs assessment project.

1998
*Management Analyst II – Needs
Assessment Coordinator*

**Florida Dept. of Children and Families -
Substance Abuse Program
Development Office**
Tallahassee, FL

Managed federal contract for a multi-study needs assessment project on substance abuse needs of Florida's homeless population. Disseminated findings of the study on substance abuse needs of Florida's homeless population. Prepared and presented research reports to state program officers and workers. Resolved long-lasting budgetary discrepancies

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-2010
*Visiting Faculty – Department of
Psychology*

**Department of Psychology,
Florida A & M University**
Tallahassee, FL

2002-2003
Instructor

**Dept. of Family & Child Sciences,
Florida State University,
Course: Family Relations**
Tallahassee, FL

SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS

Golden-Thompson, A. (2006) Program Evaluation and Technical Assistance Report.
Tallahassee, FL: Communities in Schools of Florida and Gadsden County.

Hicks, M., Devlin, J., Koshy, M., Baugh, E., Byno, L., Golden-Thompson, A., Mills, K.
(2003) A Statewide Study of Pre-marital Risk Variables: Implications for
Educators and Therapists, From Florida State University, College of Human
Sciences, Family Institute web site:
http://www.chs.fsu.edu/family_institute/reports/marriageprep.pdf

OTHER RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Awards

2006 Ruth Dales Scholarship, **Florida State University**
2006/2004 May Watson Conner Scholarship, **Florida State University**
2005-2006 Program Evaluation Intern, **American Evaluation Association/Graduate
Education
Diversity Institute**
2005-2006 American Fellow, **American Association of University Women**
2004 Dissertation Grant, **Florida State University**
2004 Inaugural Inductee, **Hortense Glenn Honor Society**

- 1997 Scholarship Recipient, **Urban Bush Women Summer Dance Institute: A New Dancer for a New Society (training to engage communities through the Arts)**
- 1995 Minority International Research Training Fellow, **National Institute of Mental Health**

RECENT PRESENTATIONS, SYMPOSIA, AND WORKSHOPS

Perspectives and Practical Applications for Advancing Culturally Responsive Evaluation Practice: On Becoming Culturally Responsive Evaluators, Live and in Context , Golden, A., Peters, L. Mitchell, D., Hinnah-Ghelani, H., American Evaluation Association, Anaheim, CA November 2011.

Ajakota: A Case Study of a Lay-led Marital Support Group, Golden, A., Robertson, J., Troupe, F., Annual Association of Black Psychologists Association Conference, Alexandria, VA July 2011.

Social influences on identity exploration in African American emerging adults – Poster Presentation, Golden-Thompson, A. & Mullis, American Psychological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA August 2007.

The relationship of familial and extrafamilial voice and support for voice and identity exploration in African American emerging adults. Golden-Thompson, A., 25th Annual Black Psychology Theme Week, Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, FL March 2006.

Learning to see the trees for the forest: Technical assistance to Communities in Schools of Florida and Gadsden County, Golden-Thompson, A., Annual American Evaluation Association Conference, Portland, OR November 2006.

Diversity is more than race: Strategies for enhancing inter-group cultural sensitivity & competence. Jarmon, B., Golden-Thompson, A , Visit Florida staff diversity training, Tallahassee, FL 2005.

The Barefoot Bridges Project – Poster Presentation, Golden-Thompson, A., Samuel, J., Arias, M., Vassal, A., Annual Florida State University College of Human Sciences Student Research and Creativity Day, Tallahassee, FL February 2002.

A qualitative analysis of marital interaction - Poster Presentation, Golden-Thompson, A., Baugh, E., Hicks, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Annual Conference, Nashville, TN October 2001.

Couples conflict: Self-report scales vs. oral interviews, Hicks, M., Golden-Thompson, A., Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Orlando, FL May 2001.

To Be or Not To Be: Ethics in the New Millennium, Barlow, L., Golden-Thompson, A., Samuel, J., Su, C., Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Orlando, FL May 2001.

The New AAMFT Code of Ethics. Tallahassee Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Golden-Thompson, A., Tallahassee, FL 2006.

Women and Depression. Soka Gakkai USA, Tallahassee District Women's Division Meeting, Golden-Thompson, A., Tallahassee, FL, 2000.

Mother/daughter wellness program. North Florida Association of Black Psychologists, Walker Ford Community Center, Tallahassee, FL 1999.

Stress: Who's managing whom...and how? Golden, A., Brooks, M., Family and Youth Enhancement Church and Community Coalition Program, Tallahassee, FL 1997.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Evaluation Association
Association of Black Psychologists
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists