

# MEREDITH TETLOFF, Ph.D.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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My research focuses on the role of collaboration within community problem-solving. Specifically, I have investigated the role of professional community organizers in implementing and maintaining multi-sector community interventions, and the influence of contextual factors, such as community demographics, community history, and the goal of the intervention. My current research utilizes a multi-site case study of a university-community partnership, which has allowed me to contribute to the knowledge base of building relationships within communities, as well as between communities and external entities.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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08/12-present **Assistant Professor of Social Work**  
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

## **EDUCATION**

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08/08-08/12 **Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work**  
Dissertation Title: Contributions, Challenges, and Contradictions:  
Assessing the Role of Professional Organizers within  
Collaborative Community Problem-Solving  
Major Professor: Michelle Carney  
University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA

08/02-05/04 **Masters of Science in Social Work**  
Concentration in Policy Practice  
Columbia University School of Social Work, New York City, NY

08/96-05/00 **Bachelor of Arts, Political Science**  
Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, AL

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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08/09-08/12 Co-Investigator, Doctoral Dissertation Research, “Assessing the Role of the Professional Community Organizer within Collaborative Community Problem-Solving”  
IRB Study Number: 2010-10819-1  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Michelle Carney, Ph.D, School of Social Work, Athens, GA, University of Georgia

05/09-05/10 Research Assistant, “The Impact of the Current Economic Downturn on Poverty in Athens-Clarke County”

IRB Study Number: 2009-10819-0  
 Principal Investigator: Dr. David Okech, Ph.D., School of Social  
 Work, Athens, GA  
 University of Georgia

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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University of Montevallo	Introduction to Generalist Practice Social Work with Groups Substance Abuse Social Work with Communities and Organizations Human Behavior and the Social Environment Summer Harvest
University of Georgia	Social Work Communication Evaluation of Community Initiatives and Institutional Practices Theory and Practice with Organizations and Communities

### **PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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06/09-06/10	Evaluation Consultant, VOX Teen Communications, Atlanta, GA
06/04-08/08	Program Director, VOX Teen Communications, Atlanta, GA
08/05-05/07	Masters of Social Work Field Supervisor
09/05	Contract Writer/Editor, CARE, Atlanta, GA
01/04-05/04	Intern, UNICEF, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
08/02-05/03	Intern, The Steven Biko Family Life Center, Brooklyn, NY
08/01-08/02	AmeriCorps VISTA, Georgia Mutual Assistance Association Consortium, Atlanta, GA

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Tetloff, M., Hitchcock, L., Battista, A., & Lowry, D. (2014). Multimodal Composition and Social Justice: Videos as a Tool of Advocacy in Social Work Pedagogy. *Journal of Technology in Human Services* 32 (1-2).
- Nichols, S., Williams, N., & Tetloff, M. (2013). Three R's of Interdisciplinary, International Service Learning: Risk, Reciprocity, and Reflection. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*.
- Okech, D., Miller, S., Barner, J., Tetloff, M., Beatty, S., Clay, K., & Holosko, M. (2013). Economic Recession and Coping with Poverty: A Case Study from a Mid-size American City. *Journal of Policy Practice* 12(4).
- Tetloff, M. & Griffith, M. (2008). Engaging adolescents as community organizers. *Journal of Youth Development: Bridging Research and Practice* 3(2).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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- Foster, C., Cost, H., & Tetloff, M. (2016). Working Better Together: Bridging Action Civics and Undergraduate Service Learning. Paper presented at Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education, Savannah, GA.
- Tetloff, M., Wicknick, J., & Cost, H. (2014). Summer Harvest: Community connections through service-learning. Paper presented at Lifetime of Learning Conference, Huntsville, AL.
- Hitchcock, L., Battista, A., Tetloff, M. (2014, February). Multimodal Composition and Social Justice: Videos as tools of Advocacy in Social Work Pedagogy. Paper presented at the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Battista, A., Tetloff, M., & Hitchcock, L. (2013, February). Multimodal Composition and Social Justice: Videos as tools of Advocacy in Social Work Pedagogy. Paper presented at the Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education, Louisville, KY.
- Tetloff, M. (2012, Nov.). Collaborative Leadership: The Role of Professional Organizers within University-Community Partnerships. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, D.C.

- Tetloff, M. (2012, Oct.). Assessing the Role of Professional Community Organizers within University-Community Partnerships. Paper presented at the Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Huntsville, AL.
- Tetloff, M., Bishop, M., & Chapman, S. (2012, Oct.). Assessing the Role of the Professional Organizer within Sustainable Engagement. Paper presented at the National Outreach Scholarship Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- Tetloff, M. (2012, Mar.) Assessing the Role of Professional Practitioners within Collaborative Problem-Solving. Paper presented at the Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education, Hattiesburg, MS.
- Tetloff, M. & Carney, M. (2011, Oct.) A Model of Comprehensive Community Engagement: Lessons Learned from the Archway Partnership. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Barner, J., Tetloff, M., Okech, D., Miller, S., Clay, K., & Beatty, S. (2011, Jan.) Tough Times: The Impact of the Recession in Athens, GA. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, Tampa, FL.
- Beatty, S., Okech, D., Miller, S. & Tetloff, M. (2010, Oct.) A Collaborative, Action-Oriented Approach to Research Education Across the Continuum. Poster presented at Council on Social Work Education, Portland, OR.

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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- August 2015 Jean O'Conner-Snyder Internship Program Grant, Mathews Center for Civic Life
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- 3/2015 Commitment to Service Award, University of Montevallo
- 11/2014 Senior Elite Night Dedication, University of Montevallo
- 1/2013 Recipient of Illuminate Grant, University of Montevallo
- 05/11-08/11 Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Georgia
- 08/10-05/11 University of Georgia School of Social Work Research Assistantship
- 08/08-05/10 University of Georgia Graduate School Assistantship

**SERVICE, TRAININGS, AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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- May 2015 Academy for Civic Engagement, Auburn University
- 09/12-present Member of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups (AASWG)
- 12/10-present Member of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
- 06/10-present Member of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Spring 2006 Atlanta Women's Foundation *GoGirlGo* Grant-making committee
- 2005-2006 Completed four MSW Fieldwork Supervisor Trainings, earning 15 Continuing Education Units