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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Ph.D.	2016	University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Social Welfare
M.S.W.	2011	University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Social Welfare
B.A.	2007	University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Major - International Development Studies; Minor – Spanish Studied at the Universidad de San Jose, Costa Rica, 2006 Studied at the Universidad de San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

07/19 – Present	<p>Lecturer, Department of Education, Brown University</p> <p><i>Fall 2022</i></p> <p>Education 2385 – Education Inequality and Community Assets: Context & Change (Graduate)</p> <p>Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate)</p> <p>Education 1970 – Independent Study (Undergraduate)</p> <p><i>Spring 2022</i></p> <p>Education 1300 – Schools as Sites of Social Welfare (Undergraduate)</p> <p>Education 1615 – Introduction to Community-based Participatory Research (Undergraduate)</p> <p>Education 1970 – Independent Study (Graduate)</p> <p><i>Fall 2021</i></p> <p>Education 2385 – Education Inequality and Community Assets: Context & Change (Graduate)</p> <p>Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate)</p> <p><i>Spring 2020</i></p> <p>Education 2385 – Education Inequality and Community Assets: Context & Change (Graduate)</p> <p>Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate)</p> <p><i>Fall 2020</i></p> <p>Education 2385 – Education Inequality and Community Assets: Context & Change (Graduate)</p>
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	Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate)
09/17 – 12/18	Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Education, Brown University <i>Fall 2018</i> Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate) Education 1970 – Independent Study (Undergraduate) Education 1970 – Independent Study (Graduate) <i>Summer 2018</i> Education 2310 – Introduction to Educational Research -- Design and Methods (Graduate) <i>Spring 2018</i> Policy 2160 – Management and Implementation in Public and Non-Profit Organizations (Graduate) (Course Proctor; Primary Instructor: Kenneth Wong) <i>Fall 2017</i> Education 820 – Politics and Public Education (Undergraduate) Education 1970 – Independent Study (Undergraduate)
01/15 – 06/16	Graduate Student Instructor, UCLA <i>Spring 2016</i> Social Welfare 102 – Social Welfare Organizations and Community Systems (Undergraduate) <i>Spring 2015</i> Social Welfare 280A – Knowledge, Acquisition, Evidence-Based Practice, and Research in Social Welfare (Graduate) <i>Winter 2015</i> Social Welfare 100A – Social Work Policies and Programs (Undergraduate)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

09/18 – Present	Senior Advisor <i>Fernandez Advisors</i>
09/19 – Present	Senior Advisor <i>African-American Research Collaborative</i>
01/18 – Present	Project Director <i>Providence Talks Evaluation</i>
01/18 – 07/19	Research Program Coordinator

Department of Education, Brown University

- 06/16 – 12/17 **Research Consultant**
Leap & Associates
- 06/16 – 12/17 **Project Director**
UCLA Social Justice Research Partnership
- 06/12 – 06/16 **Graduate Student Researcher**
UCLA Spatial Analysis Lab
- 07/15 – 11/16 **Graduate Student Researcher**
Sons & Brothers Developmental Evaluation
- 06/12 – 06/14 **Graduate Student Researcher**
Co-parenting between Single Mothers and Nonresident Fathers in South Los Angeles: A Feasibility Pilot Study
- 09/04 – 06/07 **Undergraduate Student Researcher**
Sloan Research Center on Everyday Lives of Families, UCLA

PUBLICATIONS:

- Wong, K., Thomas, C., Boben, M. (2020) Providence Talks: A Citywide Partnership to Address Early Childhood Language Development. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*. doi: 10.1016/j.stueduc.2019.100818
- Thomas, C. & Freisthler, B. (2017) Evaluating the Change in Medical Marijuana Dispensary Locations Following the Passage of Local Legislation. *Journal of Primary Prevention*. doi: 10.1007/s10935-017-0473-8
- Thomas, C. & Friesther, B. (2016) Assessing Sample Bias among Venue-Based Respondents at Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 48(1), 56-62. doi: [10.1080/02791072.2015.1127450](https://doi.org/10.1080/02791072.2015.1127450)
- Thomas, C. & Freisthler, B. (2016) Examining the Locations of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Los Angeles. *Drug and Alcohol Review*, 35(3), 334–337. doi: [10.1111/dar.12325](https://doi.org/10.1111/dar.12325)
- Freisthler, B., Thomas, C., Curry, S., & Price-Wolf, J. (2015) An Alternative to Residential Neighborhoods: An Exploratory Study of how Activity Spaces and Perception of Neighborhood Social Processes relate to Maladaptive Parenting. *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 45(2), 259-277. doi: [10.1007/s10566-015-9329-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-015-9329-7)
- Jackson, A.P., Preston, K., & Thomas, C. (2013) Single Mothers, Nonresident Fathers, and Preschoolers' Socioemotional Development: Social Support, Psychological Well-being,

and Parenting Quality. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 39(1), 129-140. doi:
[10.1080/01488376.2012.723241](https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2012.723241)

ADVISING EXPERIENCE:

- 06/18 – Present **Advisor**
Urban Education Policy Program, Department of Education, Brown University
Serve as Co-Advisor for the UEP Program with Director Kenneth Wong for all graduate students enrolled in the program and Faculty Advisor for a subset of students in the UEP Program. Currently advising three graduate students enrolled in UEP for AY 2021-22.
- 09/19 – Present **Education Concentration Advisor**
Department of Education, Brown University
Currently serve as the faculty advisor for five students in the Department of Education.
- 09/20 – Present **First-Year Advisor**
Brown University
Currently serve as the faculty advisor for five undergraduate students at Brown University.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

University & Department Service

- 09/20 – Present **Director of Graduate Affairs**
Department of Education, Brown University
Currently serve as the inaugural Director of Graduate Affairs in the Department of Education. Activities include graduate student advising, facilitating faculty collaboration across graduate programs, program assessment including the administration of student satisfaction surveys and student exit surveys, facilitating graduate student alumni events, advising for the Urban Education Fellowship program, chairing the department Graduate Committee, graduate recruitment activities, and collaborating with the department chair and program directors to foster program improvement.
- 09/19 – Present **Committee Member & Chair**
Graduate Committee
Department of Education, Brown University
Participated in committee activities to facilitate faculty collaboration and program improvement for the two graduate programs in the department. Beginning in fall 2021, I will serve as chair of the committee.

09/21 – Present	Faculty Advisor, Community-Based Learning and Research Fellowship <i>Swearer Center, Brown University</i> Partner with undergraduate CBLR Fellow to plan and implement CBLR courses.
09/18 – Present	Committee Member UEP Graduate Admissions Committee <i>Department of Education, Brown University</i> Annually serve on the admissions committee for the UEP program since fall 2018 including participation in recruitment activities.
09/20 – Present	Committee Member MAT Graduate Admissions Committee <i>Department of Education, Brown University</i> Annually serve on the admissions committee for the MAT program since fall 2020 including participation in recruitment activities.
12/20 – Present	Committee Member Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Committee <i>Department of Education, Brown University</i> Participate in committee activities to create a new DIAP Action Plan for the department.
10/22 – Present	Committee Member Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Committee on Measurement <i>Department of Education, Brown University</i> Participate in committee activities to identify measurement guidelines for specific activities outlined in our department action plan.
Spring/Summer 2022	Faculty Advisor Royce Fellowship, Brown University Advised an undergraduate student in support of their summer research fellowship.
01/22	Swearer Center's Engaged Faculty Award Committee <i>Brown University</i> Participated in committee activities to identify recipients of the prestigious award.
08/20 – 06/21	Committee Member Committee on Racial Justice <i>Department of Education, Brown University</i>

Participated in committee activities to facilitate department activities related racial and social justice.

06/19 – 03/20

Committee Member

Faculty Search Committees

Department of Education, Brown University

Participated in two search committees for a Lecturer position and a Professor of Practice position.

Community Service

09/19 – Present

Division G (Social Context of Education) Section Member

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

11/17 – Present

Publication Reviewer

Public Library of Science (PLOS ONE)

08/18 – Present

Publication Reviewer

Health and Place

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Thomas, Crystal A. (2019) The Role of Neighborhoods and Distance to School. 2019 Annual American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference, Toronto, Canada. April 2019.

Wong, K., Boben, M., Thomas, C. (2018) Providence Talks: A Citywide Partnership to Address Early Childhood Language Development. Annual American Educational Research Association Conference, New York, New York. April 2018.

Thomas, Crystal A. (2017) *Going the Distance! How Distance to School Relates to Education Outcomes*. 22nd Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2017.

Thomas, Crystal A. (2015) *Examining the Locations of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Los Angeles*. 20th Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2015.

Thomas, Crystal A. (2007) *Generation Y: As Apathetic as Parents and the Media believe?* 87th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Assoc, Vancouver, Canada, May 2000.

DATABASE SKILLS:

Advanced statistics skills and extensive knowledge of SPSS and STATA statistical packages
Extensive knowledge of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & ArcGIS Software.

LANGUAGES:

English, Spanish (High Proficiency)