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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Alabama School of Law, 1988
Research Assistant, Professor Jerome A. Hoffman

Summer Law School, Salzburg, Austria, 1987
University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law

Bachelor of Business Administration, Millsaps College, 1985
Area of Concentration: Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Assistant Professor and Pre-Law Advisor, 2012-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2011-2012

Adjunct Instructor, 2009-2011

Department of Political Science, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

Courses:

Administrative Law (1 semester)
American Government (1 semester)
Constitutional Law I (1 semester)
Introduction to Law I & II (6 semesters)
Introduction to Political Science (10 semesters/4 summer sessions)
Judicial Process (2 semesters)
Legal Research and Writing (8 semesters)
LSAT Survey (5 semesters)
Media Law (Guest Lecturer)

Pre-Law Advising:

Fannie Lou Hamer Pre-Law Society

- Service Learning Travel
- Bi-Semester Lecture Series Events
- Mentoring, Black Law Student Association, Mississippi College School of Law
- Service Project, Tutorial Program, U.S. History, Jim Hill High School
- Service Project, Mentoring & Tutoring, Parental and Elementary Childhood Development Project
- Service Project, Black History Program, Blackburn Middle School

Law School Admissions Council Law School Forums

Pre-Law Advisors National Council Conference

Southwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors Conferences

Committees:

Political Science Department Undergraduate Curriculum
Reading List
Student-Athlete Mentoring
Writing across the Curriculum

Workshops and Training:

College of Liberal Arts Writing Intensive Course Development, 2014
LSAT Workshop (Co-Leader, Dr. Alfonso Crump), 2013
Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Grant Writing Workshop for
Minority Serving Institutions, 2013
Blackboard Training for Distance Learning, 2013
National Science Foundation Day, 2012
LSAT Workshop (Leader), 2010

Civil and Criminal Trial Attorney, 1988-Present

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

Presenter & Author, Public Policy, State-Centered Education Policy Making: “Education in Mississippi: 30 Years since the Passage of the Education Reform Act of 1982 and the Case against Charter School”, 85th Annual Conference, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. (January 2014).

Chair, Public Policy, Policy Outcomes: Reducing Poverty and Income Inequality, 85th Annual Conference, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. (January 2014).

Panelist, Teaching Political Science, Teaching Beyond the Classroom: Social Media, Oral Histories and Public Opinion, 84th Annual Conference, Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL. (January 2013).

Research Proposal, 2012-2013 (Inaugural) Cohort, Academy for Research and Scholarly Engagement, “Creating A Pathway of Success From JPS→JSU&Beyond: Teaching History and Leadership Using Oral Histories and Digital Learning to Develop Public Servants,” Division of Research and Federal Relations, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (October 2012).

Presenter & Author (Orey, B. D.), Black Legislative Politics in the South, Black Legislative Politics in Mississippi: “African-American Power in the Mississippi Legislature: *Brown vs. Board of Education* to the Education Reform Act of 1982”, 83rd Annual Conference, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. (January 2012).

Presenter & Author, Black Legislative Politics in Mississippi: “African-American Power in the Mississippi Legislature: *Brown vs. Board of Education* to the Education Reform Act of 1982”, 2011 Annual Meeting, Mississippi Political Science Association, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS. (November 2011).

Recorder, Oral Histories, Mississippi Representatives Kelvin O. Buck and Kimberly Campbell Buck, Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS (February 2010).

GRANTS & SUBSIDIES

Forum Subsidy, Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Law School Forum, \$5,510.82, Atlanta, GA (November 2013).

Grant, Creative Awards for Faculty and Staff, “Enhanced Law School Readiness Program”, \$5,000.00, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (January 2013).

Forum Subsidy, Law School Admissions Council Law School Forum, \$5,621.30, Houston, TX (September 2012).

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Moderator, Medgar Evers/Ella Baker Civil Rights Lecture Series: Aaron Henry and the Mississippi Project, The Fannie Lou Hamer Institute @ COFO, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (November 2013).

Moderator, National Bar Association Gateway to Success Conference: Navigating a Legal or Corporate Career in a Global Economy, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (October 2012).

Speaker, Respect Forum, Alpha Tau Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Jackson State University, Jackson, MS (September 2012).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mentor, Adopt-a-Law Student, Magnolia Bar Association, Jackson, MS

Volunteer, Adopt-a-Classroom, Lanier High School, Jackson, MS

Volunteer, Barksdale Reading Institute, Brown Elementary School, Jackson, MS

Volunteer, North Midtown Community Development Corporation, Inc., Jackson, MS