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EDUCATION

University of North Texas
PhD, Sociology Denton, TX
Expected 2017

Emphasis: Race, Class and Gender, Women's Studies
Dissertation Topic: The Intersectional Process of Identity Formation among African Immigrants
Recipient: UNT Academic Achievement Scholarship,
UNT Doctoral Grant
Department of Sociology Mary Holley Scholarship
AAUW Denton County Chapter Graduate Scholarship

Texas Woman's University
Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies Denton, TX
2009

University of Memphis
M.A., Liberal Studies Memphis, TN
2004

Emphasis: Women's Studies: Global Perspectives of Women's Culture
Special Project: Designed a course on the theoretical connections between African American and Third World feminism/Feminism in the Developing World.

University of Ghana
Ghanaian History and Culture Study Abroad Accra, Ghana
2002
Recipient: University of Memphis Study Abroad Scholarship

University of Memphis
B.A., Political Science Memphis, TN
1999

Emphasis: International Relations; Africa and the Middle East
Recipient: National Merit Semifinalist Scholarship
State of Tennessee Board of Regents Scholarship
Delta Sigma Theta Academic Achievement Scholarship

AREAS OF INTEREST

Race, Class, Gender and Inequality, Intersectional Identity, Global Feminisms, Women of Color, Critical Race/Legal Studies; African American History, Womanist/Feminist Studies, Reproductive Justice, Emerging Digital Humanities/Research

ADDITIONAL STUDY EXPERIENCES

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Health Policy Institute
Meharry Medical College

The Humanities and Technology Camp (THAT Camp)
Digital Humanities Training
Training: Using Technology to create Knowledge and Community

American Association of University Women
Voices Project
Training: Media First Responder and Op-Ed Writing

Southern Institute for Yoga Instructors
Certified Yoga Instructor
Emphasis: Women's Health and Wellness

PUBLICATIONS

2014. "Finally! Sonia Sanchez: A Cultural Icon Gets Her Due"
[*Wagadu: A Transnational Journal of Global Women's Studies*](#)
2013. "Community Property: Black Mother's Communal Ownership of Their Daughter's Advanced Degrees" In [*Laboring Positions: Testimony, Theory and Transgression of Black Mothering in Academia*](#), edited by Sekile Nzinga-Johnson. Toronto: Demeter Press.
2011. "Transformative Education Workshop and Toolkit" Denton, TX: Feminist Pedagogy Group. (www.Education4SocialJustice.tumblr.com).
2011. "Feminist Pedagogy from Theory to Practice" *National FORUM of Multicultural Issues Journal (Online)* 8(2): 99-105.
2010. "Freedom through Fighting Words" [*Griot: the Newsletter of the Association of Black Sociologists*](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Collegiate

Rhodes College
Adjunct Instructor
Sociology- Social Inequality
Memphis, TN
2014

University of Memphis
Adjunct Instructor
Women's Studies- Introduction to Women's Studies
Sociology-Marriage and Family, Social Inequality
Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Individual and Society
Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Social Problems
Memphis, TN
2012-present

North Central Texas College
Adjunct Instructor
Sociology- Sociology of Culture, Introduction to Sociology
Corinth, TX
2010-2011

University of North Texas
Teaching Fellow
Women's Studies- Introduction to Women's Studies
Sociology - Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity, Marriage and Family
Gender and Society
Denton, TX
2006-2010

Secondary

Kaplan Test Prep
Instructor
ACT Test Preparation: Math, Reading and Science
Memphis, TN
2013

ACE Academy
Instructor
Ghanaian History and Culture, West African Civilization and Philosophy.
Memphis, TN
2005/2006

RESEARCH

Working Group: Civil Rights Movement in a Global Perspective
University of Memphis Memphis, TN
Chair 2005
Designed and chaired a working group on the Civil Rights Movement, focusing on the global elements, influences and results of the movement.

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change Memphis, TN
Research Assistant 2004
Assisted Dr. Beverly Bond with research on Julia A.B. Hooks. Completed content analysis of late 1800's newspapers regarding the role of Mrs. Hooks in the Memphis community

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change Memphis, TN
Graduate Affiliate 2004
Assisted with programs, speakers and workshops. Served as hostess to visitors and guests.

Benjamin Hooks Institute for Social Change Memphis, TN
Archival Intern 2004
Read, organized and archived papers, news articles and historical items of the NAACP, FCC and Civil Rights Movement donated by Rev. Benjamin L. Hooks to The University of Memphis.

INVITED LECTURES

Rhodes College Memphis, TN
Panelist: Reproductive Justice Panel 2017
Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies

Rhodes College Memphis, TN
Panelist: *Jackson* Film Screening 2017
Gender and Sexuality Studies Honor Society

University of Texas at Arlington Arlington, TX
Speaker: *Global Education and Emerging Digital Scholarship* 2013
Cutting Edge Youth Summit

University of Memphis Memphis, TN
Panelist: *Race Religion and Sexuality Summit* 2012
Stonewall Tigers

El Centro College, DCCCD Dallas, TX
Speaker: *Minorities in Academia: The Importance of Being a Scholar*
Cutting Edge Youth Summit 2012

Harkins House Productions Memphis, TN
Discussant: *She's Gotta Have It (film)*, 25th Anniversary Screening
Kulture Groove Film Series 2011

University of North Texas Denton, TX
Panelist: *Black in America: Clash of the Minds* 2011
Multicultural Affairs and Union Planning Committee

El Centro College, DCCCD Dallas, TX
Speaker: *The Importance of Being a Scholar: Academic Integrity*
Cutting Edge Youth Summit 2011

University of North Texas Speaker: <i>Graduate School: What you should know before you go</i> UNT Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta	Denton, TX 2011
University of North Texas Speaker: <i>A Brief History of Black Womanism</i> Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance	Denton, TX 2011
Texas Woman's University Panelist: <i>Policing Black Women's Hair</i> Speaker: <i>History, Politics and Culture of Natural Hair</i> Women's Studies Graduate Student Association	Denton, TX 2011
University of North Texas Panelist: <i>Minority Women in Careers</i> Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.	Denton, TX 2009
University of North Texas Discussant: <i>Never Perfect (film)</i> Department of Women's Studies	Denton, TX 2009
University of Memphis Guest Lecturer: <i>The Feminization of Poverty</i> Department of Political Science	Memphis, TN 2009
University of North Texas Panelist <i>"Beyond the Color Line: A discussion on race in a "post racial" world"</i> University Programming Council	Denton, TX 2009
University of North Texas Keynote Speaker Eta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Annual State of the Black Union Address	Denton, TX 2008
University of Memphis Guest Lecturer: <i>Black Feminism: Theory and Practice</i> Dept. of Political Science	Memphis, TN 2004/2006/2007

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

National Women's Studies Association Panel Participant Decolonizing Contingency: Bodies, Borders and Academic Belonging	Montreal, QC, Canada 2016
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Panel Participant Civic Engagement and Policy in Practice	Washington, DC 2016
National Women's Studies Association Panel Participant Single Mothers, Broke Queers, & Communal Ownership: The Profane Existence of Academic Non Normatives	Cincinnati, OH 2013

Texas National Association of Multicultural Education Mesquite, TX
Poster Session Presentation 2011
[Multicultural and Interdisciplinary Education through African American Women's Children's Literature](#)

Southwestern Social Science Association Las Vegas, NV
Session Chair 2011
Feminism and Race
Race, Class, Gender and Social Inequality
Paper
For Colored Girls: A Womanist Analysis
Paper
[African Identity Formation: A Review of the Literature](#)

UNT 11th Annual Equity and Diversity Conference Denton, TX
Workshop Facilitator 2011
[Feminist/Womanist Pedagogy Teaching for Social Justice](#)

Phi Sigma Tau Student Research Symposium Denton, TX
Paper 2010
Race Nationality and Identity: A theoretical exploration of the case against race
Southwestern Social Science Association Houston, TX
Paper 2010
[Identity Formation and African Immigrants: A Preliminary Case Study](#)

Texas National Association of Multicultural Education Denton, TX
Paper 2010
Feminist Pedagogy: Theory to Practice

Association of Black Sociologists New Orleans, LA
Paper 2009

Africans and African Americans
Southwestern Social Science Association Denver, CO
Paper 2009
Immigrant Job Competition; What Black Folks Really Think.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

The Pastor and the Professor Radio Show 2013
Panelist

The Idolatry and Inspiration of Dr. King and President Obama

The Pastor and the Professor Radio Show 2012
Radio Appearance: Guest Host

Love, Sex and Gun Violence: The Kasandra Perkins and Jovan Belcher Murder- Suicide

For Harriet Magazine Roundtable#2 2010
Panel Discussion Participant

BET, Black Women and Sisterhood, Media Images of Black Women

Psyche of the Single Parent Radio Show Chicago, IL
Radio Appearance: Co-host 2008

Single Moms versus Married Moms: Slamming the Stereotypes and Myths

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

National Women's Studies Association (2006)
American Sociological Association (2006)
Alpha Kappa Delta (2007)
University of North Texas Black Graduate Student Association (2008)
Southwest Social Science Association (2009)
Association of Black Sociologists (2009)
American Association of University Women (2011)