

Vita

Ruben Gentry
Professor of Special Education
Jackson State University (MS)

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Post Doctoral Study

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| 1992 | Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (Management Development Program, Diploma)
Others: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (Strategic Management, Certificate), Mississippi State University and Jackson State (School Psychometry/School Psychology), Memphis State University and Webster College, St. Louis, MO (Gifted Education) |
| Ed.D. Degree, 1975 | University of Florida, Gainesville (Special Education Administration; Interrelated Special Education) |
| Ed.S. Degree, 1972 | University of Florida (Special Education Administration; Interrelated Special 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

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| 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 |

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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	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 (Recent)

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)

Council for Exceptional Children
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
Mississippi Association for Children with Learning Disabilities
Phi Delta Kappa
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

- Gentry, R. (2015). How to REACH and teach African American Students in today's schools. *International Journal of Education and Practice*, 3(2), 90-103.
- Gentry, R. (2014). Graduation is the hallmark of excellence – How colleges can achieve high rates. *Journal of Literature and Art Studies*, 4(12), 1113-1121.
- Gentry, R. (2014). Sustaining college students' persistence and achievement through exemplary instructional strategies. *Research in Higher Education Journal*, 24, 164-176.
- Gentry, R. (2013). Using courthouse portfolios to establish rapport and motivate college students. *Journal of Instructional Pedagogies*, 12, 46-61.
- Gentry, R. (February, 2013). Ensuring that professors who enhance the university earn tenure and promotion. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED543077).
- Gentry, R. (2013). How educators can help the USA form a real global society. *Policy Futures in Education*, 11(2), 137-144.
- Gentry, R. (2013). Teaching styles that turn students on/off at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*, XI, 28-40.
- Gentry, R. (2012). Making college a success by assessing and navigating candidates' study habits. *Research in Higher Education Journal*, 18, 118-130.
- Gentry, R. (2012). Collaboration skills pre-service teachers acquire in a responsive preparation program. *Journal of Instructional Pedagogies*, 8, 88-95.

- Gentry, R. (2012). Implementing promising practices to prepare quality teacher educators. *Journal of College Teaching and Learning*, 9(3), 179-187.
- Gentry, R. (2012). Clinical experience for teacher candidates: Taking preparation beyond the Four Walls. *Research in Higher Education Journal*, 15, 129-140.
- Gentry, R. (2012). A teacher educator who challenged minds and changed lives for African Americans. *Journal of Case Studies in Education*, 3, 59-70.
- Gentry, R., & Lackey, T. (2011, April). Simply Gifted: Their Attributes through the eyes of college students. Paper presented at the 2011 International Conference "Peace Through Understanding," Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED529168).
- Gentry, R. (2011). Economies and effectiveness in educating personnel for individuals with disabilities. *Journal of Instructional Pedagogies*, 6, 99-109.
- Gentry, R., & Wiggins, R. (2010, November). Individuals with Disabilities are People, First – Intervene and They will Learn. Paper presented at the College of Education and Human Development Urban Education Conference, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED522451).
- Gentry, R. (2010, November). Life of Minority Professors of Special Education Ain't Been No Crystal Stair. Paper presented at the 33rd annual Conference, Teacher Education Division – Council for Exceptional Children, St. Louis, MO. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED513809).
- Gentry, R., & Buck, J.L. (2010, April). Reframing schools to enhance gender access – Making the world a better place. Paper presented at the International Conference "Peace through Understanding," Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED510032).
- Gentry, R., & Windfield, G. (2010, February). Response to intervention – See Johnny run. Paper prepared for the Mississippi Federation CEC Conference, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED509170).
- Gentry, R. & Windfield, G. (2009, October). Obesity takes toll on persons with disabilities. (Abstract). Proceedings of The 9th Annual Conference Eliminating Health Disparities – OBESITY, Jackson, MS: Jackson State University College of Public Service School of Health Sciences.
- Gentry, R. (2009, June). Disproportionate representation of minorities in special education – How bad? Paper presented at the 3rd annual Jane H. Leblanc Symposium in Communication Disorders, State University, AR. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED505997).

- Gentry, R. (2009, June). Disproportionate representation of minorities in special education – How bad? (PowerPoint). In *Words are not just for speaking: They're a way of life*, Jonesboro, Ark.: Department of Communication Disorders – Arkansas State University.
- Gentry, R. (2009, March). President Obama wants change – How educators can help to form a real global society. Paper presented at the 3rd annual International Conference on Peace, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED505764).
- Gentry, R. (2008, October). Framing educational opportunities for African Americans: The house that Jackie built. Paper presented at the 25th annual Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Symposium Lecture Series, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED503692).
- Gentry, R. (2008, October). Teacher preparation beyond the four walls: What clinical experience does to candidates. Paper presented at the annual Reaching Out to Mississippi Education in Action (ROMEA) conference, Cleveland, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED503165).
- Gentry, R. (2008, April). If war – How to minimize the loss for school children. Paper presented at the second annual International Conference on Peace, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED501838).
- Gentry, R. (2007, November). Two can reduce school dropout: A live student and a wired teacher. Paper presented at the American Education Week/Urban Education conference, Jackson, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED500318).
- Gentry, R. (2007, September). It takes 2 to produce a quality teacher: A groovy student and a harmonizing professor. Paper presented at the annual Reaching Out to Mississippi Education in Action (ROMEA) conference, Cleveland, MS. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED498729).
- 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. & Briggs, S. (1987, April). *Beefing up teaching strategies in educating the mildly handicapped*. Paper presented at CEC International Convention, Chicago, IL. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED288270).
- Gentry, R. & Jefferson, C. (1986, April). *OK, not-so-OK strategies for teaching the mildly handicapped*. Paper presented at the CEC International Convention, New Orleans, LA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED269945).
- Gentry, R. & Wen, S. S. (1983). Salient features of the mini course for inservice training. *Teacher Education and Special Education*, 6, 51-57.
- Gentry, R. (1983, July). *Assessing problems and needs in educating minority handicapped children*. Paper presented at the CEC National Conference on the Exceptional Black Child, Atlanta, GA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED234565).
- 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.
- Gentry, R. & Ellison, V. G. (1981, February). *Instructional strategies that challenge black college students in the area of exceptional child education*. Paper presented at CEC National Topical Conference on the Exceptional Black Child, New Orleans, LA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED204906).
- Gentry, R. & Walker, J. E. (1981, February). *Problems and issues in educating bilingual handicapped children with implications for teacher education*. Paper presented at CEC National Topical Conference on the Exceptional Bilingual Child, New Orleans, LA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED214322).
- Walker, J. E. & Gentry, R. (1981, February). *Concerns for meeting the needs of black handicapped children with implications for teacher education*. Paper presented at CEC National Topical Conference on the Exceptional Black Child, New Orleans, LA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED214321).
- Gentry, R. (1980, April). *Public Law 94-142: Ninety-nine (99) key terms presented in a conceptual framework*. Paper presented at the CEC International Convention, Philadelphia, PA. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED187055).
- Gentry, R. (1979, April). *The mini course: A delivery approach for training in-service personnel in the education of the handicapped*. Paper presented at the CEC

International Convention, Dallas, TX. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED171034).

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)

Chosen as invited reviewer for the *Research in Higher Education Journal*; Editorial staff, AABRI; Alyssa Stubbs. Jan 21, 2015.

Article Editor, *Sage Open*, 2012-13, (Foundation for Change: Institutional-Wide Assessment of Inclusion and Diversity at a Multi-Disciplinary Health Science University")

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Negro Education*, 2011-12, ("Alternative strategies for culturally valid assessment of communication disorders in African American children").

Faculty Senator, Department of Special Education, 2006-10.

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, 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.

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

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

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.

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND CONSULTANT WORK (Selected)

Gentry, R. (March 26-28, 2015). Strategies for professors who service the university to earn tenure and promotion. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, Savannah, GA.

Gentry, R. (February 9-14, 2015). How African American professors can not only succeed, but excel in higher education. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

Gentry, R. (March 27-29, 2014). Sustaining college students' persistence and achievement through exemplary instructional strategies. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Gentry, R. (March 18-19, 2014). Special needs children and labeling: The bad, good, and

- extraordinary. Paper presented at The 2nd Black Family Summit, Jackson, MS.
- Gentry, R. (February 28, 2014). Background to Black History Month. Paper presented at The Black History Month Program, Jackson, MS.
- Gentry, R. (February 10-15, 2014). Graduation is the hallmark of excellence – How HBCUs can achieve high rates. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Gentry, R., Sallie, A., & Sanders, C. (November 18-20, 2013). Differentiated Instructional strategies to accommodate students with varying needs and learning styles. Paper presented at The Urban Education Conference, Jackson, MS.
- Windfield, G., Gentry, R., & Travis, D. (November 18-20, 2013). Don't forget students With disabilities: A safe environment for all. Paper presented at The Urban Education Conference, Jackson, MS.
- Gentry, R. (March 21-23, 2013). Using courthouse portfolios to establish rapport and motivate college students. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Gentry, R. (March 22-24, 2012). Making college a success by assessing and navigating candidates' study habits. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Gentry, R. (February 13-18, 2012). A culturally responsive educator: How students at HBCUs shape up. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Gentry, R. (January 5-7, 2012). Collaboration skills pre-service teachers acquire in a responsive preparation program. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Gentry, R., & Lackey, T. (2011, April). Simply Gifted: Their Attributes through the Eyes of College Students. Paper presented at the 2011 International Conference "Peace Through Understanding," Jackson, MS.
- Gentry, R. (March 24-26, 2011). Economies and effectiveness in educating personnel for individuals with disabilities. Paper presented at The Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Gentry, R. (February 14-19, 2011). Teaching styles that turn students on/off at Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Gentry, R. (February 8-13, 2010). Preparing teachers to meet school goals and authentic

needs of African American students. Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

Gentry, R. (February 9-14, 2009). The FACE of higher education for African Americans: Forbidding or accommodating, conforming or enhancing? Paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies 2009 National Conference, Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA.

Gentry, R. (2008, February). Today's educational system: Benefitting or failing African Americans? Paper presented at the National Association of African American Studies National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA. (In *Fulfilling Our Dreams By Bringing all Cultures Together*, <http://www.naaas.org/monograph2008.pdf>, pp 409-425).

AWARDS AND HONORS (Selected)

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- ✓ Recipient of Certificate of Achievement, October 3, 2014, Completed the Course - Teacher Intern assessment Instrument, BjQ7CvKAb.
- ✓ Recipient of the College of Education and Human Development, Department of Special Education Research Award, 2012-13
- ✓ Recipient of the One JSU Excellence Award, August 14, 2012
- ✓ Recipient of the College of Education and Human Development, Department of Special Education Research Award, 2011-12
- ✓ Recipient of the College of Education and Human Development, Department of Special Education Research Award, 2010-11
- ✓ Certificate of Appreciation for valuable contribution to Fifth Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Conference, October 17-18, 2011.
- ✓ Nominee for Vice-President for the Mississippi Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, Spring 2010
- ✓ Recipient of the College of Education and Human Development Teacher of the Year Special Education award, 2007-2008
- ✓ Nominee for the College of Education and Human Development Teacher of the Year award, 2007-2008
- ✓ Certificate of Attendance, the Fifth Annual Induction and Mentoring Symposium, University of Memphis, March 28, 2008

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- ✓ Plaque for dedicated service to the ministry since 1976, New Hope Baptist Church, 94th Church Anniversary, October 28, 2007, Watkins Drive, Jackson, MS
- ✓ Certificate of Recognition for Years of Volunteer Service to Project STEP of the Jackson Public Schools, May 5, 2005
- ✓ Selected for membership in National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, 2004 Edition
- ✓ Received plaque of Appreciation from the JSU Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs for professional and devoted service to the Academy (in that Office) from July 1989 to August 2004

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