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*Research Areas:* Patient Experience ♦ Religion, Spirituality, & Health ♦ Healthcare Chaplaincy ♦ Research Methodology & Design ♦ Social Determinants of Health

## EDUCATION

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- 2021 (Expected)      Ph.D., Public Health Sciences, Health Management & Systems Sciences  
University of Louisville (Louisville, KY),  
Department of Health Management & System Sciences, School of Public  
Health & Information Sciences,  
*Dissertation Title: Hospital-based Professional Spiritual Care: Evaluating the  
Utilization, Availability, & Impact of Chaplains*
- 2018                      M.Sc., Clinical Investigation Sciences  
University of Louisville (Louisville, KY), School of Public Health &  
Information Sciences
- 2009                      M.Div., Pastoral Ministry & Theology  
Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)
- 2006                      B.A., Religion, Mathematics Minor  
Transylvania University (Lexington, KY)

## TEACHING

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- Spring 2021                      *Teaching Assistant*, Health Management & System Sciences Programs  
Course: Introduction to Health Systems (PHMS 615)  
*Guest Lecturer*, Health Management & System Sciences Programs  
Courses: Introduction to U.S. Healthcare Delivery (PHMS 301),  
Healthcare Strategic Management (PHMS 620)
- Summer 2020 – Present                      *Visiting Professor*, Doctor of Ministry Degree Program  
Courses: Research Integration (DM411Q), Research Methods  
(DM407)  
Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)
- Summer 2018 – Summer 2020                      *Guest Lecturer*, Doctor of Ministry Degree Program  
Courses: Research Integration (DM411Q), Research Methods  
(DM407)  
Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)
- Summer 2017 - 2019                      *Chaplain*, Research Literacy, Introduction to Quantitative Research

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 – Present      Center for Health Organization Transformation (CHOT)  
School of Public Health & Information Sciences, University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY  
*Graduate Research Assistant*
- 2018 – Present      Transforming Chaplaincy  
Rush University Medical Center  
*Research Assistant*
- 2015 – 2020          Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY  
*PRN Chaplain*
- 2014 – 2015          University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative & Supportive Care,  
Birmingham, AL  
*SPARC Program Manager*  
*Outpatient Chaplain, Supportive Care & Survivorship Clinic*
- 2012 – 2014          University of Alabama at Birmingham Medicine, Birmingham, AL  
*Outpatient Staff Chaplain*
- 2011                    University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville, KY  
*Chaplain Resident*
- 2009 – 2010          First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), London, KY  
*Associate Pastor*

## PUBLICATIONS

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- White, K.B.**, Combs, R.M., Decker, H., & Schmidt, B.M. (under review). Gender-based Perspectives on Professional Healthcare Chaplaincy Board Certification.
- Karimi, S.K., Salunhke, S., **White, K.B.**, ...& McKinney, P.K. (under review). Observational Survey of Mask Use during COVID-19 Pandemic in Jefferson County, Kentucky.
- White, K.B.**, Combs, R., & Decker, H.D. (revise & resubmit). Board Certification of Professional Chaplains: A Qualitative Study of Stakeholder Perspectives.
- Karimi, S.M., Majbouri, M., DuPre, N., **White, K.B.**, Little, B., & McKinney, W.P. (revise & resubmit). Spring Weather and COVID-19 Deaths in the U.S. *Journal of Occupational & Environmental Medicine*.
- Niyongabo, D., Johnson, C., Roelfs, D., Creel, L., Jennings, J., & **White, K.B.** (revise & resubmit). The Green House Nursing Home Model: A systematic review of model elements and their impact. *The Gerontologist*.

Edmonds, T., Drake, H., Miller, J., Trabue, N., Salunkhe, S., O’Keefe, M., Levinson, A., Lister, C., Alzahrani, S. & **White, K.B.** (revise & resubmit). A Framework for Integrating Arts, Science, and Social Justice into Culturally-Responsive Public Health Communication and Innovation Designs. *Health Promotion Practice*.

**White, K.B.**, Resmondo, Z., Kelly Prior, B., & Jennings, J. (under review). Community-Based Asset Security: A Systematic Review.

Antoine, A., Fitchett, G., Marin, D.B., Sharma, V., Garman, T., **White, K.B.**, & Cadge, W. (accepted for publication). How do Healthcare Executives Understand and Make Decisions about Spiritual Care Provision? A Pilot Study. *Southern Medical Journal*.

Antione, A., Fitchett, G., Sharma, V., Marin, D.B., Garman, A.N., Haythorn, T., **White, K.B.**, Greene, A., & Cadge, W. (2021). What Organizational and Business Models Underlie Spiritual Care Staffing in Healthcare Organizations? An Initial Description and Analysis. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*.

**White, K.B.**, Barnes, M.J.D., Cadge, W., & Fitchett, G. (2020). Mapping the Healthcare Chaplaincy Workforce: A Baseline Description. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy*. Epub ahead of print: <https://doi.org/10.1080/08854726.2020.1723192>

O’Keefe, M., **White, K.B.** & Jennings, J. (2019). Asynchronous Telepsychiatry: A Systematic Review. *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1357633X19867189>.

**White, K.B.**, Murphy, P.E., Jeuland, J., & Fitchett, G. (2019). Distress and Self-Care among Chaplains Working in Palliative Care. *Palliative and Supportive Care*, 1-8. doi:10.1017/S1478951518001062

## BOOKS

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Fitchett, G., **White, K.B.**, & Lyndes, K. (2018). Eds. *Evidence Based Chaplaincy: A Research Reader*. London, UK: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

## WORKING PAPERS & CURRENT PROJECTS

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“Systemic Racism in Chaplaincy: Opportunities to Change the Narrative.” Transforming Chaplaincy & Advocate Aurora Health. September 2020 – Present.

“Observational Survey of Mask Use during COVID-19 Pandemic in Jefferson County, Kentucky.” Louisville Metro Department of Health & Wellness. October 2020 – Present.

“Advancements in the Social Determinants of Health: A Social Network Analysis.” Center for Health Organization Transformation & The Humana Foundation. January 2020 – Present.

**White, K.B.**, Fitchett, G., & Karimi, S.K. (manuscript in process). Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Services in U.S. Hospitals.

## RESEARCH BRIEFS & OTHER NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**White, K.B.** and Fitchett, G. (2020). Developing Evidence-based Spiritual Care. *Public Health Religion and Spirituality Bulletin*. [Online 13 Nov 2020, Article A017] <http://www.publichealthrs.org/a017/>

Karimi, S.M., Majbouri, M., **White, K.B.**, Little, B., McKinney, W.P., & DuPre, N. (2020) Spring Weather and COVID-19 Deaths in the U.S. *medRxiv*. 2020;2020.06.20.20136259.  
doi:10.1101/2020.06.20.20136259

**White, K.B.**, Combs, R., Johnson, R., and Gurung, I. (2020, May). Professional Health Care Chaplaincy Certification: Exploring Efficacy and Strategizing Future Directions (National Science Foundation Center for Health Organization Transformation Report No. Pop2). Louisville, KY: University of Louisville School of Public Health and Information Sciences.

**White, K.B.** & Oliver, R. (2019, October). What is evidence? *APC Forum*. Online newsletter for the Association of Professional Chaplains.

**White, K.B.** & Jennings, J.C. (2019, June 15). Research Brief: The Relationship between Social Connection, Asset Security, Food Security, & Post-Secondary Success. Developed for the Humana Foundation.

**White, K.B.** (2018, January 18). Return on Investment & Healthcare Chaplaincy: Demonstrating a Financial Impact. Blog post for *Transforming Chaplaincy*. Access at <https://www.transformchaplaincy.org/2018/01/18/return-on-investment-healthcare-chaplaincy-demonstrating-a-financial-impact/>

**Blankenship<sup>1</sup>, K.** (2014, April 22). An “Advanced Care Plan” for a Chaplain Serving the Outpatient Kirklin Clinic. *Plainviews Publications of Healthcare Chaplaincy Network*.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 2018       | Delta Omega Beta Phi, Public Health Honorary   |
| 2017 -2018 | Innovative Program Award – ACPE Foundation<br>“Mapping Chaplain Diversity: An Initial Investigation”<br>Wendy Cadge (PI), Kelsey White & Marilyn Barnes (Sub-Investigators)<br><b>Grant Amount: \$6,000.00</b> |
| 2016-2019  | Transforming Chaplaincy Research Fellowship, Cohort 1<br>John Templeton Foundation & Rush University   |
| 2016       | Marc A. Lehmann Spirit of Service Award<br>Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Kentucky   |
| 2006-2009  | Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Full Tuition Scholarship<br>Union Theological Seminary  |

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<sup>1</sup> Maiden Name - Blankenship

## POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

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- White, K.B.** (October, 2020). Professional Health Care Chaplaincy: Exploring Efficacy & Strategizing Future Directions. Insight Presentation at Fall IAB Meeting of the Center for Health Organization Transformation. Virtual.
- Barnes, M.J.D., & **White, K.B.** (September, 2020). Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Webinar Presentation.
- White, K.B.**, Barnes, M.J.D., Cadge, W., & Fitchett, G. (June, 2020). Mapping the Health Care Chaplaincy Workforce: A Baseline Description. Poster presentation accepted for the 2020 Annual Research Meeting of AcademyHealth, Boston, MA. *(Conference not held due to COVID-19)*
- Combs, R., **White, K.B.**, Johnson, R., & Gurung, I. (June, 2020). Professional Health Care Chaplaincy: Exploring Efficacy & Strategizing Future Directions. Poster presentation accepted for the 2020 Annual Research Meeting for AcademyHealth, Boston, MA. *(Conference not held due to COVID-19)*
- White, K.B.**, Jennings, J.C., & Pryor, B. (October, 2019). Exploring the Linkage between Social Connection and Social Determinants of Health. Poster presentation at Fall IAB Meeting of the Center for Health Organization Transformation, Seattle, WA.
- White, K.B.**, Combs, R., Johnson, R., & Gurung, I. (October, 2019). Professional Chaplaincy Certification: Exploring Efficacy and Strategizing Future Directions. Poster presentation at Fall IAB Meeting of the Center for Health Organization Transformation, Seattle, WA.
- White, K.B.** (July, 2019). Who are healthcare chaplains? A Workforce Snapshot. Presentation at the 2019 Louisville Area ACPE Cluster Meeting, Louisville, KY.
- White, K.B.**, Barnes, M.J.D., Cadge, W., & Fitchett, G. (June, 2019). Mapping Chaplain Workforce: A Baseline Investigation. Poster Presentation at the 2019 Association of Professional Chaplains National Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Barnes, M.J.D, Rajace, G., & **White, K.B.** (June, 2019). From Research Question to Project. Professional Development Intensive at the 2019 Association of Professional Chaplains National Conference, Orlando, FL.
- White, K.B.** & Palmer, P.K. (June, 2019). Quantitative Research for Beginners. Professional Development Intensive at the 2019 Association of Professional Chaplains National Conference, Orlando, FL.
- White, K.B.** (2019, April). Professional Healthcare Chaplaincy Certification: Exploring Efficacy & Strategizing Future Directions. Project Proposal Presentation at Spring IAB Meeting of the Center for Health Organization Transformation, Malvern, PA.
- O'Keefe, M. & **White, K.B.** (2018, October). Asynchronous Telepsychiatry: A Systematic Review. Poster Presentation at Fall IAB Meeting of the Center for Health Organization Transformation, McLean, VA.

- Fitchett, G., **White, K.B.**, & Lyndes, K. (2018, July). Quantitative Research for Beginners. Professional Development Intensive at the 2018 Association of Professional Chaplains/National Association of Catholic Chaplains National Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- White, K.B.** (2018, May). Praying with Health Challenges: An Examination of the Frequency of Prayers for Health and Associations with Poloma and Pendleton's (1989) Prayer Types. Thesis Presentation for Completion of Master of Science Degree, Louisville, KY.
- White, K.B.** (2017, December). Religion & Spirituality in Oncology. Presentation for Hematology/Oncology Rounds for Norton Healthcare, Louisville, KY.
- White, K.B.** (2015, August). Compassionate Care for Nurses & Nursing Assistants. Educational Presentation give for Medical/Surgical staff at Norton Women's & Children's Hospital, Louisville, KY.
- White, K.B.** & Kilpatrick, L. (2015, June). Progressive Chaplaincy: Chaplaincy in an Outpatient World. Workshop Presentation for the Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, Louisville, KY.
- White, K.B.** (2014, November). Spirituality & Cultural Awareness. Didactic presentation for Palliative Medicine Fellows of UAB Medicine, Birmingham, AL.
- Blankenship, K.** (2014, June). Advanced Care Planning for Patient Navigators. Educational Presentation for SPARC Program, Birmingham, AL.
- Blankenship, K.** (2014, May). Care Coordination in Breast Cancer. Education for breast cancer volunteers in the SPARC Program, Birmingham, AL.
- Blankenship, K.** (2014, April). Racism & Chaplaincy. Didactic for Clinical Pastoral Education Students, UAB Medicine, Birmingham, AL.
- Blankenship, K.** (2013, December). Providing Compassionate Care to Alzheimer's Patients. Community Presentation, Twin Pines Christian Church, Lexington, KY.
- Blankenship, K.** (2013, December). Emotional Overload for Nurse Practitioners. Grand Rounds Presentation, UAB Medicine, Birmingham, AL.
- Thompson, M. & **Blankenship, K.** (2013). Self-Reflection as Patient-Care for Medical Students. Ground Rounds Presentation, UAB Medicine, Birmingham, AL.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### *SERVICE*

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| 2020 | Student Representative & Member, UofL Department of Health Management & System Sciences, Faculty Search Committee |
| 2020 | Student Representative & Member, UofL Department of Health Management & System Sciences PhD Committee             |
| 2019 | Student Representative & Member, CHOT Program Manager Search Committee  |

*EDITORIAL & PEER REVIEWER*

2020 Peer Reviewer. *Critical Research on Religion*  
Peer Reviewer. *Teaching Theology & Religion*  
2019 Peer Reviewer. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.*  
2018 - Present Editorial Board Member. *Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy.*  
2018 Peer Reviewer. *Journal of Religion and Health.*  
Peer Reviewer. *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling.*  
2017 Peer Reviewer (Mentored – George Fitchett). *Spiritual Care in Clinical Practice.*  
Peer Reviewer (Mentored – George Fitchett). *Journal of Healthcare Chaplaincy.*

*CERTIFICATIONS*

2018 Endorsement – Religious Naturalist Association  
2016 Designated Tissue Requester - Kentucky Organ Donation Affiliates  
2014 Respecting Choices Facilitator - Gunderson Health System  
2013 Board Certified Chaplain - BCCI Inc., Association of Professional Chaplains  
2011 Ecclesiastical Endorsement - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
2009, 2011 Clinical Pastoral Education, 4 Units - Association of Clinical Pastoral Education  
2009 Ordained Minister - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

*MEMBERSHIPS*

2020 – Present Academy of Management  
2019 – Present Academy Health  
2018 – Present Religious Naturalist Association  
2013 – Present Association of Professional Chaplains