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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University
Ed.D. Adult Education
August 1990
Minor: Black Studies
Dissertation Topic: "Contributions of African American Women to Nonformal
Education During the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1965"

The Pennsylvania State University
M.S. Home Economics
January 1987
Major: Home Economics
Master Thesis: "Minority Students' Perception of Home Economics"

Cheyney State University
B.S. Home Economics
May 1981
With Second Honors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director **Center for Black Studies**
Northern Illinois University **July 1998**

Responsible for daily operation of the Center including budget management, student advising, course assignments and offerings, new course development and teaching; attend committee meetings, complete annual reports; responsible for grant proposal writing, teaching at least two course per semester in the Black Studies Program; and advising student organizations.

Acting Director **Center for Black Studies**

Northern Illinois University October 1997 - June 1998

Handle everyday administration of the Center for Black Studies, attend committee meetings, advise students, complete annual reports and budgets; responsible for teaching two classes.

**Associate Professor Counseling, Adult, Health Education
Northern Illinois University August 1998-**

Teach 1 course per semester; advising students; serve on admissions committee, curriculum committee, and doctoral testing committee.

**Assistant Director Center for Black Studies
Northern Illinois University August 1994 -**

To assist the Director in the administration of the Center for Black Studies, in the conduct and coordination of research, development of curricula and programs, and advise student organizations. Responsible for grant proposal writing, and teaching at least one course per semester in the Black Studies Program.

**Assistant Professor African/African American Studies
The Pennsylvania State University January 1994 - June 1994**

Responsible for teaching the following courses: "Introduction to African American Studies Seminar," "The Evolving Status of Blacks in the 20th Century: Interdisciplinary Perspective," "The African American Woman: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," Human Relations," "African Seminar," and "Racism and Sexism."

**Interim Director/Research Associate African/African American Studies
The Pennsylvania State University July 1990 - December 1993**

Responsible for daily operation of the Program including budget management, student advising, monitoring faculty workloads, course assignments and offerings, new course development and teaching.

**Instructor Black Studies Program
The Pennsylvania State University August 1987 - June 1990**

Responsible for teaching the following courses: "Introduction to African American Studies Seminar," "The Evolving Status of Blacks in the 20th Century: Interdisciplinary Perspective," "The African American Woman: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," Human Relations," "African Seminar," and "Racism and Sexism."

**Graduate Assistant Black Studies Program
The Pennsylvania State University January 1986 - August 1987**

Research and compiled multi-cultural bibliographies for grades k-12 for the Legislative Office for Research Liaison (LORL) Project, Volumes I and II. Compiled and edited the Faculty Handbook for the retention of minority students. Teaching Assistant for the African Studies Seminar.

RESEARCH INTEREST

Africana Women Studies

Africana Women spirituality and health

The history, participation, and contributions of Blacks to adult education

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Adult Education

"*Learning From the Cradle...*," with L. Reed, Thresholds in Education, 2004, 30:3, pgs. 1-3,

"*Waiting to Exhale: Opening New Avenues to Learning*," with E. Rogers, Thresholds in Education, 2004, 30:3, pgs.4-10.

Co-editor with L. Reed, "*From the Cradle to...Lifelong Learning in African American Education*," Thresholds in Education, 2004, 30:3 (invited)

Co-editor with Vada Southern. "*Taking Our Rightful Place in Adult Education: In History, At Present, and In The Future*," Thresholds in Education, May 2000, 26:2

"*Septima Clark's Rhetorical and Ethnic Legacy: Her Message of Citizenship in the Civil Rights Movement*" with Deborah F. Atwater, Journal of Black Studies, May 1996, 26:5, 577-92. (referred/invited)

"*Educating Head, Hand, and Heart, Anna Cooper and Nannie Burroughs*," Thresholds in Education, February 1996, 22:1, 3-9.

"*All That and More: A Genealogy of African American Women Educators*," Thresholds in Education, February 1996, 21:1, 10-18. (invited)

"*Contributions to Adult Education: Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Alain L. Locke, and Ambrose Caliver*," Journal of Black Studies, September, 1988 19:1 (referred).

Co-Editor with William Young, Thresholds in Education, Special Issue, *Historical Perspectives and Visions of African American Women Educators*, February 1996, 22:1. (invited)

Black Studies

"*A woman with vision: Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddy and the National Council for Black Studies,*" with Dr. Deborah Atwater, International Journal of Africana Studies , Spr. 2005 , 10:1, pgs. 117-130 (referred)

"*African American Women--Transition from Domestic Service to the Hospitality Industry*" with Angela Farrar, Marriage and Family Review, Fall 1998, 28:1/2, 124-141. (referred/invited)

Passing the Torch: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement, " Journal of Black Studies, May 1996, 26:5, 629-47. (referred)

"*Merit Hiring: Who's Zooming Whom,*" Faculty Bulletin, November 1995, 59:2, 11-15. (invited)

"*A Minor of Our Own: A Case for an Academic Program in Women of Color,*" with Lynne Goodstein, Women's Studies Quarterly, Spring/Summer, 1990, 18:1 & 2 (referred).

Chapters in Books

Adult Education

"*The Problems and Promises of Diversity in the Professions: Implications for Continuing Professional Education,*" in William H. Young (ed), Continuing Professional Education in Transition, 1998, 117-124. (invited)

"*Alain L. Locke: Adult Educator,*" in E. Peterson (ed.), Freedom Roads Now, 1996, 67-87. (invited)

Black Studies

"*Africana Studies for Young People: Reflections, Sounds, Sights, and Color in Ebony Jr! and the Brownies' Book*" with J.B. Stewart, in J.B. Stewart (ed), Flight in Search of Vision: Vol. 2004, Africa World Press.

Passing the Torch: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement," in Jack E. Davis (ed), The Civil Rights Movement, 2001. Blackwell Publishing: Malden, Mass.

"*The Missing Link: Black Women in Black/Africana Studies,*" in Delores Aldridge and Carlene Young (eds), Out of the Revolution: The Development of Africana Studies, November 2000 (invited).

"*Alain Locke and His Contributions to Black Studies,*" in Leonard Harris (ed), The Critical Pragmatism of Alain Locke, 1999, 235-250. (invited).

"Amy Jacques Garvey and Henrietta Vinton Davis of the Universal Negro Improvement Association," in James L. Conyers, Jr. (ed), Black American Intellectualism and Culture: A Social Study of African American Social and Political Thought, 1999, 25-36. (invited).

"Working Toward the Betterment of the Black Community: Elizabeth Ross Haynes" in James L. Conyers, Jr. (ed), Black Lives: Essays in African American Biography, 1999, 95-109. (invited).

Five mini essays (300 words each) on Elizabeth Ross Haynes, Nannie H. Burroughs, Lucy Laney, National Training School, Amy Jacques Garvey, and Henrietta V. Davis, in the Historical Encyclopedia of Black Feminist edited by Imani L. B. Fryar. (forthcoming\invited).

Conference Proceedings

Adult Education

"Anna Cooper and Nannie Burroughs: Educating Head, Heart, and Hand in the Early 20th Century African American Community." Adult Education Research Conference, University Park, PA, May 1993.

"Contributions of African American Women to Nonformal Education During the Civil Rights Movement, 1955 - 1965." Adult Education Research Conference, Tulsa, OK., May 1991.

Black Studies

"Surviving Graduate School When You Aren't Sure Why You Are There." Black Graduate Student Symposium in Adult Education, DeKalb, IL., November 1991.

Research Reports/Resource Documents

"Blacks in the 20th Century," a distance education for the Pennsylvania State University, 1996.

"A Penn State Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," with Elizabeth L. Lewis and James B. Stewart, published by the Black Studies Program, The Pennsylvania State University, 1989.

Book Reviews

"Something must be done: One black woman's story," Syracuse University Press, 2005 (invited) (manuscript review)

Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs, and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities, by Walter M. Kimbrough, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press:New Jersey, 2003. National Association of Student Affairs Professional Journal, 7:1, pgs. 124-125, 2004 (invited)

Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs, and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities, by Walter M. Kimbrough, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press:New Jersey, 2003 (invited)

Afrocentric Thought and Praxis by Cecil Gray, 2001. Africa World Press:Lawrenceville, NJ (invited).

“*Women of Color and the Multicultural Curriculum*” edited by L. Fiol-Matta and Mariam K. Chamberlain, International Review of Education, 41:3/4, 304-05, 1995. (invited)

“*A Talk with Jawanza: Critical Issues in Educating African American Youth*” by Jawanza Kunjufu for the Western Journal of Black Studies, 15:1, 1991. (invited)

Reviewer for Minority Voices.

Newspaper Articles

“*Henriette Vinton Davis, Her Role in the Universal Negro Improvement Association,*” The Louisiana Weekly, March 9-15, 16-22, 1998.

“*Anna Cooper and Nannie Burroughs: Educating Head, Heart, and Hand in the Early 20th Century African American Community,*” The Louisiana Weekly, March 23-29, 30-April 5, 1998.

“*African Americans Can Help Each Other,*” Centre Daily Times, January 13, 1992.

“*Kwanzaa: Time of Learning, Recommitment,*” Centre Daily Times, December 26, 1991.

“*Afrocentricity Debate: The Same Old Song,*” Centre Daily Times, October 21, 1991.

“*The Black Woman: A.K.A. Invisible Woman,*” Centre Daily Times, August 12, 1991.

Research in Progress

“*Listening to the Voices of the Past—African American Women Leaders, 1900-1930,*” will focus on the Black women leaders who have had a major impact on the Black community and society at large.

“*African American Women: Looking Through Rose Colored Glasses,*” will focus on African American women in the “underground” economic.

PRESENTATIONS

Adult Education

“*Septima Clark's Rhetorical and Ethnic Legacy: Her Message of Citizenship in the Civil Rights Movement*” co-presenter with Deborah F. Atwater, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA., April 1998. (referred/proposal)

"Empowering Women in the 21st Century," presenter, 7th Annual Adult Education Research Symposium, Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL., April, 1997. (referred proposal)

"Ain't No Stoppin' Us: Black Women in the Academy," Fifth Annual Adult Education Symposium, Malcolm X College, Chicago, IL April 1995 (invited)

"Anna Julia Cooper and Nannie Helen Burroughs: Educating Head, Heart, and Hand in the Early 20th Century African American Community," Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 1994 (referred proposal)

"Anna Cooper and Nannie Burroughs: Educating Head, Heart, and Hand in the Early 20th Century African American Community," co-presenter with Jovita Ross-Gordon, Adult Education Research Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, May 1993 (referred proposal)

"Contributions of African American Women to Nonformal Education During the Civil Rights Movement, 1955 - 1965," Adult Education Research Conference, University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK., May 1991 (referred proposal)

"Contributions of African American Women to Nonformal Education During the Civil Rights Movement, 1955 - 1965," presenter, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA., March 1991 (referred proposal)

"Alain L. Locke: Adult Educator," presenter, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Meeting, Chicago, IL., October 1989 (referred proposal)

"Alain Locke and Adult Education," presenter, 20th Anniversary of the Black Studies Journal, Philadelphia, PA., October 1989 (referred proposal)

"Issues Facing the Returning African American Adult Student," presenter, American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conference, Washington, DC, October 1987 (referred).

Black Studies

"The Niagara Movement, the forerunner of the Civil Rights Movement," Armed Services Recruitment Center, North Chicago, IL, Feb. 25, 2005. (invited)

"A look at Black women in hip hop," Illinois State University, February 2005. (invited)

"Sisterhood in Greekdom," Gamma Phi Omega Sorority, National Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., April 2003. (invited).

"A woman with a vision: Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddy and the development of the National Council for Black Studies," with Dr. Deborah Atwater, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA., March 2003 (referred).

“Interpreting art from the Black woman’s perspective,” Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL., February, 2003 (invited).

“Alain L. Locke contributions to Black Studies,” National Council for Black Studies Conference, San Diego, CA., March 2002 (referred).

“Coming together, sharing the vision,” welcome address, State of Black World Conference, Atlanta, GA., November 2001 (invited).

“I am somebody’: The inclusion of the African American experience in the curriculum,” National Association of Black School Educators, Los Angeles, CA., Oct. 2001 (invited).

“Remembering our health is a priority,” International Black Women’s Congress, Every Black woman should wear a red dress conference, Orlando, FL., March 2001 (invited)

“Looking through the class ceiling: African American women entrepreneurs,” African American Entrepreneur’s Summit, Auburn University, February 2001(referred).

“Listening to the Voices of the Past–African American Women Leaders, 1900-1930,” speaker, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, February 2001 (invited).

“Black Women: Past, Present, and Future,” speaker, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, June 2000 (invited).

“Spirituality and Black Women’s Health,” panelist, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Jackson, MS, March 2000 (referred).

“Where Are Our Future Scholars,” presenter, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2000 (referred).

“Hold On:’ African American Women Religious Leaders of the 19th Century,” presenter, Progressive Baptist Church, Aurora, IL, February 2000 (invited).

“Breaking Bread and Building Bridges: Challenging Racial and Ethnic Boundaries Among NIU Women,” panelist, Empowering Women V: Across the Spectrum, DeKalb, IL, October 1999 (invited).

“Spirit, Space, Survival: African American Women at Traditionally White Institutions,” presenter, Empowering Women V: Across the Spectrum, DeKalb, IL, October 1999 (referred).

“Spirituality: The Key to Self-Definition,” presenter, International Black Women’s Congress, Denver, CO, September 1999; Arlington, VA, May 1999; Cleveland, OH, March 1999 (invited).

“Where Are Our Future Scholars,” presenter, African Heritage Studies Association, Ithaca, NY, October, 1999 (invited).

"Madame C.J. Walker and Annie T. Malone: Pioneers in Black Hair Care," presenter, Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, Houston, TX, February 1999 (referred).

"Amy Jacques Garvey and Henriette V. Davis, Women of the United Negro Improvement Association," presenter, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, October 1998 (referred).

"The Key to Self-definition: Spirituality," presenter, International Black Women's Congress, Orlando, FL, September 1998 (referred).

"African American Women in the 19th Century," presenter, Midway Village & Museum Center, Rockford, IL., June 1998. (invited)

"Why We Must Talk About Race," presenter, Multicultural Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., June 1998. (invited)

"Women of the Harlem Renaissance—Henriette V. David, Elizabeth Haynes, and Annie T. Malone," presenter, Art Museum, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., February 1998. (invited)

"Who Were They: African American Scientists and Inventors," presenter, Sycamore High School, Sycamore, IL., February 1998. (invited)

"Stopping Violence on NIU's Campus," panel discussant, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., October 1997. (invited)

"Why the Million Woman March?," presenter, NAACP, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., October 1997. (invited)

"Somebody's Calling My Name: Redefining Black Feminist, Womanist, Africana Womanism," Southern University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA., September 1997. (invited)

"Listening to the Voices of the Past: African American Women Leaders, 1900-1940," presenter, African American Traditions, Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., June 1997. (referred proposal)

"Biography of Elizabeth R. Haynes," Malcolm X African American Biography Seminar, Black Studies Department, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, Neb., May 1997. (referred proposal)

"Sexual Images of Black Women in Today's Media," panel discussant, NAACP, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., March 1997. (invited)

"Black Women: Past, Present, and Future," presenter, Main Library, Rockford Public Library,

Rockford, IL., March 1997. (invited)

"Revisiting and Renewing the History of the Civil Rights Movement," presenter, Montague Branch, Rockford Public Library, Rockford, IL., February 1997. (invited)

"Improving the Community at NIU," Stevenson North, Northern Illinois University, panel discussant, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., February 1997. (invited)

"Black Women in History," presenter, Illinois Valley Community College, Oglebsy, IL., February 1997. (invited)

"The Missing Link: Black Women in Black/Africana Studies," presenter, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Washington, DC, November 1996 (referred proposal)

"Presidents' Forum," panel discussant, National Council for Black Studies Conference, Washington, DC, November 1996 (invited)

"Students, Teaching, Committees, Tenure: How is Black Faculty to Survive," panel discussant, Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education, Springfield, IL, October 1996 (invited)

"Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones: How Multicultural is Multicultural Enough," panel discussant, Multicultural Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. June 1996. (invited)

"Is There Sisterhood at NIU?," presenter, S.I.S.T.E.R. and the Daughters of Africa, March 1996, Lincoln Hall, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. (invited)

"Can't We All Get Along: Teaching Black/Africana Studies in an Elderhostel Program," presenter, March 1996, African Heritage Studies Association, Columbus, Ohio. (referred proposal)

"Understanding African American Parents," presenter, March 1996, DeKalb School District, DeKalb, IL. (invited)

"Spirituality, Black Women's Key to Self-definition," presenter, February 1996, Women's Resource Center, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. (invited)

"Africana/Women's Studies," panel discussant, Multicultural Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL June 1995 (invited)

"What is a Leader?," panel discussant, Illinois Council on Black Concerns in Higher Education, Peoria, IL May 1995 (invited)

"Black Women Where are You," panel discussant, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL March 1995 (invited)

"*Reclaiming Our History*, guest speaker, Fanwood-Scotch Plains High School, Fanwood, NJ, March 1994 (invited)

"*The Brownies' Book: An Early Example of Black Studies, 1920-1922*," presenter, African Heritage Studies Association, Chicago, IL. , April 1994 (referred proposal)

"*Still I Rise: African American Women--Past, Present, Future*," guest speaker, Susequenha University, Selinsgrove, PA, February 1994 (invited)

"*Images in Black Art*," guest lecturer, Art Education Colloquium, School of Visual Arts, University Park, PA., March, 1993 (invited)

"*Moving Away From the We/They Perspective*," opening remarks, Feminism: The Third Wave Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., February, 1993 (invited)

"*Inclusion/Exclusion of African American Women in Women' Studies*," presenter, Feminism: The Third Wave Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., February, 1993 (referred proposal)

"*The African American Experience*," guest lecturer, Elderhostel, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., June 1992 (invited)

"*African American Women*," guest speaker, Lock Haven University, sponsored by Rho Iota Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lock Haven, PA., February 1992 (invited)

"*What is Black History?*," guest speaker, Lock Haven Junior High School, Lock Haven, PA., February, 1992 (invited)

"*Celebrating Diversity*," guest speaker, Corl Street Elementary School, Brotherhood Week Celebration, State College, PA., January 1992 (invited)

"*The African American Experience*," guest lecturer, Elderhostel, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., June 1991 (invited)

"*Still I Rise: African American Women--Past, Present, Future*," keynote speaker, Celebration of African American Women, University of Rhode Island, April 1991 (invited)

"*Giving Birth: Black Women's Voices Through Literature.*," guest speaker, Black Graduate Student Symposium, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., April 1991 (invited)

"*Malcolm X and the Women Who Influenced Him*," presenter, Malcolm X: Life, Lessons, and Legacies Symposium, sponsored by the Black Caucus and Office of Religious Affairs, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., February 1991 (referred proposal)

"Surviving Graduate School When You Aren't Sure Why You Are There," presenter, Black Graduate Student Symposium in Adult Education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., November 1991 (invited)

"The African American Woman's Participation in the Civil Rights Movement," presenter, Third Annual Cheikh Anta Diop Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA., October 1991 (referred)

"The African American Experience," guest lecturer, Elderhostel, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., June 1990 (invited)

Facilitator

Adult Education

"Educating Diverse Populations," Community College Counselors Consortium, Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL., March 1997. (invited)

"Diversity in Adult Education: African American and Feminist Issues," Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, July 1996, site coordinator and organizer.

Black Studies

"Living peace: Finding joy, prosperity and health in challenging times," International Black Women's Congress Conference, Portsmouth, VA. Sept. 2003 (invited).

"Reaching out: Empowering women," "Every Black woman Should Wear a Red Dress: a Symposium of Black Women's Health, Casselberry, FL, March, 2003 (invited)

"Education and culture," State of the Black World Conference, Atlanta, GA., November 2001 (invited).

"Breast cancer support groups: Spirituality and healing," International Black Women's Congress Conference, Cleveland, OH., Sept. 2001 (invited).

"Coming together: Black Cultural Centers, Black Studies Programs/Departments, and the Community," National Council for Black Studies Conference, Charlotte, NC., March 2001 (invited).

"Sisters empowering ourselves: Voices of our heroines," International Black Women's Congress, Norfolk, VA, September 2000 (invited).

"President's Roundtable," African Heritage Studies Association Conference, Ithaca, NY, October 1999.

"Why Support Reparations?," Top Ladies of Distinction, Aurora-Naperville Chpt., Wheaton, IL., October 1999.

"President's Roundtable," African Heritage Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA., March 1998.

"Elders Forum," African Heritage Studies Association Conference, Richmond, VA., April 1997. (invited)

"Relationship in the Black Community," African American Leadership Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. April 1997. (invited)

"Black Women in the 21st Century," African American Leadership Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., April 1996. (invited)

"Coming Together: Black Men and Women," Second Annual African American Leadership Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL April 1995.

"The Strong Black Woman," Second Annual African American Leadership Conference, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL April 1995.

"Elders' Roundtable," The African Heritage Studies Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. April, 1995.

"Celebrating Our African American Past and Present," coordinator for the Voices of Kuumba, DeKalb High School, DeKalb, IL March 1995,

Minority Growth and Development Retreat, The Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Campus, October 1992.

"Achieving Curricular Integration: Gender, Ethnicity, Global Perspectives in the Humanities." Third Curricular Integration Conference, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., February 1992.

"Freedom Bags." Film Festival, Centre County Women's Resource Center, State College, PA., February 1992.

"Racial Remedies." National Issues Forum, State College High School, State College, PA., October 1990.

"Integrating Black History into the Curriculum." The African American Experience Workshop, The Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg Campus, July 1990.

Seminars

Digitizing Divas: Africana Women's Studies Crossing the Digital Divide, the College of New Jersey, June 18-24, 2001.

Teaching for Success, Accommodative Teaching Workshop, Northern Illinois University, June 2000.

African American Traditions, A Summer Interdisciplinary Research Seminar in the Arts and Humanities, Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA., June 22-28, 1997.

Malcolm X Seminar on African American Biography, Department of Black Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Neb., May 11-13, 1997.

Black Women, Five Centuries of Resistance and Cultural Affirmation in the Americas, International Cross-Cultural Black Women's Studies Summer Institute, Caracas, Venezuela, August 3-10, 1994.

Course Taught

Adult Education

Issues facing the diverse adult population
Nature of adult education
Social policy in adult education
African centered research
Master's capstone course
The experience of people of
 In higher/adult education

Black Studies

Foundations in Black Studies
Africana woman
Education for cultural sensitivity
Racism in American culture
African American leadership
African American theater
The hip-hop culture
The African American family
The Black cinema
Black feminist thought
Black greek 101

International Experiences

Caracas, Venezuela	International Women of Color Conference	June 1992
Ghana, West Africa	Educational Exploration Trip	July 1996
Senegal & the Gambia	Regional Meeting for International Congress of Black Women	Dec. 1999
Kenya	Study Abroad Co-Director with Dr. Gina Pianes,	May 2000, May 2001
Uganda	Co-Facilitator Conference and Study Abroad Trip	June 2004

Advisor

Northern Illinois University

John Henrik Clarke Honor Society,, 2000-
Illinois Black Student Leadership Association,, 1995 - Present.
Nation of Islam Student Association, 1996 - Present
National Pan-Hellenic Council-NIU, 1996-2004
S.I.S.T.E.R., 1994 - Present.
Voices of Diversity, DeKalb High School, DeKalb, IL., February 1998.
Zeta Nu Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 1996- Present

Pennsylvania State University

Kappa Rho Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. 1987-1994.
National Pan-Hellenic Council-PSU, , 1989- 1992.
Women in Leadership Seminar, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ., June 1991.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

Dean's Research Grant, College of Education, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, April 1996.
Fellowship Provost Task Force Multicultural Transformation Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, June 1995
Philadelphia Home Economics Association Scholarship
The Pennsylvania State University College of Education Alumni Scholarship
Fellowship to the National Council for Black Studies Summer Faculty Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio June 1990.
Fellowship to the National Council for Black Studies Administrative Workshop, Atlanta, GA. July 1990.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Adult Education

American Association for Adult Continuing Education
Commission of Professors of Adult Continuing Education

Black Studies

African Heritage Studies Association, President, 1996 – 2000; Vice President- 2003-2006
Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
International Black Women's Congress
National Council for Black Studies, Board of Directors, 1996 - 2001, National Conference Co-chair, 2000-2001

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

University Committees

Northern Illinois University

Search Committees: Social Foundations of Education

Vice Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School

Counseling, adult, health education: Admissions

Search committee (member)

Testing

Master's committee (chair)

Doctoral program committee (chair) 10

Doctoral program committee (member) 4

Doctoral dissertation committee (chair) 9

Doctoral dissertation committee (member) 6

President's Commission on the Status of Minorities (member)

Provost's Task Force on Multiculturalism Chair (97-98), (member)

Pennsylvania State University

Commission for Women

President's Committee on Recruitment and Retention

Curriculum integration Conference Planning Committee, Science, Technology, and Society

Program Review Committee

Equal Opportunity Planning Committee

Faculty Senate Subcommittee on Diversity

Black Studies

Northern Illinois University

African American Leadership Conference Planning Committee

Black Studies Curriculum Advisory Committee, Chair

Black Heritage Month Committee

Provost Greek Life Task Force

Undergraduate Coordinating Council

The Pennsylvania State University

Board of Directors, Peace Committee, State College, PA

President, Forum on Black Affairs, 1992-1993

Co-Chair, Black Studies and Women's Studies Curricular Diversity Faculty Workshop

Faculty Associate, Martin Luther King Jr. Interest House

Community Service

Working with the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc, Aurora-Naperville Chpt.

Educational Committee, Pullman and Bronzeville Community, Chicago, IL.

Worked with Dr. Bertha Roddy on several projects for the Charlotte School Board, Charlotte,

NC.

Director, Daughters of Imani & Young Lions Rites of Passage Program, Empowerment Fellowship of Logan St. Baptist Church
Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

References

Upon request