**ERVIN DYER, Ph.D**

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Dissertation: Somali Bantu Refugees in a Public Housing Community

M.A. in Sociology, University of Pittsburgh (focus on African immigration)

M.S. in Journalism, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Champaign/Urbana

Thesis: The Dallas Times-Herald and Race Relations

B.S. with honors in Journalism, NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

**PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**:

Research Interests

Race and culture

Public sociology

Immigration, African society, African diaspora

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**:

*Senior editor/Writer, Pitt Magazine, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*,

*Speechwriter and special projects communicator with the Office of the Chancellor, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH*

*News editor/reporter, THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE*,

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**:

2010 Adjunct professor, Department of Africana Studies, University of Pittsburgh, teaching Black Family, historical and contemporary issues.

2003-08 Adjunct professor, Department of Communications, Point Park University, teaching feature writing; initiated community-reporting program.

**FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2007 Scholarship/Religion Newswriters Association: $5,000 to study HIV ministries in South Africa and Zambia, which included 12-day visit to Africa.

2006 Fellowship National Association Black Journalists: $3,000 to study malaria in Tanzania/Zanzibar in 8-day visit to Africa.

2000-2004 Fellow with African American AIDS Training and Policy Institute. $3,000 provided to report from International AIDS conferences in Durban, South Africa, and Barcelona, Spain, and Toronto, Canada.

2000 Ethel L. Payne Fellowship, National Association of Black Journalists. $5,000 to reside six weeks in rural Ghana to cover growth of independent Christianity in Africa

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

2019 Editor/writer “Say It Loud,” an oral history of Black Student Activism at Pitt, 1960

[The Bridge to Home: The Allegheny County Jail Collaborative’s Family Support Initiative](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=40053)  *Ervin Dyer, Kathy McCauley and Evelyn Whitehill*

*Published, November 2013*  The Family Support Program was implemented in the Allegheny County Jail in 2009 to support positive family and community connections as incentives that encourage and assist ex-offenders to stay out of jail.

2012 Summer *Remarks* Newsletter Section on Racial and Ethnic

Minorities, American Sociological Association,

Dyer, Ervin; Symposium Review Essay

“Race and Reflexivity: Ethnic and Racial Studies,” Vol. 35, No. 4, April 2012

2011 Dyer, Ervin, “Race and the 54c Bus,” Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Jan. 23

http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/opinion/perspectives/the-seat-next-to-mine-on-the-54c-is-almost-always-empty-is-it-because-im-black-283088/

2008 Dyer, Ervin, “Hope for Haiti,” Crisis Magazine, Fall

www.flm**haiti**.org/**Haiti**%20Crisis.pdf

2006 Dyer, Ervin, “African Americans and the City of Light: A new wave of Blacks in Paris,” Crisis Magazine, Summer

**Grants**

2019 Pulitzer Center journalism grant to report from Haiti

2013 Heinz Endowments’ African American Men and Boys Initiative grant to hold 10-week photography workshop for high school males

**PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Founder, collaborator “Feel Like Going’ On” black photography project

http://communityvoices.sites.post-gazette.com/index.php/opinion/feel-like-going-on