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Damiya Whitaker, Psy.D., M.A., is a Health Scientist Administrator/Program Officer at ORWH. She came to ORWH with a background in cognitive behavioral therapy and research on environmental influences on health and disease development and progression among health disparity populations. As a social and behavioral scientist, Dr. Whitaker is passionate about geographic analysis of disease and disease risk for underserved racial and ethnic groups and low-income communities, the elimination of neighborhood incivility, addressing income inequality and food insecurity, and the advancement of integrated health equity solutions. Dr. Whitaker supports the U3 Administrative Supplement Program—which supports research on women from populations that are understudied, underrepresented, and underreported (U3) in biomedical research—for ORWH's Clinical Research Section.



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