
LaKeesha N. Woods, Ph.D.

Managing Associate

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Dr. Woods provides research and technical support to local and national evaluations of community initiatives addressing cultural competency, health disparities, mental health and substance abuse, and youth risk behaviors. Dr. Woods has extensive experience providing program development, evaluation, and consultation services in clinical and community psychology. Her research has focused on cultural influences on delinquency, health, and achievement of youth and families of color; culturally congruent preventive interventions for individuals placed at risk; and the translation of research into effective practice. She has provided clinical services to individuals in outpatient, inpatient, prison, alternative school, and in-home settings; and evaluation and consultation services to children and youth, family violence, and prisoner reentry programs.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2005	Ph.D.	University of Virginia, Clinical Psychology Dissertation: <i>Cultural risk and protective factors of delinquency in African American adolescents</i>
2001	M.A.	University of Virginia, Psychology Master's Thesis: <i>The cohabitation effect on divorce: Causation or selection?</i>
1999	B.S.	Howard University, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Minor: Mathematics Honors Thesis: <i>Are Afro-cultural orientations predictors of sociomoral reasoning in African American adolescents?</i>

WORK HISTORY

August 2007 – Present

Managing Associate

**Association for the Study and
Development of Community**
Gaithersburg, MD

Provide research and technical support on the development, implementation, and evaluation of cultural competency, health disparities, youth risk behavior, and violence preventive interventions.

July - August 2007

**Yale University School of Medicine,
Department of Psychiatry,
Division of Prevention and
Community Research,
The Consultation Center
New Haven, CT**

Research and Program Consultant

Provided program development, evaluation, and consultation services in the Urban Education & Prevention Research and Research, Policy, & Program on Male Development areas. Responsibilities included manuscript development and supervision of staff and students.

July 2005 – June 2007

**Yale University School of Medicine,
Department of Psychiatry,
Division of Prevention and
Community Research, The
Consultation Center
New Haven, CT**

NIDA Postdoctoral Psychology Fellow

Provided program development, evaluation, and consultation services in the Urban Education & Prevention Research and Research, Policy, & Program on Male Development areas. Projects comprised the affective development component of the U.S. Department of Education-funded Connecticut GEAR UP program, secondary public school teacher professional development and student enrichment interventions, and prisoner reentry initiatives. Responsibilities included supervising predoctoral fellows, staff consultants, graduate student facilitators, and undergraduate research assistants. Also conducted psychological assessments and provided consultation on a multidisciplinary team that conducts forensic evaluations for the Connecticut courts. Funded by NIMH NRSA Grant T32 DA019426-01.

July 2004 - June 2005

**Yale University School of Medicine,
Department of Psychiatry,
Division of Prevention and Community
Research, The Consultation Center
New Haven, CT**

Predoctoral Psychology Fellow

Provided program development, evaluation, and consultation services in the Urban Education, Prevention, and Policy Research and Male Development Areas on higher education and prisoner community reentry projects. Co-facilitated family violence groups for male and female perpetrators court mandated to treatment, and co-authored facilitator training manual. Provided individual and group psychotherapy to culturally diverse adults and children with acute or chronic psychiatric difficulties.

June 2003-May 2004

**University of Virginia
Early Steps Project**
Charlottesville, VA

Parent Consultant

Multi-site randomized preventative treatment outcome trial investigating the effect of parent motivational interviewing (MI) on the development of conduct and substance use problems in low-income children and adolescents. Responsibilities included scoring caregiver assessments, case conceptualization, and providing in-home MI for parenting strategies and family dynamics that influence child behavior. Conducted initial intake visits, feedback sessions, and parent-initiated additional therapy sessions. Funded by NIH/NIDA.

May – August 2003

Juvenile Court Assessment Center

Research Assistant

Charlottesville, VA

Compiled information on the structure and cost effectiveness of national juvenile assessment centers and child advocacy centers.

August 2002 – May 2003

**Western State Psychiatric Hospital
Forensic Admissions Unit**

Clinician

Staunton, VA

Provided short-term individual supportive and behavioral therapy; psychoeducation; and Competency, State of Mind, and treatment progress evaluations. Reported results to courts. Worked as part of a multidisciplinary team to formulate diagnoses and treatment plans. Hospital served large rural and urban catchment area with diverse ethnic and socioeconomic populations. Patients primarily were men transferred from jail for evaluation and emergency treatment pending trial or while serving a sentence.

August 2001 – May 2002

Ivy Creek Alternative School

Clinician

Charlottesville, VA

Provided individual and group insight oriented and cognitive behavioral therapy with middle and high school students identified as emotionally disturbed. Provided consultation/liaison services with teachers, staff members, and outside agencies; and assisted in case management. Students were from the city and surrounding counties and were transferred from their regular schools or inpatient treatment.

October 2000 – May 2001

**University of Virginia
Institute for Law, Society, and Public Policy**

Assessor

Charlottesville, VA

Conducted psychopathy and violence risk assessments using the Psychopathy Checklist Revised and HCR-20. Assessments were part of a study investigating coping in female inmates with Cluster B personality traits. Participated in regular research team meetings.

October 1999 - May 2003

University of Virginia

Research Assistant

Charlottesville, VA

Conducted phone interviews and home visits with school-aged children and their parents regarding time use, parent-child interactions, and home environment.

May – August 1999

**Department of Psychology
University of Maryland**

Research Assistant

College Park, MD

Gathered literature and data on victims of domestic violence the court intake office.

Jan. – May 1999

**Department of Psychology
Howard University**

Research Assistant

Washington, DC

Data collection coordinator and liaison of a dual-site study that compared the sexual decision making of African American college students at a predominately White and historically Black university. Entered data and gathered literature for research investigating the role of cultural factors in school-relevant cognitive functioning

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Aug. – Dec. 2003

**Department of Psychology
University of Virginia**

Teaching Assistant, The Minority Family

Charlottesville, VA

Aug. – Dec. 2002

**Department of Psychology
University of Virginia**

*Lab Instructor, Research Methods & Statistics
I Lab*

Charlottesville, VA

Aug. – Dec. 2001

**Department of Psychology
University of Virginia**

*Grader, Adolescence: Theory and
Development*

Charlottesville, VA

Aug. – Dec. 2000

**Department of Psychology
University of Virginia**

Grader, Abnormal Psychology

Charlottesville, VA

Jan. – June 1999

**Center for Research on the Education of
Students Placed at Risk
Howard University**

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ORIGINAL ARTICLES

Woods, L. N., & Jagers, R. J. (2003). Are cultural orientations predictors of moral reasoning in African American adolescents? *Journal of Black Psychology, 29*, 102-118.

Woods, L. N., & Wilson, M. N. (2003). "Incorporating Diversity: Moving from Values to Action." Evaluation of the 9th biennial conference of the Society for Community Research and Action. *The Community Psychologist, 36*, 43-49.

Woods, L. N., & Emery, R. E. (2002). The cohabitation effect on divorce: Causation or selection? *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage, 37*, 101-122.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Wilson, M. N., & Woods, L. N. (2006). Iatrogenic outcomes of the child welfare system: Vulnerable adolescents, negative peer influences, and instability in foster care arrangements. In K. A. Dodge, T. J. Dishion, & J. E. Lansford (Eds.), *Deviant peer influences in programs for youth* (Chapter 11). New York, NY: Guilford Publications, Inc.

Wilson, M. N., Chambers, A. L., & Woods, L. N. (2005). Fathers in minority families: The importance of social and cultural context. In W. M. Pinsof, & J. Lebow (Eds.), *Family psychology: The art of the science* (pp. 327-347). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Wilson, M. N., Woods, L. N., & Hijjawi, G. R. (2004). African American families in context: Internal and external phenomena. In J. E. Everett, S. S. Chipungu, & B. R. Leashore (Eds.), *Child welfare revisited: An Africentric perspective* (Chapter 5). Rutgers, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Woods, L. N. (2004). *Cultural risk and protective factors of delinquency in African American adolescents: A summary of findings and implications for community residential programs and detention facilities*. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia.

ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

Woods, L. N., Rosa, R. Cook, A. P., Romalis-Reytblatt, N., Bliss, K., & Ward, N. L. (2007). *Learning beyond the classroom: Enhancing teacher development and student achievement in urban schools*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Ward, N. L., Woods, L. N., Tebes, J. K., Crusto, C. A., & Achara, I. (2006). *A translational research framework for the assessment of school-based prevention programs*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

OTHER RELATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2007 NIDA/APA Research Development Workshop for Psychology Researchers Interested in HIV/AIDS, Substance Use, and Minority Communities
- 2001 Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship for assistance to professional conferences
- 2000 – 2003 University of Virginia Center for Children, Families, and the Law Doris Buffett Fellowship for community service in family violence
- 1999 - 2002 University of Virginia Dean's Fellowship
- 1999 Who's Who Among American College Students
- 1999 National Dean's List
- 1998 - 1999 Beta Kappa Chi Science Honor Society
- 1997 - Present Golden Key Honor Society
- 1997 - 1999 National Institutes for Mental Health Career Opportunities in Research Scholarship
- 1997 - 1999 Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society, University chapter President 1998-1999
- 1995 - 1999 Howard University National Competitive Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2003 **Arts and Sciences Graduate Recruiter**
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Traveled to undergraduate research program graduate school fairs to recruit for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Psychology.

- 1999 - 2004 **Minority Issues and Concerns Committees**
 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
 Department of Psychology
 Committee designed to address concerns regarding diversity and students of color. Assisted in planning the annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology hosted by the University of Virginia in 2000.
- 2000 - 2003 **Ethnic Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Committee**
 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
 Department of Psychology
 Reviewed clinical psychology applications from applicants of color. Identified strong applicants and brought them to the attention of relevant faculty advisors.
- 1997 **Women's Program Intern**
 American Psychological Association, Washington, DC Conducted administrative work for the Public Interest Directorate. The Women's Program serves the needs and interests of women inside and outside of psychology.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS, SYMPOSIA, AND WORKSHOPS

INVITED

- Woods, L. N., & Cook, A. (2006, November) *Mathematics and science partnerships: Curriculum enrichment for urban school teachers*. Presentation at University of Bridgeport School of Education Faculty Research Colloquium Series, Bridgeport, CT.
- Ben-Avie, M., Haynes, N., Speese-Linehan, D., & Woods, L. N. (2006, June). *The missing link: The significance of social and emotional development in improving student achievement outcomes*. Panel moderation at the 7th Annual Division of Prevention and Community Research Conference, New Haven, CT.
- Woods, L. N., & Gordon, D. M. (2006, January). Evaluation of the Building Bridges Initiative. In H. Nieves, G. Roberge, & K. Pierce (Moderators), *Building Bridges pilot programs*. Panel presentation at the Building Bridges II Conference, New Britain, CT.
- Woods, L. N., & Jagers, R. J. (1998, October). *Are Afro-cultural orientations predictors of sociomoral reasoning in African American adolescents?* Paper presentation at the National Institutes for Mental Health Career Opportunities in Research Conference, Boston, MA.
- Woods, L. N., & Jagers, R. J. (1998, July). *Are Afro-cultural orientations predictors of sociomoral reasoning in African American adolescents?* Paper presentation at the Summer Research Opportunities Program Symposium, Chicago, IL.

JURIED

- Cook, A. P., & Woods, L. N. (2007, October). *Content mathematics for secondary school teachers: Substance with meaning*. Paper presentation at the National Council for Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference and Exposition, Richmond, VA.
- Gordon, D. M., Woods, L. N., Dyson, W., Cash, C., Peloso, M., Henault, D., & Cunningham, A. (2007, June). *Coming home: Lessons learned in developing the Building Bridges Prisoner Reentry Initiative*. Roundtable presentation at the 11th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Pasadena, CA.
- Woods, L. N., & Gordon, D. M. (2006, November). *Preparing for reentry: The necessity of continuity of care for men transitioning from prison*. Roundtable presentation at the American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Boston, MA.
- Woods, L. N. (2006, October). Teacher enrichment through program evaluation. In R. Rosa, A. Cook, N. Romalis, & L. N. Woods (Chair), *Mathematics and science partnerships: Curriculum enrichment for urban school teachers*. Paper symposium presentation at the Asia's Educational Miracle: Child Development in Family, School, and Cultural Contexts Conference, Incheon, South Korea.
- Carvalho, V., Zonana, H. V., Woods, L. N., Buchanan, J., & Baranoski, M. V. (2006, October). *Hello again, Mrs. Robinson: Sexual abuse of male teens*. Paper presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Ward, N. L., & Woods, L. N. (2006, July). *Raising the bar on academic excellence: The role of developmental guidance in promoting academic achievement among urban youth*. Paper presentation at the 6th Annual National NCCEP/GEAR UP Conference, Washington, DC.
- Chambers, A. L., Hijjawi, G. R., Woods, L. N., Killos, L. F., & Wilson, M. N. (2003, June). *Diversity in low income families: Father involvement and policy implications*. Roundtable symposium at the 9th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Las Vegas, NM.
- Woods, L. N., & Emery, R. E. (2001, August). *The cohabitation effect on divorce: Causation or selection?* Poster presentation at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Woods, L. N., Wilson, M. N., & Schmidt, K. M. (2001, June). *Classification of personality traits in men who abuse: An item response theory analysis and implications for community treatment*. Poster presentation at the 8th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Atlanta, GA.
- Woods, L. N., Wilson, M. N., & Schmidt, K. M. (2001, April). *The influence of depressive symptoms on fathers' behaviors and attitudes*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.

Woods, L. N., & Wilson, M. N. (2000, June). *Classification of personality traits in men who abuse: An item response theory analysis*. Poster presentation at the 6th Annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, Charlottesville, VA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Public Health Association
American Psychological Association
 Society for Community Research and Action (Division 27)
 American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41)
 Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45)
Association of Black Psychologists

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

November 2006	Community-Based Participatory Research Grantee Training National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Harvard University, Boston, MA
May 2001 - 2003	Forensic Symposia and Workshops on Forensic Assessment and Testimony Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
August 2002	Summer Institute on Youth Violence Prevention National Consortium on Violence Research University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA
Oct. - Nov. 2000	Psychopathy and Violence Risk Assessment Training Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
May - June 1999	Lovaas Applied Behavioral Analysis Training Silver Spring, MD
February 1999	Culturally-Relevant Talent Development Tutoring Training Howard University, Washington, DC