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**Vita**

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

Post Doctoral Study 1992	Harvard University, Massachusetts (Management Development Program, Diploma) Others: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (Strategic Management, Certificate), Mississippi State University and Jackson State University (School Psychometry/School Psychology), Memphis State University and Webster College, St. Louis, MO (Gifted Education)
Ed.D. Degree, 1975 Interrelated	University of Florida, Gainesville (Special Education Administration; Special Education)
Ed.S. Degree, 1972 Special	University of Florida (Special Education Administration; Interrelated Education)
M.A. Degree, 1968	Atlanta University, Georgia (Education - Special Education)
B.S. Degree, 1967	Jackson State University, Mississippi (Elementary Education and Special Education)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Jackson State University, Mississippi

2004-	Professor of Special Education
2002-2004	Associate Provost and Professor of Special Education

2001-2002	Professor of Special Education and Special Assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
1997-2001	Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (Personnel and Administration) and Professor of Special Education
1996-97	Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Visiting Coordinator of Academic Affairs, MS Institutions of Higher Learning Board Office
1994-96	Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Special Education
1993-94	Acting Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Special Education
1989-93	Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Special Education
1988-89 Services	Chair and Professor of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
1983-88	Chair and Professor of Special Education
1977-83	Chair and Associate Professor of Special Education
1975-77; 1972-74	Assistant Professor of Special Education

Jackson Public Schools, Mississippi

1970-71	Instructor of Special Education, Educable Mentally Retarded
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Meridian Public Schools, Mississippi

1968-70	Instructor of Special Education, Educable Mentally Retarded
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**TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

SPED 304 Organizational Procedures for Special Education  
SPED 311 Exceptional Children and Youth in the Schools  
SPED 339 Vocational and Career Planning for Exceptional Adolescents  
SPED 432 Education and Psychology of Learning Disabilities  
SPED 450 Education of Children with Behavioral Disorders  
SPED 500 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth

SPED 504 Administration and Organizational Procedures for Special Education  
SPED 604 Administration and Supervision in Special Education

#### **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS (State of Mississippi)**

School Psychologist		School Psychometrist
School Administrator		Special Subject
	Supervisor	
Teacher of the Gifted		Teacher of the
Educationally		Handicapped
(Provisional Teacher Evaluator, 1985)		

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (Past/Present)**

American Association for Higher Education  
Mississippi Association of Higher Education  
Council for Exceptional Children  
    The Division on Mental Retardation  
    The Council for Children with Behavior Disorders  
    The Council of Administrators of Special Education  
    The Association for the Gifted  
    Teacher Education Division  
American Association of University Professors  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Mississippi Association for Children with Learning Disabilities  
Phi Delta Kappa  
American Association on Mental Deficiency  
Mississippi Organization of Special Education Services

Association of Mississippi Teacher Educators

#### **SPONSORSHIP OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES (Jackson State University)**

Sponsor, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society (1987-2004)  
Co-Sponsor, Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society (1976-87)  
Co-Advisor, Student Council for Exceptional Children (1973-74)

#### **PUBLICATIONS (Selected)**

Office of the Provost/Academic Affairs (Gentry, R. principal writer). (2001).  
The Deans' Council Illuminates the Academe – An Account of 2000-2001. Jackson, MS:  
Jackson State University.

Office of Academic Affairs (Gentry, R. principal writer). (2000). If faculty are called by name – How will they respond? Jackson, MS: Jackson State University.

Gentry, R. (1999). Education in an urban university - Reaching and grasping for the ideal. Jackson, MS: Jackson State University.

Gentry, R. (1998). A university's quest for academic excellence - Special initiatives in 1997-98. Jackson, MS: Jackson State University.

Gentry, R., & Wen, S. S. (1988). What attracts and keeps outstanding black special education teachers in the profession. In A. A. Ortiz & B. A. Ramirez (Eds.). Schools and the culturally diverse student: Promising practices and future directions (pp. 120-27). Reston, VA: The Council for Exceptional Children.

Gentry, R., & Wen, S. S. (1983). Salient features of the mini course for inservice training. Teacher Education and Special Education, 6, 51-57.

Schilit, J., Cross-Maple, C., & Gentry, R. (1982). What is the future of TED? Teacher Education and Special Education, 5, 3-8.

Gentry, R., & Wen, S. S. (1981). Competency based humanistic education. The Jackson State University Researcher, 9, 60-64.

### **PROPOSALS (Funded)**

Preparation of Personnel in the Education of the Urban Educationally Handicapped, U.S. DOE, October, 1987, \$78,663; September, 1988, \$78,663; September, 1989, \$78,663.

Essential Factors in Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Outstanding Special Education Teachers, Jackson State University, 1987-88, \$925.

A Profile of Outstanding Special Education Teachers with Implications for Recruitment and Training, Jackson State University, 1986-87, \$1,000.

General Special Education - Preparation of Personnel in the Education of the Handicapped, U.S. DOE, November, 1981, \$48,380; September, 1982, \$48,380; September, 1983, \$48,380.

Program Assistance Grant - Preparation of Personnel in the Education of the Handicapped, BEH, September, 1979, \$50,000; U.S. DOE, October, 1980, \$50,000.

General Special Education - Preparation of Personnel in the Education of the Handicapped, BEH, 1978, \$50,000.

Preparation of Personnel in the Education of the Handicapped, BEH, October,

1977, \$65,000.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS (Selected)**

Member, Advisory Board, Hour of Educational Accountability, USPCI of MS, September 1992.

Representative, TED seminar on Promoting Ethnic and Multicultural Concerns, CEC Convention, Atlanta, GA, April 2, 1991.

Member, Advisory Committee on the Education of All Handicapped Children Act - Public Law 94-142 (To a number of State Superintendents of Education, MS), 1977-78, 1983-86, 1986-87, Chairman 1987-89.

Member, Blue Ribbon Committee on Teaching, Jackson State University, 1984.

Member, Task Force on Statewide Comprehensive Planning for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, MS, 1984.

Member, Advisory Board of Mississippi Association for Talented and Gifted (MATAG), 1983.

Officer (Secretary), Mississippi Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, 1982.

Representative to CEC Research Committee, Teacher Education Division, CEC, 1981-82.

Member, Mississippi Association for Talented and Gifted (MATAG) Advisory Council, 1981.

Member, Project RETOOL Advisory Committee, TED. 1981.

Member, Long-Range Planning Committee, Teachers Education Division of CEC, 1980.

Advisory Board, Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped, 1979.

Cooperative Manpower Planning Committee Member, Via the State Superintendent of Education, 1978-81.

Board of Directors, Willowood Developmental Center, Jackson, MS, 1977-81.

Member, Mississippi Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) Advisory Board, 1977-78.

Member, PTA Board of Power Elementary School, Jackson, MS, 1976-77.

Member, Advisory Committee on Special Education for Part B of the Education of the Handicapped Act (To G. H. Johnston, State Superintendent of Education, MS), 1973-75.

Teacher Corp Project Staff Member, Jackson, MS, Special Education Consultant, 1973-74; 1975-77.

#### **PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONSULTANT WORK (Selected)**

Accreditation Team Member (SACS) for public school systems, Jackson: 1973, 1978, 1981, 1982(2), 1990; Canton: 1980; Brookhaven: 1989.

Accreditation Team Member (SACS), Mississippi School for the Blind, Jackson, MS, October 10-12, 1988.

Special education students in vocational settings. Presentation at Greenville Public Schools, Inservice Workshop, Greenville, MS, August 18, 1987.

Motivation: The key to learning. Presentation at Oakley Training School, Inservice Workshop, Raymond, MS, October 10, 1986.

Children can learn if conditions are right. Presentation at the Mississippi School for the Blind, Inservice Workshop, August, 1985.

Panel Member, Quality program planning. Sixth Annual TED Conference, Arlington, VA, November 9-11, 1983.

Panel Member, Preparing teachers to serve Black exceptional children: What are teacher education programs doing? CEC National Conference on the Exceptional Black Child, Atlanta, GA, July 24-27, 1983.

Facilitator, National Meeting for Federal Project Grantees, U.S. Department of Education, Division of Personnel Preparation, Washington, DC, December 9-10, 1982.

Panel Member, Long range planning in teacher education -Where do we go from here? Annual Conference of Teacher Education Division, CEC, Nashville, TN, November 10-12, 1982.

Peer Reviewer (External), Promotion and Tenure Committee for Dr. Robert Sedlak, Department of Special Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, Fall, 1982.

Presenter, Brono Campbell College, Summer Program for Youths, Edwards, MS, July 4, 1981.

Accommodating disadvantaged gifted children. Workshop for Jackson Public Schools (Inservice Training), Jackson, MS.. May 14, 1981.

Panel Member, Teacher education: Issues, trends, and changes in Mississippi. CEC State Federation Conference, Jackson, MS, April 24-25, 1981.

Consultant, Peer Evaluation of Degree Program, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, October, 1980.

Adjudicator, Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped, Baddour Retardation Center, Senatobia, MS, June, 1980.

Consultant, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Exchange Program, April, 1980.

Panel Member, Early Bird Special Program - Training Needs for Minority Special Education Administrators, CEC International Convention, Philadelphia, PA, April, 1980.

Consultant, Social Studies Inservice Meeting, Blackburn Junior High School, Jackson, MS, February 14, 1979.

Task Force Member, A Comprehensive Plan for Delivery of Services for Hearing Impaired Children and Adults in the State of Mississippi, 1979.

Delivery of special education services. Workshop for Jackson Public Schools (Inservice Training), Jackson, MS, December 6, 1978.

Meeting the needs of learning disabled children. Workshop for Mendenhall High School faculty (Preservice Training), Mendenhall, MS, August, 1978.

What colleges and universities are doing to help secondary EMRs prepare for the world of work and make good adult adjustment. Presentation in DVR Workshop, Jackson, MS, August 22, 1977.

Diagnostic prescriptive teaching. Presentation for Jackson State University Teacher Corps Project at Blackburn Junior High School, Jackson, MS, September 3, 1976; February 1, 1977.

Understanding and working with special needs students in Head Start Programs. Workshop for Friends of Children of Mississippi, Heidelberg, MS, April 14, 1976.

Research Assistant to Mainstreaming Project, School of Education, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Summer, 1975.

Research Consultant on Evaluation of Florida Learning Research Association

Center (Serving six Florida counties), 1974-75.

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS (Selected)**

- ✓ Selected to serve as field reader/reviewer of applications for Training Personnel for the Education of the Handicapped Program, U.S. Department of Education, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
- ✓ Biography published in Who's Who in American Education, 1991
- ✓ Certificate for training in On Course Program Construction, Information Associates, Reston, VA, March 6-8, 1990
- ✓ Received plaque from Exceptional Education Services staff and teachers in appreciation of support of Jackson Public Schools' Exceptional Education Program, December 7, 1989
- ✓ Received plaque from Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services for outstanding service as professor and chair, Jackson State University, 1972-89
- ✓ Received Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Bill Allain for outstanding work and devoted service as a task force member of Statewide Planning for Blind and Visually Impaired Children, 1984-85
- ✓ Received a plaque in recognition of dedicated and sacrificial service to Willowood Developmental Center, Jackson, MS, July 30, 1984
- ✓ Received Certificate of Appreciation from the Hudspeth Center, Special Olympics for valuable contribution given, April, 1983
- ✓ Selected to serve on the Program Advisory Committee of CEC National Conference and Training Workshop on the Exceptional Black Child for July 25-27, 1983 in Atlanta, GA. Reviewed and evaluated proposals for presentation at the conference, February, 1983
- ✓ Received a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for the time and outstanding service given to CEC/TED, Council for Exceptional Children/Teacher Education Division and Project RETOOL, 1981-83
- ✓ Received a Teaching Citation from the Mabel Carney Chapter of the SNEA at Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, 1981-82
- ✓ Nomination, Member at Large, Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, 1981. (Vita abstract appeared in TED)



Newsletter, 7(1), November, 1981: Also, 8(1), January, 1983

- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation for service and contribution to the Mississippi Arts Fair for the Handicapped, June, 1980
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation, "Diligent effort and outstanding work toward the development of the Statewide Plan for Services to Hearing Impaired and Deaf Mississippians -Task Force," Governor Cliff Finch, March, 1979
- ✓ Biography published in Who's Who (Marquis) Biographical Record - Child Development Professional, 1976
- ✓ Biography published in Personalities of the South, 1976
- ✓ Biography published in Leaders of Black America, 1973
- ✓ National Teaching Fellowship Award, 1972-73; 1973-74
- ✓ Certificate of Recognition and Honorary Membership (Administrative Intern, University of Florida), Exceptional Child Education Department, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL, June 2, 1972
- ✓ Senior Class President, 1966-67 (Jackson State University)