

# **Devon Brooks**

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## **Biography**

Devon Brooks joined the faculty in 1999 and teaches human behavior and research methodology in the M.S.W. program and research methodology in the Ph.D. program.

His research and practice interests generally revolve around the reduction and treatment of child maltreatment, with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities in the permanency and mental health outcomes of children and families served by public child welfare agencies; risk assessment; assessment of formal and indigenous service needs and utilization; transracial adoption and racial matching policy; gay and lesbian adoption and foster care placements; family preservation; and child welfare innovations.

He regularly provides consultation and technical assistance in the area of child welfare and presents at national conferences. He is principal investigator of both "The SPIN Initiative: Evaluation of an In-Home, Strengths and Video Based Intervention for at-Risk Families" and "Enhancing Positive Outcomes in Transracial Adoptive Families Following Implementation of the Multiethnic Placement Act and Interethnic Adoption Provisions."

Dr. Brooks is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Association of Black Social Workers, the Council on Social Work Education, and the Society for Social Work and Research. He is a member of the editorial board of Children and Youth Services Review, and has most recently published in Child and Family Social Work, Child Welfare, Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology and Social Work.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Child Welfare, Risk Assessment, Research Methodology, Children & Families, Human Behavior, Mental Health

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## **Education**

**University of California, Berkeley**  
PhD

**University of California, Berkeley**  
MSW

**George Mason University**

**BA**

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## **Accomplishments**

**Senior Research Fellow, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute**

2007-2011

**Culture of Mentoring Award (granted to the School of Social Work), University of Southern California**

2009

**Mellon Faculty to Faculty Mentoring Award, USC**

2008

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