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Education

Ph.D., University of Georgia, 2021, Housing Management and Policy

M.B.A., W.P. Carey School of Business, 2012, Business Administration

Summary

Portia Johnson, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist with a joint appointment with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Consumer and Design Sciences at Auburn University. As the Financial Management & Workforce Development Extension Specialist, her extension programming includes adult and youth financial literacy, household money management, career preparedness and soft skills workforce development, household disaster preparedness, and financial aid decision-making. Johnson's research agenda includes sustainable homeownership and heirs' property, household financial literacy and housing education, coaching, and counseling. Johnson has authored and co-authored several academic and extension publications and regularly delivers presentations at invited professional meetings. She has received over 21 honors and awards, among them a 2021 National Sadie Alexander Scholar Recipient, The Sadie Collective and National Blue Key Honor Society 2021 inductee. She has also received various external funds to support her work (e.g., Alabama Association of Resource Conservation & Development).

Selected Publications:

- **Johnson, P.L.,** Ross, K., Hines, E. (2022). Money Milestones: Promoting Children's Financial Literacy Through Parent and Caregiver Education and Socialization. *Journal of National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences*.
- **Johnson, P.L. & Hines, Emily.** (2022). FAFSA Completion: Considerations for an Extension- Led Statewide Nudge Campaign. *Journal of Extension*.
- **Johnson, P.L., & Carswell, A.T.** (2021). The effects of unplanned moves on post-crisis housing situations. *Housing and Society*, 48(2), 137-154. DOI: 10.1080/08882746.2020.1796109

Selected Extension Publications & Products:

- **Johnson, P.L.,** *Ross, K., ^Hines, E. *Alabama FAFSA [website]*. www.aces.edu/fafsa
- **Johnson, P.L.,** Smith, P. (2021). *2021 Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, & Child & Dependent Care Deductions*. Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Auburn, AL. FCS-2652 <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/finance-career/2021-child-tax-credit-earned-income-tax-credit-child-dependent-care-deductions/>
- **Johnson, P.L.** (2021). How To Deduct Pet-Related Expenses on Your Taxes. Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Auburn, AL. FCS-2628: <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/finance-career/how-to-deduct-pet-related-expenses-on-your-taxes/>
- Smith, P., **Johnson, P.L.** *How to Teach Children to Be Savvy Savers*. Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Auburn, AL. FCS-2654. <https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/home-family/how-to-teach-children-to-be-savvy-savers/>

Professional Memberships: American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension Professional Association, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFSC), Family Economics and Resource Management Association (FERMA), American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI), Housing Education and Research Association (HERA)

Selected Honors and Awards:

New Faculty Scholars, Auburn University 2022-2023; Blue Key Honor Society, University of Georgia Chapter, 2021; 2020; National Sadie Alexander Scholar Recipient, The Sadie Collective, 2021