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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Counseling Psychology (Specialization: Black Psychology)
 Boston College (1985)
Ph.D. Educational Administration (Specialization: Sociology of Education)
 The Pennsylvania State University (1976)
M.A. School Psychology
 The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
 The University of Toronto (1971)
B.A. Sociology
 University of Waterloo (1970)

- Black Alcoholism Institute (Howard University School of Social Work) Summer 1987 Washington, DC.
- Education and Training in Alcoholism and Treatment of Alcoholism May 1986-October 1986 Albany, NY.
- Gerontological Society of American Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Geriatric Mental Health, Massachusetts Mental Health Center, Harvard University, 1980.
- NIMH Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship in Behavioral Science in Medicine, Hershey Medical Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 1975-77.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The Pennsylvania State University

Delaware County & Great Valley Graduate Center
2000- Professor/Affiliate Faculty in African and African-American Studies
University Park
1997- 2000 Professor
1993- 1994 Professor-in-Charge, Educational Theory and Policy

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1988- 1992 Director, Center for the Study of Educational Equity
1988- 1997 Associate Professor (Tenured)

State University of New York at Albany (School of Social Work), Albany, NY
1985- 1988 Assistant Professor, Social Work

Brown University, Providence, RI
1984-1985 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Afro-American Studies

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
1982-1983 Teaching Fellow, Counseling Psychology

Colby College, Waterville, Maine
1979-1980 Adjunct Lecturer, Sociology

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
1979- 1983 Assistant Professor, African and African American Studies

Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
1/79- 9/79 Associate Professor, Sociology

Boston University, Boston, MA
1977- 1978 Assistant Professor, Humanistic and Behavioral Studies

The Pennsylvania State University, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
1975- 1977 Postdoctoral Fellow, Behavioral Science in Medicine

Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA
1972- 1973 Assistant Professor, Social Science

CLINICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

The Men's Center (Baltimore, MD)
2003-4 Director of Mental Health Outreach

Liberty Medical Center Psychiatric Hospital (Baltimore, MD)
1994 Staff Psychologist

Dorchester Counseling Center; Dorchester, MA
1984- 1985 Acting Director/Staff Psychologist, Geriatric Services Unit

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CA #4 Mental Health Center (Philadelphia, PA)
1984 Family Therapist

S.C. Fuller Mental Health Center; Boston, MA
1982- 1983 Psychologist (Intern)
1978- 1979 Staff Psychologist

The Geneva Schools; Philadelphia and Levittown, PA
1974- 1976 Director of Psychology/School Psychologist

Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
1971- 1972 Director, Psychological Services Center/Vocations Counselor

The Place Waterloo YMCA; Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
1967- 1969 Director/Youth Counselor

AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Black Psychology (Identity Issues, Black Families & Communities)
Sociology of Black Education
Sociology of Knowledge and the Black Intellectual Tradition
Race, Gender, and Communications
Gender and Identity in American Cultural Iconography

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Gresson, Aaron David (2008, in press). *Race and Education: A Primer*. (New York: Peter Lang Press).
- Gresson, Aaron D. (2004) *America's Atonement: Racial Pain, Recovery Rhetoric and the Pedagogy of Healing* (New York: Peter Lang Press).
- Kincheloe, J., Steinberg, S. and Gresson, A.D., eds. (1996) *Measured Lies: The Bell Curve Examined* (New York: St. Martin's Press). [Winner, *Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book on Human Rights Award, 1997*]
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1995). *The Recovery of Race in America* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press). [Winner of *Everett Lee Hunt Award (Eastern Communication Association) for "Best New Book", 1996*]
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1990). *Black Amnesia* (Baltimore: Transformation Books).
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1982). *The Dialectics of Betrayal: Sacrifice, Violation and the Oppressed* (Norwood, NJ: Ablex).

Book Series (Editor)

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- “Race, Rites & Rhetoric: Colors, Cultures and Communications (Rowman & Littlefield)
“Race, Rhetoric, and Communication: Global Perspectives” (Sense Publishers.)

In Progress

The Yellow Ribbon: Gender, Suffragist Yellow, and Social Protest
Where Brothers Cry: Counseling Black Males in Transition.

Chapters and Encyclopedic Essays

- Gresson, Aaron David (2007). “My Daughter, Myself: Class Reflections through the Parent-Race-Gender Lens” In *Cutting Class: Essays on School and Social Class*, edited by Shirley Steinberg and Joe L. Kincheloe, (Lanham: MD: Rowman and Littlefield).
- Gresson, Aaron David (2006). “Doing Critical Research in Mainstream Disciplines: Reflections on a Study of Black Female Individuation” In *Doing Educational Research*, edited by K. Tobin and Joe L. Kincheloe (Rotterdam: Sense Publishers).
- Gresson, Aaron D. (2004). “Professional Wrestling and Youth Culture: Teasing, Taunting and the Containment of Civility.” In *Kinderculture: Exploring the Cults of Childhood*, 2nd edition, edited by Joe Kincheloe and Shirley Steinberg. Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, pp. 204-227.
- W.L. Boyd, R.L. Crowson and A.D. Gresson. (1997) “Neighborhood Initiatives, Community Agencies, and the Public Schools: A Changing Scene for the Development and Learning of Children.” In *Development and Learning of Children and Youth in Urban America*, edited by Margaret Wang & Maynard Reynolds. National Center on Education in the Inner Cities, Temple University Center for Research in Human Development and Education, Philadelphia, PA, pp. 81-103.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1997). “Professional Wrestling and Youth Culture: Teasing, Taunting and the Containment of Civility.” In *Kinderculture: Exploring the Cults of Childhood*, edited by Joe Kincheloe and Shirley Steinberg. Boulder, Co.: Westview Press, pp. 165-179.
- Gresson, Aaron David III. (1996). “Coda: Relational Justice and the *Cognitive Elite*.” In *Measured Lies: The Bell Curve Examined*, edited by Kincheloe, J., S. Steinberg, and A.D. Gresson. New York: St. Martin’s Pres., pp. 433-440.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1992) “African-Americans and the Pursuit of Wider Identities: Self-Other Understanding in Black Female Narratives.” In *Lived Stories: The Cultural Politics of Self-Understanding*, edited by George Rosenewald and Richard Ochberg. New Haven: Yale University Press, pp. 165-174.
- Morrison, Barbara J. and Aaron D. Gresson (1990). “Black Elderly Curriculum Content for Selected Health Care Professionals in *Curricula for Minority Health Professionals*, edited by Mary Harper. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professions, Rockville, MD: US Government Publications, pp. 223-268.

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- Gresson, Aaron D. (1989). "Equity and Excellence Among Ethnic Groups: Toward the Transcendence of Self-Deception." In *Excellence and Equity - A Reassessment*, edited by David G. Carter and J. John Harris III. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, pp. 103-115.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1987). "Transitional Metaphors and the Political Psychology of Identity Maintenance." In *Cognition and Symbolic Structures: The Psychology of Metaphoric Transformations*, edited by Robert E. Haskell. Norwood, NJ: Ablex, pp. 163-187.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1983). "Self-knowledge, Black History and Mutual Caring." In *Themes in African-American Reflectivity*, edited by Rhett S. Jones and Julia Rollins. Providence, RI: Providence Public Library, pp. 1-4.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1978). "Racism and Mental Health." in *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, edited by Warren T. Reich. New York: The Free Press. Vol. IV, pp. 1410-1414.

Articles

- Gresson, Aaron D. (1997). "Identity, Class and Teacher Education: The Persistence of Class Effects in the Classroom," *The review of Education Pedagogy Cultural Studies*, 19(3), pp. 335-348.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1996). "Postmodern America and the Multiculturalism Crisis: Reading *Forrest Gump* as the 'Call Back to Whiteness,'" *Taboo* 2(4), Winter, pp. 11-33.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1985). "Langston Hughes' style and the psychology of Black selfhood," *The Langston Hughes Review*, IV(1) Spring, pp. 47-54.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1980). "The Black special educator as educational pathologist," *The Journal of Negro Education*, 49(1), pp. 31-41.
- Lutz, Frank W. and Aaron D. Gresson, III. (1980). "Local School Boards as Political Councils," *Educational Studies*, 11(2), 125-144.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1978). "The sociology of social pathology: Focus on Black Education," *The Black Sociologist*, 6(2), pp. 25-39.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1978). "Phenomenology and the rhetoric of identification: A neglected dimension of coalition communication," *Communication Quarterly*, 26(4), pp. 14-23.
- Gresson, Aaron D. and David G. Carter (1978). "Equal educational opportunity for the gifted: In search of a legal standard," *NOLPE School Law Journal*, 6(2), pp. 145-154.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1977). "Minority Epistemology and the Rhetoric of Creation," *Philosophy and Rhetoric*, 10(4), pp. 244-262.
- Gresson, Aaron D. and David G. Carter (1977). "In search of the potentially gifted: Suggestions for the School Administrator," *The Clearing House*, 50(8), pp. 369 - 371.
- Gresson, Aaron D. (1976). "Non-negotiables and academic activist," *The Black Sociologist*, 5(3), pp. 4-6.

Book Reviews

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Gresson, Aaron D. (1982). Review of Peter J. Paris, "Black leaders in conflict," (1978) in *The Black Sociologist*, 9(1) Spring/Summer, pp. 84-87.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Calvert Hall College Alumni Hall of Fame, Baltimore, MD, 2006
- Lifetime Achievement Award, International Black Women's Conference, Arlington, VA, 1999
- Scholar-in-Residence, The Penn Center, The Penn State University, Harrisburg, PA, 1999-2000
- Schreyer Institute Award for Innovative Learning, 1998-1999
- The Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights in North America for outstanding work on intolerance in North America for *Measured Lies: The "Bell Curve" Examined*, 1997
- Everett Lee Hunt Award (Eastern Communication Association) for "Best New Book", *The Recovery of Race in America*, 1996
- Ford Fellow, Center for the Study of Black Literature and Culture, University of Pennsylvania, 1993
- Faculty Fellow, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, 1992-1993
- Distinguished Scholar in Residence, The Pennsylvania State University, Summer 1988
- Cited in *Black Writers in New England*, Edited by Edward Clark, Boston: National Park Service, 1985
- Cited in "Outstanding Men in America," 1983
- Boston College Teaching Fellow, 1982-1983
- Gerontological Society of America Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 1980
- National Institute of Mental Health Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 1976-1977
- Association of Black Sociologists Graduate Student Essay Winner, 1975
- National Medical Fellow, 1973
- University of Toronto Graduate Fellow, 1970-1973
- Mennonite Mental Health Scholar, 1969

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND EDITORIAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Council for Black Studies*
- Association of Black Sociologists
- American Psychological Association
- Association of Behavioral and Social Scientists
- Association of Black Sociologists
- Eastern Communications Association
- National Communication Association*
- American Education Research Association*
- *Black Sociologist* (1976-81) (Referee)
- *Phylon* (1980-1988) (Referee)
- *Interfaces: Journal of Psychology, Linguistics, and Health Therapeutics* (1983-1988) (Referee)
- *Mind and Behavior* (1988-) (Editorial Board)

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(* Membership Current)

COURSES TAUGHT (SELECTED)

African American Communications and Rhetoric
African American Education
Addictions and the African American Community
Black Aging
Black Psychology
Black Male Issues
Ethnic Sensitive Practice
Human Behavior and Social Environment
Masculinity Issues and Human Services
Race & Ethnic Diversity and the Family
Race, Gender and Curriculum

CONSULTATIVE/RESEARCH POSITIONS (SELECTED)

1980	WCH Industries (Waltham, MA)
1978-79	Massachusetts Mental Health Center (Boston, MA)
1979-80	Roxbury Action Program (Roxbury, MA)
1974-77	National Center on Black Aged (Washington, DC)
1974-77	Department of Education (Harrisburg, PA)
1974	Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Harrisburg, PA)

SELECTED CONTRACTS & GRANTS

- “The Flag and the Yellow Ribbon: Women’s Patriotic Graphic Art.” Smithsonian Institution, 1992-3.
- “Minority Student Leadership Project.” EOPC Demonstration Grant, Penn State University, 1989-90.
- “The Black Alcoholic: Toward a Family-oriented Intergenerational Treatment Model.” SUNY Faculty Research Award, 1987-88.
- “Elderly Alcoholism: Issues and Interventions.” SUNY Faculty Research Award, 1986-87.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Gresson, Aaron D. “The Health of Rhetorical Race Scholarship” a panel, National Communication Association Conference, Boston, MA November, 2005. (Respondent)
Gresson, Aaron D. “The Rhetorical Scholarship of Aaron D. Gresson, III” a panel, National

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- Communication Association Conference, Chicago, Ill, November, 2004. (Respondent)
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Some Mental Health Issues of Black Women in the Recovery Age." International Congress of Black Women Annual Conference," Arlington, VA, April, 1999.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "*Forrest Gump* and the Recovery of 'Whiteness.'" JCT Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice, Monteagle, Tennessee, September 1995.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "The Intellectual Dilemma of the Minority Scholar." The International Conference on Power in the Academy, University of Maryland, College Park, November, 1992.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Race Rhetoric and Language Enlargement." The International Conference on the Rhetoric of Social Science, University of Maryland, College Park, April, 1989.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Drugs and Violence: Epidemiology and Solutions." 2nd Annual Morehouse Medical School Cork Institute of Black Alcoholism and Other Addictions, Atlanta, Ga., April 1989.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Mythmaking and the Contemporary Black Experience: A Psychopolitical Assessment of Spoiled Identity and Sacrifice." Brown University, Afro-American Studies Program, Winter 1983.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Geriatric Services: Curricular Implications for Program in Family and Community Medicine." Department of Community and Family Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, October, 1983.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Black Commitment: A Challenge for the 1980s." Invited lecture, Student Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, November 1983.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "The Psychology of Black Men—Issues and Challenges." Guest Lecture, National Black Social Workers (Capital District Chapter), Albany, NY, October 1985.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Elderly Alcoholism." New York State Council on Alcoholism, Annual Meeting and Conference, Albany, NY, September 13-15, 1987.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Does the Afro-American Middle-Class Have a Culture?" Brown University, Department of Afro American Studies - "Rites and Reasons" - February, 1989.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Neurotic Encapsulation and Black Psychology." Invited speaker—The Bolby Lecture Series, Bowdoin College, November 1979.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Creativity, Mental Healthiness and the Black Aged." National Center/Caucus on Black Aged Annual Conference, Research Symposium on Minority Mental Health and Quality of Life, Dayton, OH, May 23-24, 1978.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Academic Activism and the Epistemological Elitists." Paper presented at 1st Annual Conference on Africana Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Fall 1977.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "Anomie and the Local School Board." Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, April 4-8, 1977.
- Gresson, Aaron D. "The Sociology of Social Pathology." Paper presented

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at Association for Black Sociologists Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November, 1975.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Gresson, Aaron D. Panelist, "Multiculturalism and Teacher Education," United Negro College Fund Frederick D. Patterson Institute Conference," Washington, D.C., September, 2004.

Gresson, Aaron D. Panelist, "Whiteness Studies and the Curriculum," JCT Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice, Chicago, Ill., October, 1999.

Gresson, Aaron D., Workshop Presenter, "Chemical Dependency and Minorities," December 7, 1987, Clifton, New Jersey.

Gresson, Aaron D., Panel Discussant, "Networking and Coalitions Building," National Association of Black Social Workers, New York State Chapter Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY, October 1985.

Gresson, Aaron D., Panel Discussant, Association of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, Winter 1979.

Gresson, Aaron D., Invited Discussant, "Healing Practices and the Elderly," National Caucus on the Black Aged Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Winter 1978.

Gresson, Aaron D. Invited Discussant, "Identification of the Gifted Learner," Special Education and the Gifted Conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Winter 1975.

Gresson, Aaron D., Panel Moderator, "Piaget and Mental Health Issues," International Piagetian Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Winter 1974.