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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Mass Communications,** *Ohio University*, March 2009.
- Scripps College of Communications
- Certification in Women's Studies School of Media Arts and Studies

Primary Concentration: Media Management and Critical Cultural Studies **Dissertation Title**: Finding Leadership in the "Real" World of News: The Professional Socialization of Leadership Development and Issues of Power, Self Esteem, Gender and Race in a Broadcast Journalism Lab, A Case Study **Research Areas:** De-Marginalization, Socialization of Leadership Development and Issues of Power, Image Portrayals in and by the Media, and Critical and Empowering Pedagogy.

• **M.S. in Journalism,** *Ohio University,* August 2005.

E.W. Scripps School of Journalism

Primary Concentration: Mass Communication and Broadcast Journalism **Area Studies**: Image Portrayals and Role Representations of Ethnic Groups and Gender on Broadcast Television and Primetime television commercials, Print and Broadcast Journalism

Research Interests: Image Portrayals and Role Representations of Black, White, Hispanic, and Asian Americans in Prime-Time Television Commercials, Roles of Journalists during the Emmett Till Murder Trial, Communication Theory Thesis Title: Distorted Snapshots of Reality: Role Representation and Image Portrayals of African American, White American, Hispanic and Asian American Characters in Prime-Time Television Commercials

• **B.A. in Speech Communications and Theatre Arts,** *Wake Forest University,* May 1986

Major Concentration: Communication/Rhetoric

Certification in Women's Studies

Areas of Studies: Public Speaking, Rhetoric, Radio/TV, Theatre, Film, Drama

TEACHING WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL- January 2013-Present

- Assistant Professor, Journalism Department, College of Media
- Appointed Assistant Professor, Institute of Communications Research, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2013 to Present

- **Affiliate Faculty Member,** Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2013 to Present
- **Team Member,** Illinois Leadership Academy, 2015 to Present
- **Progressive Women's Leadership Certification**, Online Course 2014-2015.

Courses: Broadcast Journalism, Multimedia, and Specialized Independent Studies, HearMyVoice (Inclusive Learning, Management, Leadership).

Responsibilities: Teach intermediate and advanced techniques of newsgathering. writing, producing, reporting, photography, & videojournalism for broadcast and online news content, publication and distribution. Students produce and engage in production, management and leadership roles to produce Newsbreaks, News Updates, Newscasts, and in-depth stories of diversity and inclusion. They engage in critical thinking, self-reflexive exercises and issues of de-marginalization, inclusion and diversity. Multimedia, Broadcast, and Independent cross-disciplines students post and broadcast their stories and newscasts on UI7 online and television news network, and platforms I created at <u>www.otso.h.media.illinois.edu</u>, and <u>Digital News</u> Illinois and hearmyvoiceonline.com. Hear My Voice (HMV) is an award winning interdisciplinary course, student organization and website that allows students across campus, campuses, and nations to engage in collaborative learning, practice, manage, lead and distribute inclusionary news projects and articles, topics and voices from the margins. HMV won the Baskett Mosse Faculty Development Award for contributions in teaching, service, creative endeavor and research and AEJMC awards for second place in "Best in Digital."

The web stories produced by my students in my multimedia classes have also provided CU Citizens Access publication with material for their online publications. Some of the articles can be viewed here: http://cu-citizenaccess.org/2014/07/24/training-trusting-generation-scams-elderly-and-how-prevent-them/, http://cu-citizenaccess.org/2014/06/23/obtaining-organic-fresh-food-budget/, http://cu-citizenaccess.org/2014/05/15/preparing-unpredictable-urbana-assisted-living-home-regularly-practices-fire-safety/.

Selective Independent Study classes engage in advance research, storytelling and documentary production such as, "A Taste of Gullah," that was published on air during prime time on PBS station WEIU. A link to the multimedia individual pieces that were produced for online distribution can be found here – https://youtu.be/dLlbDF7qZ4U?list=PLvomV4564Jyhe-cVh9OHLYKqqn8hUhs6F and the full broadcast version can be found here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHV43AIwJQo&feature=youtu.be. "A Taste of

Gullah" broadcast television program won the Garifuna International Indigenous Film Festival award for "Best Documentary."

Instructional Objective: The main objective that underlines the infrastructure of all of my classes is developing each student's leadership development and skill through the use of my critical pedagogical module and praxis called, *Active Centralized Empowerment.* This pedagogical style allows for Critical Thinking, Inclusivity of Diversity, Active News Decision and Judgments, and a level of proficiency in Problem, Conflict and Resolution. My objective is to further develop and challenge students' Transformational and Transactional Leadership skills that will lead to creating more effective managers and responsible journalists with respect to diversity of content, audience, and newsroom demographics and issues of marginalization within a collaborative environment.

Supervision of Graduate Student Research - UIUC

Leslie Coretta Swafford Lewis: Research focused on the lack of After School programs for African Americans compared to other aggregates and what this means to the learning process. Final article can be found at http://lcbswafford.wix.com/newsstory-blog 2015

Zara Sikandar: https://youtu.be/ppN9dp0U9VE (Mental Illness and Privacy Laws - Access Denied by HIPAA)

https://youtu.be/TkSeQFifg84 (Fighting Mental Illness, Finding Love: Story of Rich and Holly)

https://youtu.be/gzXTWLpDvK0 (Claudia Lennhoff talks about ACA and Mental Health) 2014-2015

Anisa McClinton: McClinton studies Leadership Development, Management, Organizational Communications, and news production within a collaborative. Through practical experience, she acted as Co-Lead Manager of a small news room and staff to produce a website called hearmyvoiceonline.com, a podcast called The Voice, and assisted in the management of various social media platforms. She was also in charge of leading meetings, problem/conflict/resolution of the media as well as students. The results of her experience and research produced various multimedia stories, news and social media outlets. She also acted as Leading Co-Student Manager of the Registered Organization, Hear My Voice. At the end of each semester, she produced an assessment report on each student, staff member, co-produced a promotional behind the scenes video found on the bottom of the website as well as a research paper. I was her advisor, professor and Supervising Manager 2016-Present.

Christine La: La studies Leadership Development, Management, Organizational Communications, and social media platforms and implementation within a collective. Through practical experience, she co-managed a small news room and

staff, and was Co-Lead Manager of all social media platforms, development, implementation, management, and web design. She produced and managed various platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the website hearmyvoiceonline.com. She also acted as Leading Co-Student Manager of the Registered Organization, Hear My Voice. She produced an assessment report on each student staff member, co-produced a promotional behind the scenes video found on the bottom of the website as well as a final research paper at the end of the semester. I was her advisor, professor and Supervising Manager. 2016 to Present.

Supervision of Undergraduate Students - UIUC and Kansas University

Winter, Jordan, Spring 2018, supervised 2-person investigative team article on problematic issues involved with child custody. <u>Custody Battle Ground</u>, <u>Kansas Kids</u>

Dale, Hanuh, Spring 2018, supervised 2-person investigative team article on problematic issues involved with child custody. <u>Custody Battle Ground</u>, <u>Kansas Kids</u>

Thomas, Taylor, Spring 2018, supervised 2-person investigative, long-format story for television broadcasting on the broken safety nets found in family custody procedures and court cases in Kansas. <u>Kansas Broken Safety Net</u>

Cotter, Brandon, Spring 2018, supervised 2-person investigative, long-format story for television broadcasting on the broken safety nets found in family custody procedures and court cases in Kansas. *Kansas Broken Safety Net*

Rajiv, Zenobia, Co-Advisor, Online story publication and mini-documentary on the Middle East conflict: https://youtu.be/Dj11vY27QsQ. Picked up by *Outlook* magazine https://www.outlookindia.com/article/The-Last-Kibbutz/291514 2014-2015

Ta'Les Love, Guided Qualitative Research Project, "Real Housewives, Real Stereotypes, that was accepted at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Sciences (SACNAS) conference. 2013-2014 http://www.omsa.illinois.edu

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL-August 2008-January 2013

• Assistant Professor/Integrated Faculty Advisor, *Journalism Department*, WEIU TV/Radio/Online, and Advisor for Student Print Publication- *Fresh!*

Responsibilities: Teach basic and advanced techniques of newsgathering, writing, producing, reporting and production for broadcast/online and print journalism. Faculty Advisor (Executive Producer, Assistant News Director) for Emmy-Award winning WEIU TV News, *NewsWatch* (30-minute live daily newscast), WEIU/HitMix Radio News, *Off the Shelf* (1-hour news magazine program-weekly), *Off The Shelf* and

Online (online partner to TV program), and Faculty Advisor for *Fresh! newspaper* print publication.

Courses taught; Broadcast News Writing and (Reporting)-Intermediate and Advanced Broadcast News; Multimedia; and Journalism and Democracy. Beginning TV students produce 90-second to 3-minute radio newscasts and 5-minute television newsbreaks. Advanced Electronic News Gathering students produce 1-hour news magazine program for television and maintain online news website for program. Journalism and Democracy (lecture) students engage in critical analysis and are introduced to quantitative and qualitative research methods. Specialized Independent Studies students produce in-depth news packages.

Skills covered: critical thinking, leadership and management, shooting, writing, editing, anchoring, reporting, producing, publishing and other technical aspects of broadcast and online journalism news gathering and dissemination.

WEIU-TV

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences EMMY Award- Mid America Region

2009-- Student Production- Newscast 09-08-08

2010 - Student Production News - Newscast 02-8-10

2011 - Student Production News

2012-Student Production News

Silver Dome Awards (September 2011)

EIU students received 11 awards today in the Student Silver Dome Awards competition at the IBA-U Student Broadcasting Convention in Chicago:

Best TV Spot- 1st place Gabe Przygoda & Dustin Tylman

Best TV News Package - 1st place Zach Nugent

Best Use of New Media - 1st place Monica Becker & Korey Adkins

Best TV Sports Package – 1st place Zach Nugent, 2nd place Rachel Morris, 3rd place Kyle Guertin

Best TV Newscast - 2nd place WEIU News Watch

Best Radio Aircheck - 2nd place Monica Becker

Best Radio Public Service Announcement - 2nd place Monica Becker

Best Radio Spot - 3rd place Ethan Kruger

Best Radio Live Sports - 3rd place Claire Dau & Wally Swenson

EIU's 4 first place awards were the 2nd most among schools from Illinois.

2008- Best T.V. News Reporting – 3rd Place – Zach Nugent

2008- Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place

2009 - Best T.V. Newscast - 1st Place

2009 – Best T.V. News Reporting – 2nd Place – Zach Nugent

2010 - Best T.V. Sports Package - 2nd Place

2010 - Best T.V. Photo Journalism - 3rd Place

2010 - Best T.V. Newscast - 1st Place

2010 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place 2010 – Best T.V. Longform – 1st Place

2011 College Television Awards

3rd Place – Best Newscast

The 2011 College Television Awards were handed out Saturday April 9th in Hollywood, California. The College Television Awards is a nationwide competition recognizing excellence in college student produced video, digital and film production. WEIU-TV was awarded 3rd place for best-produced newscast.

Society for Collegiate Journalists

WEIU-TV News was awarded first place in Overall Excellence in the Broadcast category in the Society for Collegiate Journalists' 2010-11 contest.

2008 - Outstanding T.V. Newscast - 1st Place

2009 - Outstanding T.V. Newscast - 1st Place

2010 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place

Illinois News Broadcasters Association

Each year, the Illinois News Broadcasters Association sponsors a statewide student broadcasting competition. The 2010-2011 SINBA awards were handed out Saturday April 16th in Rock Island, IL. WEIU-TV was awarded first place honors in the category of Outstanding Television Newscast, Outstanding Television News Reporting (Krista Henery), and Outstanding Television Videography (Dustin Tylman). Students Barbara Harrington, Victoria Paisley and LaMar Holliday were awarded third place honors in the category of Outstanding Television News Reporting.

Society of Professional Journalists

WEIU-TV News Watch was awarded Best All Around Television Newscast for a four year College/University (Region 5) by the Society of Professional Journalists on Saturday April 2, 2011 in Erlanger, Kentucky. SPJ Region 5 includes Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. This year, the contest received almost 4,000 entries across SPJ's 12 regions. Barbara Harrington was also awarded first place honors in the categories of Television General News Reporting and Television Feature Reporting. First place regional winners will advance to the national round of judging. National winners will be announced in early May.

News Watch placed first in the categories of:

Best Newscast

Best News Videography – Dustin Tylman

Best News Reporting – Krista Henery

Barbara Harrington, LaMar Holliday and Victoria Paisley – 3rd Best News Reporting. LaMar Holliday awarded the Don Brown Scholarship

2008 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 2nd Place

2009 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place 2010 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place

2010 Silver Dome Awards

Newswatch – 1st Place Best Newscast Sports Watch End Zone – 1st Place Longform TV Program Zach Nugent – 1st Place TV Sports Pack Kevin Jeanes – 1st Place TV Weathercast Emily Mieure and Avery Drake - 3rd place for Best TV Photo Journalism

Illinois News Broadcasters Association Awards

Outstanding Television Newscast – 1st Place – News Watch
Outstanding Television News Reporting – 1st Place – Katherine Rufener
Outstanding Television Sports Reporting – 3rd Place – Emily Mieure
Outstanding Videography – 3rd Place – Kevin Ratermann
Outstanding Sports Program – 1st Place – Avery Drake
Outstanding Radio Sports Play by Play – 1st Place – John Twork
Along with the awards presentation, the INBA also selected four statewide student scholarship winners. Of those four winners, three were from EIU (Vicki Paisley, Rachel Morris and LaMar Holliday)!

Broadcast Education Association Student Media Awards

2008-Outstanding T.V. Sports Anchor – Andrew Wilder – 1st Place 2008-Outstanding Weather Anchor-Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place 2008-Outstanding T.V. Sports Anchor – 1st Place – Andrew Wilder 2008-Outstanding T.V. WX Anchor – Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place 2009-Feature Reporting – Zach Nugent – 1st Place-Best of Festival 2009-Hard News Reporting – Zach Nugent – 2nd Place 2009-Outstanding Weather Anchor-Kevin Jeanes-3rd Place 2010 – Outstanding Weather Anchor – Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place 2011 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place

Best all around TV Newscast

Saturday March 27th, 2010

WEIU News Watch was awarded 1st Place for best all around T.V. newscast (4 yr. College/University Region 5) by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Region 5 makes up colleges and universities in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. First place regional winners are forwarded on to the national competition. National winners will be honored at the 2010 SPJ Convention & National Journalism Conference in Las Vegas!

Annually, the Society of Professional Journalists presents the Mark of Excellence Awards honoring the best in student journalism. The awards offer categories for print, radio, television and online collegiate journalism.

Illinois News Broadcasters State Collegiate News Awards

- 2008 Outstanding T.V. Newscast 1st Place
- 2008 Outstanding T.V. Reporting 1st Place Kristie Reeter
- 2008 Outstanding T.V. Videography 2nd Place Kevin Ratermann
- 2008 Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting 2nd Place Andrew Wilder
- 2009 Outstanding T.V. Reporting 2nd Place Katherine Rufener
- 2009 Outstanding T.V. Program 2nd Place Election Watch 08
- 2009 Outstanding T.V. Newscast 3rd Place
- 2010 Outstanding T.V. Newscast 1st Place
- 2010 Outstanding T.V. Reporting 1st Place Katherine Rufener
- 2010 Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting 1st Place Emily Mieure
- 2010-Outstanding Sports T.V. Program 1st Place
- 2010 Outstanding T.V. Videography 2nd Place Kevin Ratermann
- 2011 Outstanding T.V. Newscast 1st Place
- 2011 Outstanding T.V. Reporting 1st Place Krista Henery
- 2011 Outstanding T.V. Reporting 3rd Place LaMar Holliday, Barbara Harrington and Vicki Paisley
- 2011 Outstanding T.V. Videography 1st Place Dustin Tylman

2010 CBI Student Production Awards

2010 - Best T.V. Newscast - 1st Place

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, August 2004-August 2008

- Instructor of Record, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Fall Quarter 2007, Course Taught: Introduction to Mass Communications, Video Production.
- Instructor of Record, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Spring Quarter 2006, Courses Taught: Writing and Production Planning for Video/Film and Online.
- <u>Teacher's Assistant</u>, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Fall Quarter 2006, Courses taught: Video/Film Production and Aesthetics. Also trained graduate students on Digital Editing and Content Gathering.
- **Teacher's Assistant**, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Fall, Winter 2005-2006, Courses taught: Writing and Production Planning. Co-taught course including lectures and practicum on Digital editing and content gathering for Graduate Students and Undergraduate students.
- <u>Teacher's Assistant/Executive Producer</u>, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, Fall, Winter, Spring 2004-2005, Advanced Broadcast News Production, Advanced News Writing and Reporting, Athens MidDay (live, daily 30-minute

newscast). Executive Producer position included copyediting, and overall management of on-air material and personnel during preproduction, on-air, and postproduction.

- Instructor/Lecturer, E.W. Scripps High School Summer Workshop, Ohio University, 2002-2007, Broadcast news production, Ethics in News, and Multicultural Society and Reporting in the Media
- Research Assistant, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Winter, Spring 2008, Dr. Mia Consalvo (video game culture-sexual representation and gender)
- Research Assistant (monetary award). School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Summer 2007, Dr. Mia Consalvo (video game culture-sexual representation and gender)
- Research Assistant, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Spring 2007 Professor Greg Newton, Professor Frederick Lewis, Professor George Korn (Audience research, Documentaries, Civic Journalism)
- Research Assistant, School of Media Arts and Studies, Ohio University, Winter 2007 Professor Greg Newton (Audience research)
- Research Assistant, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University, Summer 2005, Dr. Joseph Bernt (Gender representation (female students) in the fields and studies of Math and Science)

<u>Selected Academic/Professional/Creative Endeavors at Ohio</u>

On-Air Host WOUB Radio, Ohio University 2005 to 2008 Talk show, "Live From Studio B," Scheduled and interviewed guests during 30-minute program.

Producer *WOUB News at 6:00, Ohio University* 2005-Summer Broadcast Television, Produced, wrote, and managed the 6:00 p.m. live, daily newscast.

Executive Producer Athens MidDay, Ohio University 2004-2005 Broadcast Television, Managed student-produced production of a noon, 30-minute live, daily newscast.

<u>Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications, Hampton University, Hampton, VA, August 2001- May 2003</u>

• **Assistant Professor**, Received Excellence Award for Teaching and Service-first time in the history of the school that a professor has received this award with less

- than 4-years of tenure at the University. Played important role in the opening and development of the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communication and curriculum design.
- **Responsibilities**: teach basic and advanced techniques used in news gathering and production of live radio and television newscasts (30-minutes), 5-minute newsbreaks, long format story-telling, and award-winning 1-hour live talk show.
- **Skills covered:** shooting, writing, editing, anchoring, reporting, producing, and all technical aspects of broadcast and online journalism news gathering and reporting.
- Courses taught: Broadcast news writing and reporting (Radio/TV), Mass Media
 in a Multicultural world, TV newscast I, TV newscast II, Senior Capstone,
 Multimedia
- "Sound Off," Student Produced hour-long talk show started by me won NABJ award-Virginia Chapter

SELECTIVE HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Nominee, 2013-2014 Teaching Excellence Award by the University of Illinois Student Body
- National Award, Top Faculty Paper, News Division Competition, Broadcast Education Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2014
- National Award, Co-Author, Top Faculty Paper, News Division, "Diversity from Duopolies: An Exploratory Analysis of Broadcast News Content in Small Television Markets with Virtual Duopolies." Quantitative Study, Quantitative Study, Broadcast Education Association 2014 Convention, Las Vegas, NV, 2014
- Inducted into the ACC Legend of the Year Hall of Fame, Wake Forest University, New York Life sponsorship/NCAA, 2015
- National Award, First Place, Top Faculty Paper, Gender Studies Division, "From the Classroom to the Newsroom: Are We Training Them to be Leaders?" Quantitative Study, Broadcast Education Association 2015 Convention, Las Vegas, NV, 2015
- International Award, Best Documentary, *A Taste of Gullah,* Garifuna Indigenous International Film Festival, 2016
- National Award, "Best of Digital" second place, at the National AEJMC Conference 2017, August, for my collaborative website of inclusion hearmyvoiceonline.com framed by A.C.E. We had only been in publication for a year, without a budget for part of the year. Out of 220 entries, we placed second. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication 2017
- National Award, the Baskett Mosse Award for Faculty Development for my work on De-Marginalizing the Marginalized with Active Centralized Empowerment (A.C.E.) module: Hear My Voice Registered Organization, hearmyvoiceonline.com, and

community events. Received award for the teaching, research, creative endeavor and public engagements contributions of HearMyVoice, August 2017.

Kopenhaver Fellow, Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication, Florida International University, 2017

Listed as a Faculty of Excellence consistently since 2013

Inaugural Distinguished Visiting Enhancing Excellence Scholar, University of Kansas, Spring 2018

SELECTIVE INVITED PRESENTER/PANELIST/MODERATOR

- **Invited International Presenter**, Communication Technology and Branding, ACES Workshop, NJALA University, Sierra Leone, West Africa, January, 2019.
- **Invited International Presenter**, Multimedia Workshop Social Activism and Convergence, YMCA, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, January, 2019
- **Invited International Presenter**, Journalism for Social Impact, Multimedia Workshop, Abuja, Nigeria, December, 2019.
- **International Multimedia Specialist**, ACES program Winter Course, Various locations in West Africa, December to January, 2019.
- **Invited Presenter, Red Hot Research** presents "People, Land, and Power," Kansas University, sponsored by The Commons. March 2, 2018
- University-Wide Presentation and Lecture, Research and Creative Endeavor "De-Marginalization, Journalism and Storytelling," as the Inaugural Distinguished Visiting Enhancing Excellence Scholar, Sponsored by the William White School of Journalism and Office of the Provost. April 2, 2018
- Conference Paper Presentation, "A Taste of Gullah and Documentary Storytelling," in the session, "It's a Film Crew, Not a Class: Maturing Filmmakers Through International Documentary Projects," Broadcast Educators Association (BEA) National Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2018
- **Invited Panelist,** "Sports, Jobs, and Women," Broadcast Educators Association (BEA) National Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2018
- **Invited Key Note Speaker,** "Branding, Lynching of the Bra and Active Centralized Empowerment," Sponsored by Emerging Women Leaders of the Provost Office. December 2017.
- **Invited Workshop Organizer and Presenter**, "Creating Your Professional Brand: Engaging Talk on Using Multimedia," sponsors: Illinois College of Media, NSF, POETS, IEEE PES, PELS, IAS, Graduate Students of Engineering, November 2017.

- **Invited Special Guest,** International television broadcast and podcast, *I24 International "Clear Cut" News* Program segment on G-7 and Extremists. https://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/clearcut/x65hl2x October 2017.
- **Invited Special Guest,** International radio broadcast and podcast, *SiGnOtHeTimes* on Blogtalkradio.com to discuss my published book, October 2017. http://www.blogtalkradio.com/nupowerradionetwork/2017/09/27/signothetimes-live-author-dr-janice-collins-250-years-and-still-a-slave
- Invited Mistress of Ceremony and Panel Moderator, "Women Making Waves Brunch and Panel Discussion," Hawthorne Suites. An inspiring and energizing leadership event centered around the need for more women in politics, October 2017.
- Nominated and Selected as a Presenter for "Dear World" Global Presentation of Inclusion and De-Marginalization sponsored by Inclusion and Intercultural Organization representing UIUC during IUnite Week, September-December 2017.
 Dear World has photographed over 50,000 thousand people all around the world.
- **Invited Presenter,** IJEA 2017 Conference, "Broadcasting and the magic of multimedia, UIUC. September 2017.
- **Invited Workshop Organizer and Presenter,** "Being Empowered from Marginalized Spaces: Get Engaged!" framed by A.C.E. sponsored by the Department of Chemistry, Women in Chemistry, August 26, 2017.
- **Research Presenter,** "Advertising and the F-Word: What's race, sexuality, gender identity, and ethnicity got to do with it?" AEJMC National Conference 2017, August, 2017.
- Research Presenter/Moderator, "Are we part of the problem or the solution? Teaching for Change: Addressing Marginalization in College Classrooms and newsrooms through Leadership Development and A.CE.," AEJMC National Conference 2017, August, 2017.
- **Invited Panelist,** "Modern America Media: Entertaining a Divided Nation," Global Institute for Secondary Educators, June 29, UIUC
- **Invited Workshop Organizer and Facilitator**, "Activating your Voice of Inclusion in the Media," Illini 2017 4-H Illini Summer Academies, June 26-29.
- Organizer and Facilitator, Panel Moderator, Chancellor and Provost sponsored Symposium, "Campus Forum on Climate, Race and Ethnicity" by the Committee on

- Race and Ethnicity (CORE) and Panel, "Issues, Challenges, and Solutions: *Hear My Voice* on De-Marginalizing the Marginalized," April 2017.
- **Invited Speaker,** Illini Film Festival, "Art and Activism: What Responsibility Do Artists Have in Activism and Social Justice?" April, 2017.
- **Invited Speaker,** "Certain Uncertainty: Higher Education in the Trump Era," Black Graduate Student Association, April, 2017.
- **Invited Speaker,** "Hear My Voice," partnership and collaboration, website publication of Inclusion and Gullah presentation, Carrie Busey Elementary School, Champaign, Illinois, February, 2017.
- Research Presenter, "Active Centralized Empowerment: A Practice of De-Marginalization in the Classroom and Community," Cultural Impact National Conference 2017: Resiliency and healing in the Aftermath of Violence in Marginalized Communities, Chicago, March, 2017.
- **Invited Speaker and Panelist,** "Women's March, Intersectionality, and Pursuit of Gender Equality," Black Law Students Association, UIUC, February, 2017.
- **Invited Keynote Speaker,** "A Taste of Gullah for Families," showing of my documentary, "A Taste of Gullah," Urbana Public Library, sponsored by Krannert Center for Performing Arts, The Rotary Club of Urbana, The YMCA of the University of Illinois, February, 2017.
- **Invited Keynote Speaker,** Proud Culture, African Roots, showing of my documentary, "A Taste of Gullah," Urbana Public Library, sponsored by Krannert Center for Performing Arts, The Rotary Club of Urbana, The YMCA of the University of Illinois, February, 2017.
- **Invited Speaker,** "Hear My Voice," partnership and collaboration, website publication of Inclusion, Edison Middle School, Champaign, Illinois, February, 2017.
- Invited Workshop Director, "I'm in Charge! Dealing with Conflict from Marginalized Spaces!" Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Teacher's Assistant Graduate Academy, sponsored by Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, January, 2017.
- "Hear My Voice for Healing" Event Coordinator/Moderator, In response to recent reports of threatening acts towards students on campus and in the community, and the continued mission for the U of I campus to be a Learning Space of Inclusion and Respect of Diverse Voices, The Registered Organization "Hear My Voice" held an open forum for discussion, healing, and support. Community and

- Campus Participant. "Let Us Hear Your Voice: Coming together in Peace and Positive Proaction." *Hear My Voice* is a cross-disciplines, collaborative group of students, faculty and staff. Lincoln Hall, Bi-monthly beginning November, 2016.
- **Invited Panelist,** "Surviving through Solidarity: A Discussion of Black, Brown & Indigenous Experience," sponsored by B.N. African American Cultural Center, November, 2016.
- Special Invitation to Present "Hear My Voice" website and organization collaboration, 2016 Business Leadership Conference: Leading in a Diverse Workplace, hosted by the University of Illinois MBA Women in Business Club, UIUC, November, 2016.
- **Invited Panelist,** "Addressing *Difference* in Positive and Empowering Ways," A.C.E. framed, FAA Diversity and Inclusion Workshop, UIUC, October, 2016.
- Invited Keynote Speaker, "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Race Relations and Reflection," for the NEH traveling exhibit, "For All the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights," Eastern Illinois University, September, 2016.
- Invited Speaker, 9th Annual *Just for Youth Conference*, 2 Presentations, sponsored by The Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Presents, "Youth in Crisis-Actively Centralize Yourself and Be Empowered," & "I AM," Lakeshore Hotel, Chicago, September, 2016.
- Invited Workshop Director, Teachers' Assistant Academy, Invited by Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, "I'm in Charge: De-Marginalization with Active Centralized Empowerment," Teacher's Assistant Graduate Academy, August, 2016.
- **Invited Panelist,** "Diversity in the Classroom," A.C.E. framed, Link Gallery, UIUC, August, 2016
- **Invited Speaker**, "250 Years and Still a Slave: Active Centralized Empowerment, A new way of thinking and performing," focused on book publication, Inn of Chicago, July, 2016.
- Invited Panelist, "Modern American Media Entertaining a Divided Nation," sponsored by the Global Institute for Secondary Educators/U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. July 2016.
- **Facilitator, Press Pass Summer Camp,** "Developing Leadership and Inclusivity within a Collective with Active Centralized Empowerment," June 24-July 1, 2016.

- Invited Presenter/Accepted Peer-Reviewed Paper, "Teaching Without Borders: Active Centralized Empowerment," Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, UIUC, May, 2016
- **Invited Speaker** after winning, "Best Documentary," in the *Garifuna Indigenous International Film Festival* in Venice, California, April 2016. This was a peerreviewed competition. The title of my winning documentary is "A Taste of Gullah."
- Invited Keynote Speaker, Unite Our Campus: Stand up for Accurate Media Representation, a large-scale rally towards fair media representation, UIUC, April 16, 2016
- Invited Panelist & Paper Presenter, BEA National Conference, "Don't Bury the Lede(rship): Preparing Today's Students to Become Tomorrows Producers, Directors and Editors," May, 2016, Las Vegas, NV.
- **Discussion Facilitator**, "Race Taboo," ARC, UIUC, Champaign, Illinois, 2016
- **Invited Presenter,** "Music and Politics: Making the World Go 'Round," *MediaPalooza Conference Presentation*, UIUC, March, 2016
- **Invited Panelist,** "Dancing with Race and Social Justice," Dance Department Faculty Retreat, UIUC, March, 2016
- **Invited Keynote Speaker,** "Active Centralized Empowerment in Today's Society and Cultural Politics," *African American Heritage Month, Eastern Illinois University*, February 8, 2016
- **Invited Presenter, Faculty Development Workshop,** "*Teaching without Borders using Active Centralized Empowerment,*" Eastern Illinois, University, February 8, 2016.
- Invited Panelist, "When Black Girls Speak," Urbana Public Library, February, 2016
- **Invited Panelist,** "Bound: African vs. African American," UIUC, Documentary, February, 2016
- **Invited Panelist,** "Saving Our Lives, Hear Our Truth (SOLHOT), The Creative Potential of Black Girlhood, Urbana Public Library, sponsored by Education at Illinois, February, 2016.
- Invited Presenter, "I'm in Charge! Teaching, Learning and De-Marginalization," Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Teachers Assistants Academy Training, January 14, 2016, UIUC.

- **Invited Presenter,** "Journey to My Mother's Land," Connecting Communities, Urbana Rotary Club, Champaign, 2016
- **Invited Langston Hughes Visiting Professorship,** The University of Kansas, 2016.
- Invited Workshop Presenter, "I'm in Charge! Dealing with Conflict from Marginalized Spaces! Active Centralized Empowerment," Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning Teacher's Assistant Graduate Academy, sponsored by CITL, January, 2016.
- **Invited Presenter,** "De-Marginalization and Empowerment in the Classroom and Life with Active Centralized Empowerment," ESPY, 2015.
- **Invited Presenter,** "Self-Identification and Location and the issue of Power," African Studies Brown Bag, showing excerpts of documentary series, UIUC, 2015.
- **Invited Panelist**, "Hear Our Truth," Book Critical Discussion and Review, UIUC, 2015.
- **Invited Presenter,** "Ace'ing It," EPSY 200, Career Theory and Practice, December 8, 2015
- **Invited Presenter: Chicago,** "Diverse Voices through Active Centralized Empowerment," http://socialmediaweek.org/chicago/events/diverse-voices-active-centralized-empowerment/, November 19, 2015.
- Invited Presenter and Panelist Moderator, Social Media Week: Chicago, "Diverse voices, Active Centralized Empowerment and Independent Media" and "Independent Media in the Digital Age," http://socialmediaweek.org/chicago/events/independent-media-digital-age/, November 19, 2015.
- Invited Panelist, Victory Gardens Theatre, "Breaking Through the Line," Oct. 13, 2015.
- Invited Presenter, Counseling Psychology Brown Bag Symposium. "Empowering and De-Marginalizing Self with Active Centralized Empowerment," Oct. 21, 2015
- Invited Workshop Presenter, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Nov. 11, 2015, UIUC, "Teaching without Borders with Active Centralized Empowerment for Professors"

- **Invited Presenter,** "Journey to My Mother's Land: Relocating and De-Marginalizing Self," Brown Bag Lecture Series sponsored by the Center for African Studies, Dec. 2, 2015
- Invited Speaker, Presenter, National Illinois Journalism Education Association Conference (IJEA) 2015, Urbana, IL, "Stand by! Producing your own Newscast"
- Invited Presenter, Graduate Academy for College Teaching 2015, sponsored by Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, UIUC, "I'm in Charge! Dealing with Conflict from Marginalized Spaces!"
- Invited Blog Contributor, "Come walk with me," blog article focused on Trayvon
 Martin and Race Relations, http://uprootingcriminology.org/blogs/come-walk/.
 "Uprootingcriminology.org," a critical social justice collective at Eastern Kentucky
 University dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the dialectics of crime, justice
 and social harm, 2015
- **Invited Presenter,** "Food for the Soul Series," sponsored by the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations (OIIR) Lunch on Us series. Presented Active Centralized Empowerment. 2015
- **Invited Book Reading and Signing,** "250 Years and Still a Slave," Peacewerks Center for Well-Being, July, 2015
- Invited Book Reading and Signing, "250 Years and Still a Slave," Opn-Door Communications, August, 2015
- Invited Book Reading and Signing, "250 Years and Still a Slave," New York Fashion Week, LGBT, EMI Music Publishing, Sept., 2015
- **Invited Guest Commentator, News Gazette,** *Journalists must do their homework, http://www.news-gazette.com/opinion/guest-commentary/2014-11-30/journalists-must-do-their-homework.html* 2014
- Invited Conference Presenter, National AEJMC Conference 2014, Canada, "J-School Gender Gap: Causes and Impacts"
- Presenter, National Illinois Journalism Education Association (IJEA)
 Conference, 2014, Urbana, IL, "Stand by! Producing your own Newscast!"
- Invited Presenter, Graduate Academy for College Teaching 2014, sponsored by Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning, UIUC, "Your first teaching gig? Nervous? Anxious? No Problem. Let's get you Empowered!"

- **Conference Presenter,** "Developing Leadership and Self-Empowerment within a Collective," Illinois Leadership Research Conference, 2014
- Author, Conference Presenter, "Black Images in the White Mind: Imitation of Real Life," National Council on Black Studies Conference, 2014
- **Invited Article Contributor,** "Journey to My Mother's Land," Illinois International Review, UIUC, http://international.illinois.edu/iir/Fall2014/journey.html. 2014
- **Invited Key Note Speaker/Presenter,** "Are you ready to be Free?" African American Heritage Month, Eastern Illinois University, 2014
- **Op-ed Contributor**, News-Gazette, "Media vs. Journalism: In the name of Justice and Integrity, do your homework!" in response to Bill Cosby's rape allegations, 2014
- **Invited Panelist,** "Do the Right Thing" and Race Relations, Art Theatre, Champaign, Il. Sponsored by The Art Theatre Co-op. 2014
- **Presenter, Documentary-Series,** "Journey to My Mother's Land" as part of the Journalism Department's Strategic Planning Process, 2014
- **Presenter,** "Constructing Racism through Editing: Is it really possible?" National Illinois Journalism Education Association (IJEA) Conference 2013
- **Invited Presenter,** "Professional Divides II: Journalists and anthropologists in continuing conversation about language, news practice, and social impact, American Anthropological Association Conference 2013
- **Keynote Co-Presenter,** "Talking Trayvon: Race, Media, and the Politics of Spectacle," UICCC Conference, sponsored by the Graduate Students Organization of the Institute of Communications Research, the Institute of Communications Research, and the College of Media, 2013
- Invited Guest/Tom Joyner Morning Show with Jacque Reid, "Jacque Reid goes 'Inside Her Story' with Dr. Janice Collins, discussed Obama's focus on gay rights and its comparison to the Civil Rights Movement of African-Americans, 2013. The Tom Joyner Morning Show is the #1 syndicated urban morning show reaching 8 million listeners. http://mymajicdc.hellobeautiful.com/3137165/jacque-reid-goes-inside-her-story-with-dr-janice-collins/
- Invited Presenter/Panelist, Eastern Illinois University Women's History and Awareness Month, "Torqued by History: Appropriating a Woman's Image: The Lynching of Anita Hill," sponsored by WHAM committee and the English and History Departments, 2013

GRANTS/FUNDS REWARDED

- Co-Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, awarded \$500.00 from the Office of Minority Student Affairs 2014
- **Grant Awarded, Hewlett International Research Travel Grants,** International Program and Studies, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, \$2500.00 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

• Creative Endeavor and Research Publication: Producer, Reporter, Writer, Cinematographer, Editor, Narrator - "Journey to My Mother's Land: Extending the Gates' Effect into Africa," is an auto-ethnography series that captures my journey from America to Sierra Leone, West Africa, the place of my ancestral mother, and other experiences of African Americans who have taken DNA ancestral tests. I researched whether or not, adding a more accurate history and a sense of social location to the development of Self will change and move the perception and realities of being marginalized (fiction and nonfiction) to the core, furthering and increasing a sense of self-value as a stand-alone attribute. This method may actually de-marginalize individuals to some degree. In the process of securing publication to a national audience. Special Screening at the Art Theatre, Champaign, Illinois in 2017.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzXj53ZWRvc&index=1&list=PLvomV4564JyhRg9-VV4kDLNKr09Xp6P2y&t=103s Picked up by the largest African broadcasting network, the Nigerian Television Authority, with an audience reach in the millions including the U.K., U.S., Canada and all of Africa began airing episodes December 6, 2018 and every Thursday on Dish Satellite and online app for 10 episodes.

- Book Publication, Sole Author, <u>250 Years and Still a Slave, Breaking Free with Active Centralized Empowerment: A New Way of Thinking and Performing</u>, Visionary Insight Press, IL. 2015. Available on Amazon, Kindle and Barnes&Noble. http://www.amazon.com/Years-Still-Slave-Janice-Collins/dp/0985742399/ref=sr 1 1?ie=UTF8&qid=1443364231&sr=8-1&keywords=250+years+and+still+a+slave
- Book Chapter Publication, Solo Author in Academic book publication, "Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and the Representations of Power in 1084 Prime-time Commercials in 2005," in an edited book collection titled, "Feminist Interpretations of Advertising: What's the Big Idea?" contracted with Lexington Press. A quantitative Study., Lexington Press. Publication December 2018.
- Published Producer, Writer, Reporter, Cinematographer, Supervising Editor, "A
 Taste of Gullah," is an online/broadcast television product focusing on stories of
 some of the Gullah "folks" who decided to stay on their land. The Gullah people have

always been and still are marginalized in many ways. The episodes are posted online on Theoreticalteaandcompany.com, Active Centralized Empowerment YouTube Channel with over 100,000 views and aired on television during Primetime, 9 pm, on PBS-WEIU in April, 2015. The TV program can be found here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHV43AIwIQo

Published Producer, Writer, Reporter, Cinematographer, Editor, "A Taste of Gullah," web series can be found here https://theoreticalteaandcompany.blog/category/diaspora-2/

• Host, "Theoretical Tea and Company," 2009 to present, Discussion Forum and Radio Program and Podcast, Host, Monthly/Weekly discussions on issues from a theoretical and research perspective. Guests are scholars, researchers, students and citizens of the community and across the Globe (via Facebook and Internet distribution - Live Streaming). Program also aired on WILL-PBS. Program on Ferguson. https://will.illinois.edu/news/story/beyond-ferguson-part-2-a-will-am-580-special.

Conversation with Jane Elliott

https://mediaspace.illinois.edu/media/t/0 qrfqxgja

Archived shows http://www.janicemcollinsphd.com/podcasts

- Article Publication, Journalism and Mass Communication Educator, "Leadership Development in College Newsroom Labs: It's Transactional," 2015. Journalism & Mass Communication Educator.
 http://jmc.sagepub.com/content/early/2015/10/27/1077695815612323.full.pdf
 html
- Invited Foreword Writer for book publication, Whispers of the Heart, Visionary Insight Press, IL. 2015. http://www.amazon.com/Whispers-Heart-Lisa-Hardwick/dp/0996138900
- **Invited National/International Presenter,** "Live Your Best Life Conference," Visionary Insight Press Online Conference Series, August 1 October 1, 2015. Motivational Speaking Engagement from Select Authors. Broadcasted to 25+ millions of audience members.

 http://www.visionarvinsightpress.com/conference-2/
- Invited National/International Presenter, "Live Your Best Life Conference," Visionary Insight Press Online Conference Series, May 1 July 1, 2015. Motivational Speaking Engagement from Select Authors. Broadcasted to 25+ millions of audience members. http://www.visionaryinsightpress.com/conference-1/

- "Special Report: Finding my Family-DNA Analysis," Broadcast Television News Story Featuring Dr. Janice Marie Collins as research expert on marginalization, WICD, Anchor reporter and introduction, Jenese Harris, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=seXVfLDISIE, 2014
- "*U of I Professor Heads to Africa for Project,*" Broadcast Television News story featuring Dr. Janice Marie Collins, WICD, Anchor introduction by Elitsa Bizios, http://wicd.webtest.sbgnet.com/news/top-stories/stories/u-prof-heads-africa-project-9172.shtml, 2013

BOOK REVIEWER

• Chapters Editor and Book Reviewer, 2011, Foundations of Community Journalism, edited by Bill Reader and John A. Hatcher, SAGE Publications

ARTICLE IN NON-JURIED PUBLICATIONS

• Article Contributor, Sesi Magazine 2010, "Broadcast Journalism and Tomorrow's Student"

PROFESSIONAL/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Chair of the Board of Trustees, African International Festival Foundation, 2018 to Present, based in Ubaja, Nigeria and Illinois, U.S., this festival is designed to address indigenous problems and promote young, talented, underrepresented stories, journalists and documentarians to help educate the world about Africa and people of the Diaspora, giving voice to the voiceless, and improving lives one story at a time. https://afidff.org
- Co-Founder, Director & Organizer of the African International Documentary Festival, 2018 to Present, the overarching international and intercultural governing structure that embodies a film festival and art and culture, economic and sustainability, education, health, and spirituality platforms of transformation.
- Multimedia and Digital International Journalism, Media and Social Media Advisor, 2013 to Present, Advisor to Free and Open News Initiatives, formerly, the Open Government Initiative (Directive of the office of former Sierra Leone President, President Koroma) and the National Federation of Civil Societies. I advise journalism, media outlets, Chiefs and Chieftesses, and Civil Rights Activists on processes that will assist in developing and sustaining ethical and professional modules of Journalism and Media Messengers in a developing free and democratic society. http://ogi.gov.sl/content/ogi-meets-national-federation-civil-society

- Social Media Coordination Committee and Moderator, Commission on the Status of Women, Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communications, Present
- Social Media Coordinator, Sierra Leoneans in Chicagoland for Ebola Relief (SLICFER), a collective group comprised of several civic organizations, 2014 to present
- **Founder & Developer of Inclusive Multimedia Collaborative** website, "Hear My Voice," 2016 to present. This website spans across campus, campuses, disciplines, and community to give the public a more well-rounded platform of news, information and research. I am also developing a radio/podcast program and television program. http://www.hearmyvoiceonline.com
- **Invited Special Guest,** International television broadcast and podcast, *I24 International* "Clear Cut" News Program segment on G-7 and Extremists. https://www.i24news.tv/en/tv/replay/clearcut/x65hl2x October 2017.
- Invited Special Guest, International radio broadcast and podcast, SiGnOtHeTimes on Blogtalkradio.com to discuss my published book, October 2017. http://www.blogtalkradio.com/nupowerradionetwork/2017/09/27/signothetimes-live-author-dr-janice-collins-250-years-and-still-a-slave
- *Invited Professional Workshop Attendee, "*The Power of Diverse Voices: The Poynter Minority Writers Workshop," Poynter Institute, St Petersburg, Fl., November 2-5, 2017. A prestigious selection from among 130 applicants vying for 16 slots, I was selected.
- **Facilitator,** "Town Hall Tonight" 2011 to 2013. This broadcast television discussion forum allows for the addressing of important and sometimes controversial issues that are of interest of Illinois and issues facing marginalized groups. Marginalization is the focus of my research. In this activity, I am able to integrate my research data and other data within my focus into a discussion forum that gives voice and pictures to the data. Example, "Are we EIU?" focused on recent "racist" acts, incidents and threats in the town of Charleston. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Omicron Delta and Eastern Illinois University Youth and College Division of NAACP sponsored the program.
- Radio Talk Show Commentator/Contributor, 2008-2013 a radio program called "Issues and Attitudes: Special Edition," WEIU 88.9, discussing controversial issues such as the racial climate of Charleston and how social media played a vital role in the dissemination of negative messages about citizens and students of color.

SERVICE

- **Invited Speaker and Discussant,** "Good Night and Good Luck" and Journalism, McKinley Foundation, UIUC, November 14, 2018.
- **Departmental Curriculum Committee Member,** Present
- College of Media Curriculum Committee Member, Present
- Member, Illinois Leadership Education Campus Collaborative (ILECC), Present
- **Nominated and Selected as a Presenter** for "Dear World" Global Presentation of Inclusion and De-Marginalization sponsored by Inclusion and Intercultural Organization representing UIUC during IUnite Week, September-December 2017. Dear World has photographed over 50,000 thousand people all around the world.
- Organizer and Facilitator, Panel Moderator for Chancellor and Provost sponsored Symposium, "Campus Forum on Climate, Race and Ethnicity" by the Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE) and Panel, "Issues, Challenges, and Solutions: *Hear My Voice* on De-Marginalizing the Marginalized," April 2017.
- *Hear My Voice Co-Sponsorship with the Union,* Presents, Ashlee Haze, "Speaking from the Margins." National spoken-word artist and author. 2017.
- Professor Spotlight: The Spread: https://thespreadissue.com/2017/03/31/professor-spotlight-dr-janice-collins/
- **Lead Facilitator,** High School Journalism Press Pass Summer Camp, 2016. Solo-led a weeklong, intensive summer camp on multimedia and broadcast journalism. The students blogged about their initial feelings and final feelings on the website *Off the Shelf and Online*. Their blogs as well as their work can be found at https://otso.h.media.illinois.edu
- **Sub-Committee Member, CORE-Diverse Enrollment**, 2016-2018.
- "Hear My Voice for Healing" Event Coordinator/Moderator, In response to recent reports of threatening acts towards students on campus and in the community, and the continued mission for the U of I campus to be a Learning Space of Inclusion and Respect of Diverse Voices, The Registered Organization "Hear My Voice" held an open forum for discussion, healing, and support. Community and Campus Participant. "Let Us Hear Your Voice: Coming together in Peace and Positive Pro-action." Hear My Voice is a cross-disciplines, collaborative group of students, faculty and staff. Lincoln Hall, Bi-monthly beginning 2016.
- Committee Member, University Y and Global Engagement, 2015 to present, UIUC

- Fundraiser Founder and Organizer, "The James Tidwell Freedom Fundraiser," raised funds to assist students in need with their education and monetary challenges. This fundraiser is in memory of the late, Journalism professor and Lawyer, James Tidwell (formerly head of Journalism Department, EIU), 2015 to present
- NCOPBS Member, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2015 to present
- Member, University Faculty Advisory Committee Leadership Minor, 2015 to present
- **Fundraiser Founder and Organizer,** "Grey, Scandalous, Murderous Thursdays and Wine," community involved fundraiser centered on three top-rated media programs to support the empowerment of women. Funds raised are donated to the HOPE organization of East Central, Illinois. HOPE is to empower persons to live independent, non-violent lives through the provisions of Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education and other organizations focused on marginalized groups and individuals, 2014 to present
- Recruiter Assistant, College of Media, working with appointed recruiter Lisa Kay
 Wells to introduce COM programs to Illinois high school audiences. Assessed the
 needs of the students and teachers and designed and shared pedagogical tools that
 they can use to teach Broadcast Journalism and Video Storytelling online. 2014 to
 present, UIUC
- *Member*, Board of Directors, *Chicago Bulldog Media*, *Youth Writers*, encourages young writers and authors to perform, literarily, while developing their leadership skills 2014 to Present
- Member, University Leadership Education Committee, 2014 to present, UIUC
- Provost/Chancellor Appointed Member of Committee on Race and Ethnicity (CORE), Office of the Provost and Chancellor, 2014-2017, UIUC
- Subcommittee Member of CORE Public Engagement, 2014-2017, UIUC
- **Member,** University Diversity Planning Committee, 2014 to present, UIUC
- Member, Center of African Studies Advisory Committee, 2014 to present
- *Faculty Participant, Mediapalooza, 2014 to present, UIUC*
- **Member,** Center of African Studies Faculty Affiliate Member, 2013 to present

- **Member, Faculty of Excellence,** Vision of Excellence Planning Committee and Discussion Group, 2013 to present, UIUC
- College of Media Representative, Inclusive Illinois, 2013 to present, UIUC
- **Director, Designer,** Inclusive Illinois Initiative, 2013 to Present
- Committee Member, Inclusive Illinois, 2013 to present, UIUC
- **Sub-Committee Member,** Program and Marketing, Inclusive Illinois, 2013 to present, UIUC
- Planning Committee Member, Faculty Women of Color in the Academy (FWCA), 2013 to present, UIUC
- *Chairwoman,* Board of Directors, "*Gullah Traveling Theatre,*" Internationally and Nationally-known touring group that educates communities on the history of the Gullah-American influence 2013 to Present
- **AEJMC Member**, Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communications, 2004 to present
- RTNDA Member, Radio & Television News Directors Association, 2004 to present
- NABJ Member, National Association of Black Journalists, 2002 to present
- Member, Journalism Department, Technology Advisory Committee 2013 to 2015, UIUC
- **NWSA Member**, National Women's Studies Association, 2010 to 2015
- **Judge**, "Jammies Student Journalism Awards" 2014, 2015, UIUC
- Volunteer Reader, Illinois Reads, 2011 to 2015, Champaign Illinois
- Co-Mentor McNair Scholarship Program, 2014
- *Moderator*, Graduate Students Track, "Preparing to Enter the Academy," and Faculty Track, "Faculty Development Workshop" FWCA National Conference 2014
- **Board Member,** HOPE of East Central Illinois, 2011 to 2013. The mission of HOPE is to empower persons to live independent, non-violent lives through the provisions of Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education.

- **Board Member,** SACIS (Sexual Assault Counseling & Information Services) of East Illinois, 2011 to 2013. The mission of SACIS is to provide services to victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual harassment and family members.
- **Advisory Board Member,** LGBTQA, EIU, 2011 to 2013. This organization located on the campus of Eastern Illinois University strives to support an open, welcoming, and collaborative campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and friends.
- Member, Grade Appeal Committee, 2010 to 2013, EIU
- **Board Member,** Student Publications, 2011 to 2013, EIU
- **Contributor,** Gregg Technology Center, EIU, 2008 to 2013. Consistently contributes to the development and improvement of Video Tutorials Podcasts for Student Learning headed by Ms. Kim Ervin. EIU
- **Host, Researcher, Moderator,** "Issues and Attitudes-A Town Hall Meeting in Illinois," 2010 to 2013, live 1-hour television program broadcast live on PBS station.
- Faculty Advisor/Assistant News Director, Multi-Emmy Award Winning Student-produced 5:30 Live newscast, WEIU NewsWatch, 2008-2013
- Faculty Advisor-Fresh! student-produced news publication 2011-2013, EIU
- **Faculty Advisor** for NABI, *Eastern Illinois University*, August 2008 to 2013
- **Host, Researcher, Moderator,** "Issues and Attitudes-Nuclear Safety in Illinois," 2011 to 2013, live 1-hour television program broadcast live on PBS station.
- Trio Professional Mentor, TRiO Student Support Services, 2010-2013, EIU
- Member of Departmental Assessment Committee, Eastern Illinois University, August to 2013
- Chair, Accreditation Subcommittee, ACEJMC, 2010-2011-Standard 4
- Member, Accreditation Subcommittee, ACEJMC, 2010-2011-Standard 5,6
- **President-Selected Member,** UPI Diversity Committee 2009 to 2011
- Faculty Affiliate Member, Translational Humanities Committee, 2010-2013, EIU
- President Selected Committee Member- AEJMC Membership Committee 2010 to 2013

- Chair, Public Relations Committee, 2010 to 2013 Women's History and Awareness Month (WHAM), EIU
- **Member** of Departmental Technology Committee, *Eastern Illinois University*, 2008 to 2012
- **Chair** of Departmental Curriculum Committee, *Eastern Illinois University*, 2011 to 2013
- **Member**, Departmental Outreach and Service Committee, *Eastern Illinois University*, 2011 to 2013
- **Alternate Member,** Departmental Personnel Committee, *Eastern Illinois University*, 2011 to 2013
- **IBA-U Member,** Illinois Broadcasters Association, 2010 to present
- **Judge**, Illinois Broadcasters Association (IBA) Judge for *Wisconsin Broadcasters Association (WBA)*, Radio News Story Category, 2009 to 2013
- **BEA Member**, Broadcast Educators Association, 2008 to present
- INBA Member, Illinois News Broadcasters Association, 2008 to present
- Member, University's (EIU) Planning Committee for the African American Heritage Month – 2008 to 2013, EIU
- Member, National Women's Studies Association 2007 to 2013

PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISM INDUSTRY

Multiple Emmy, Best of Gannett, Associated Press, NABJ, AABJ Award Winning Journalist (***Caregiver for late mother full time from 1998-2002)

(***Earned Master and Doctoral Degrees from 2004-2009)

Freelance Journalist, Talk Show Host, Public Relations Agent, Media Consultant,
Documentarian, Producer Nationwide 1993-Present
Corporate and Mainstream companies and clients. Provide production, Voice Over, Writing,
Producing, Editing, Cinematography, and Reporting Skills. Consults on media image,
professional contracts, and employment opportunities.

Voice over Talent *EARWORKS*, Virginia Beach, VA 2003-2007

Registered voice over talent for various radio spots, documentaries and promotions including HBO.

On-Offline Producer *WVEC-TV 13*, Norfolk, VA 2003-2004 Freelance position: Gathered, organized, wrote and executed 13 NEWS at NOON for television broadcast and online. Proficient with "INews" and Pathfire.

On-Offline Producer *WTKR-TV 3*, Norfolk, VA 2003-2004 Freelance position: Gathered, organized, wrote and executed 5:30 Newscast. Producing responsibilities included the managing of live shots, anchors, reporters, photogs and editors and posting stories online. Proficient with "INews" and Pathfire.

Promotions Producer *WAVY-TV,* Portsmouth, VA 1997-1998 Senior Producer/Writer: Conceptualize, write and edit original scripts for image and station spots. Scheduled and organized production shoots.

3-Time Emmy Award Winning *WXIA-TV,* Atlanta, GA 1996 -1997 **Producer**

Top Ten Market-Online producer, 2-hour, 1 hour and ½ hour newscasts as well as Specials including, Super Bowl, Olympics, Olympic bombing, and Oklahoma City bombing. Produced live Olympic coverage and off-line "News Specials," Supervised staff of anchors, reporters, photographers, editors, graphic designers and studio personnel. 6 Emmy Nominations (Top Ten Market).

Video Producer WXIA-TV, Atlanta, GA 1996 -1997 Responsible for supervising staff in the execution of **all** creative, visual elements of on-air product including special opens and graphics. Additional duties, back pack reporting for vos, vosots and packages. Top Ten Market.

3-Time Emmy Award Winning *WXIA-TV,* Atlanta, GA 1993 -1996 **Producer/Writer/Editor**

Back Pack Reporter, Producer, Editor of Special Projects/Daily Newscasts, 3 Regional **Emmy** Awards; Producing, Writing, Editing, 6 Emmy Nominations (Top Ten Market). Noon and Early morning newscasts and online.

Network Level-Producer/Writer *NBC NewsChannel*, Charlotte, NC 1993 -1994 Premium Market-Special Projects-National and International Content – *First Stop* interviews with celebrities, editing trailers, writing, editing and producing all story formats for feeds to NBC network and affiliates nationwide and abroad. Managed and organized personnel and links to obtain footage, literary content, and research of stories.

Promoted

Network Level-Editor *NBC NewsChannel,* Charlotte, NC 1993 -1994 promoted "NBC Nightside" news program. Producer-Steve Capus (former present

President of NBC News). Responsible for the editing and visual elements of the news program.

Chief Editor/Tape Coordinator *WCNC-TV*, Charlotte, NC 1991-1993 Supervised staff in the execution of on-air material for daily newscasts and special broadcasts.

Fill-in Promotion producer

Produced *topicals* for daily newscasts.

Executive Producer/Producer *ESPN*, Bristol, CT, Greensboro, NC 1989-1991 "Black College Sports Today" and "Scholastic America" magazine shows produced in partnership with ESPN. In charge of supervising staff of over 200 key personnel. Responsibilities included all aspects of production, content and talent, on and offline, personnel issues and managing production and organizational budgets.

Producer/Videographer/Editor *WGHP-TV*, High Point, NC 1987-1989 **Backpack Journalist**, First Female Videographer in News Department. Responsibilities included shooting, writing and editing features, spot news, and daily newscast material.

Production Assistant *WGHP-TV,* High Point, NC 1987-1989 Promoted Duties included: chyron-scribe, audio, stillstore, camera, lighting, floor person, and set design.

Radio Announcer/Program Manager *WTJZ-AM,* Hampton, VA 1986-1987 Jazz and Gospel formats, on-air personality and production

Anchor/Producer/Program Manager *WHCS-TV*, Hampton, VA 1986-1987 Broadcast television, anchored news/sports and community-oriented show, educational formatted. Logged and scheduled programs for air, master control operator.

Copy Writer/Editor Public Relations Hampton, VA 1986-1987 *Tinsley Advertising Agency* (Magazine) Duties: Copy editor, writer, client relations

ADDITIONAL SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- Nominee, 2013-2014 Teaching Excellence Award by the University of Illinois Student Body
- Awarded "Top 50 Journalism Professor" by JournalismDegree.org, 2012
- 2011 Featured Faculty, Recipients are professors who have shown a love for teaching among the faculty as a whole, committed to bringing the best out of their students, new ways to enhance the classroom experience, and serve the larger community beyond campus

- 2011 Certificate of Appreciation, ACTS, presented by Dr./Pastor, Faculty Advisor Andrew Robinson and Wanda Kay Robinson, President
- 2010 Faculty of Excellence Award from Minority Affairs Department
- 2005-2008 Full Scholarship/Stipend award from the *School of Media Arts and Studies at Ohio University* in Athens, Ohio
- 2004-2005 Full Scholarship/Stipend award from *E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University* in Athens, Ohio
- 2004 Graduate Student Senate Representative, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism
- 2004 Regional **Emmy Award Judg**e in Norfolk, Virginia
- 2003 Awarded Grant from Hampton Roads Black Media Professionals (HRBMP)
- 2003 Awarded "Best Community/Public Affairs" docu-drama (Step by Step-Ending Domestic Violence) by the Virginia Association of Black Women Lawyers and HRBMP, Co-producer/editor/videojournalist.
- 2003 Faculty Advisor for National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) -HU
- 2003 Provost Appointed Member for Committee on Committees-HU
- 2003 Dean Appointed Member of Grievance Committee
- 2003 Selected by Hampton University's Board of Trustees to produce, write, direct and edit a short Presidential documentary of Dr. William Harvey, president of the university.
- 2002 Served as **Judge** for the **Scripps National Journalism Award** in Washington D.C.
- 2002 Awarded "Rookie of the Year" by Dean of Liberal Arts, Mayor/Dean Mamie Locke (this was the first time any professor had ever received such an award with less than 3 years of employment at the University).
- 2002 TV newscast II class awarded **first place** Excel Award in live program category for an original show called "Sound Off"- given by HRBMP (local chapter of NABJ). Hampton Univ.
- 1997 Multiple Emmy Awards by team effort at WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1996 3 Emmy Awards in Producing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1996 Best of Gannett Awards in Producing/Editing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1996 Associated Press Awards, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1996 NABJ: Honorable Mention in Producing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 3 Emmy Awards in Producing, Writing, Editing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 Best of Gannett, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 AABJ Award in Editing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 NABI Second Place in Producing, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 AP Award: Honorable Mention, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 Atlanta Association of Media Women/1st Place, WXIA, Atlanta, GA
- 1986 Outstanding College Female Athlete, Virginia Peninsula Sports Club
- 1986 Presidential Nominee for Commencement Speaker, Wake Forest University
- 1985-86 Dean's List at Wake Forest University, NC
- 1985-86 The Marge Crisp Female Athlete of the Year, WFU
- 1984-85 First Female Basketball player to ever be selected to All-ACC Team at WFU

- 1984-86 Academic tutor for Male Athletes, Wake Forest University
- 1982 Selected Peer Counselor by John Ford (son of former/late President Gerald Ford), Student Government Representative for the office of Minority Affairs, WFU
- 1982 4-year Athletic Scholarship Recipient, Wake Forest University
- 1982 West Point Candidate

Other Special Skills/Training/Research Focus

- -Critical Cultural Pedagogy
- -Digital Storytelling
- -Documentary and Long-format storytelling
- -Podcast Composer and Producer
- -Excellence in Teaching for Inclusion and Respect for Diversity
- -Excellence in Management and Leadership roles
- -Excellence in Communication Skills
- -Excellence in On and Off Live Producing for Television/Radio and Online Broadcasting
- -Backpack Journalism/Reporting/Writing/Shooting/Editing and Delivery, Producing
- -Social Media, Marketing and Strategies, and Branding
- -ENPS, Pathfire, INEWS, EZNEWS, Final Cut Pro/Express, Avid, Adobe Premiere, Windows Movie Maker, Cool Edit Pro, Fast Studio (Silver), IMovie, Garage Band, Audacity, Flickr, Sound Slides, Photoshop, AfterEffects
- -Video and Still Photography and Production
- -Top-Level broadcast control room proficiency, off and online
- -Grass Valley and Digital Control room switchers
- -Average conversational Spanish
- -Limited conversational French

Selective Speaking Engagement Topics and Focus

Active Centralized Empowerment, original praxis, theory and critical pedagogy of

Empowerment, Leadership and Inclusion within a Collective

Leadership Development

Inclusion and Diversity

Journalism of Social Impact

Issues of Gender, Power, Race and Ethnicity

Enhancement of Self for Emotional Healing

Issues of DeMarginalization in Media Content, Learning Environments, and Newsrooms

Journalism Accountability and Responsibility

Citizen Journalism vs. Traditional Journalism

Multimedia & Digital Producing, Distribution and Branding

Motivational Speaking on the Authentic Self

Demarginalization in newsrooms and classrooms