

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL PHILOSOPHIES

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Students are Privileges, Not Problems!

COMMUNICATION PHILOSOPHY

Good speech will open more doors for you than a college degree; Bad speech will close doors you never knew existed.

THEATER PHILOSOPHY

Any civilization that does not embrace the arts isn't civilized.

EDUCATION

The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)

Date of Graduation: May, 2003. Received Doctorate of Philosophy

Major Advisor: Dr. Larry Hosman (601) 266-4271

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

Enrolled: August, 1991- December 1992. Received Master of Arts

Major Advisor: Dr. Sandi Smith (517)353-3715

Jackson State University (Jackson, MS)

Enrolled: August, 1987- May, 1991. Received Bachelor of Arts Degree

Major Advisor: Dr. Janice K. Neal (601) 979-2426.

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jackson State University (Jackson, MS)

August, 1995-Present.

Director of Theatre/Assistant Professor

The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)

August, 1993- May 1995.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Tougaloo College [Project Upward Bound] (Tougaloo, MS)

Summers of 1991, 1992, and 1993.

Theater Instructor

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

August, 1991-December, 1992

Graduate Assistant

COURSES TAUGHT

Theater

Introduction to Drama
Fundamentals of Acting
Advanced Acting
Children's Theater
Survey of Black Drama
Creative Dramatics
Production Laboratory
Development of Dramatic Art
Theory of Directing
Techniques of Directing
Reader's Theater
Fundamentals of Playwriting
Advanced Playwriting
Dramatic Criticism

Speech

Listening
Communication Theory
Nonverbal Communication
Intercultural Communication
Speech Arts
Interpersonal Communication
Training the Speaking Voice
Public Speaking
Oral Interpretation
Persuasion
Organizational Communication
Communication Seminar
Small Group Discussion
Rhetorical Criticism

COURSES DEVELOPED AND INTRODUCED

- Interracial Communication
- Gender and Communication
- Communication Research

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President, World Be Free Film, Inc., Chicago, IL

- Manage Business Operations
- Develop/Implement Marketing Plan
- Co-produce Projects
- Assist CEO

Founder/Advisor of MADDRAMA Performance Troupe, Student Activities, Jackson State University

- Write, direct, and produce theatrical performance for campus community
- Prepare students of Forensics Competitions
- Implement and oversee Scholarship Fund-raising activities
- Coordinate national tour to showcase and expose students' talents

Founder/Artistic Director of MADDRAMA Theater Company, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi

- Write, direct, and produce theatrical performances for community
- Oversee Budget for Theater Company operations
- Prepare Grant Proposals to solicit external funding
- Supervise staff

Coordinator of Core II Basic Speech Course, Dept. of Speech Communication, Jackson State University,

- Develop and update Course Syllabi for Basic Speech Course
- Manage Class Enrollment
- Supervise Core Course Faculty
- Assist with Faculty and Student Grievances

Coordinator of Voice and Diction Laboratory, Dept. of Speech Communication, Jackson State University

- Develop and Update Software for laboratory
- Monitor Students' Vocal Development
- Teach Voice and Diction Course

Editor/ CHANNELS, Dept. of Speech Communication Newsletter, Jackson State University

- Compile and organize articles from students/faculty/staff.
- Contributed and wrote articles on important elements of speech and theater
- Edited articles, designed format for newsletter.
- Coordinated distribution of newsletter to faculty, students, staff, and alumni

BOOK REVIEW(S)

- Gamble, T. K., & Gamble, M. (In print). Public Speaking Works: Building Community out of Diversity. The McGraw-Hill Company.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- *The Impression Formation Effect of Bragging: The Role of Participant Gender, Participant Race, and Speaker Race*. (Submitted to ENCORE journal for publication)
- *Identity and Information Seeking on the World Wide Web* (Joint research project with Jennifer Warren and Michael Hecht, Penn State University, and Eura Jung-The University of Southern Mississippi)
- *Ten Effective Communication Tips Every College Graduate Should Know* (Book- In progress; Projected date of completion: 08)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

1997	Freshman Class Advisor
1995-2000	Advisor, Paul L. Dunbar Dramatic Guild
2000	Faculty Senator Speech/Dramatic Art
2000-Present	Board Member-Margaret Walker Alexander Center
2002	Coordinator of Speech Arts, Core II Committee
2002-2004	Advisor, Alpha Psi Omega National Drama Fraternity
2003-Present	Commencement Ceremonies Name Caller
2004-Present	First Year Advisor- Division of Undergraduate Studies
2005-Present	Advisor, Class of 2006
2005-Present	Advisor, MADDRAMA Performance Troupe
2005	JSU Biennial Alumni Conference Committee Member
2005	Thesis Committee Member (Mass Communications Dept)
2006	Retired Faculty/Staff Scriptwriter
2008	Tenure/Promotions Committee Member (English Dept)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Communication Workshops

- North Mississippi Center for Higher Education, West Point, MS
- International Paper Company, Memphis, TN
- Southern Bag Company, Yazoo, MS
- National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference, Chicago, IL
- Carson Consulting Agency, Jackson, MS
- 28th Annual Church Music Workshop, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
- Jackson State University, McNair Scholars

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Inc.
- Black Theater Network
- Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society
- Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Drama Fraternity
- National Speech Communication Association
- Southern States Speech Communication Association
- Mississippi Speech Communication Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Offices Held:

National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Inc.

- Conference Host Director (2000)
- Executive Secretary (2000-2001)
- National Publicity Director (2001-2003)
- Editor, Encore, Journal (2001-2003)
- President (2004-2006)
- Immediate Past President (2006-2008)
- Editor, Encore, Journal (2006-2008)

Professional Conferences:

Southern States Communication Association; New Orleans, LA (1994)

Presented paper entitled: **Can They Be As Nasty As they Wanna Be: The rap music of 2 Live Crew And The Obscenity Test as established in Miller vs. California, 1973.**

Mississippi Speech Communication Association; Biloxi, MS (1997)

Presented paper entitled: **The African American Adolescent Male and Communication Competence: A Closer Look.**

National Communication Association, Chicago, IL (1999)

Served on the HBCU Initiative Committee. Appointed by National President Orlando Taylor.

National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA (2001)

Panelist: **Giving it All You've Got (And Then Some): Efforts to Increase Participation in Forensics at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**

Humor in the African American Tradition: Rhetorical Survival Strategies.

Mississippi Communication Association, Jackson, MS (2002)

Workshop Presenter: **Applying to and Surviving Graduate School.**

National Association of Dramatic and Speech Art, DeKalb, IL (2002)

Workshop Presenter: **Training the Speaking Voice.**

National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA (2002)

Panelist: **Teaching, Learning, and What Happens in Between: Pedagogies For and From the Interracial Classroom**

Moving to Sacred Ground Through Narratives, Verse, And Song: Reconciling Rhythms of Discord in the African American Diaspora.

National Communication Association, Miami, FL (2003)

Outstanding Dissertation Award Recipient

National Communication Association, Chicago, IL (2004)

Panelist: **Viacom, the FCC and Janet: Policing Blackness and Sexuality at Super Bowl 2004**

Mississippi Communication Association, Hattiesburg, MS (2005)

Panelist: **Retention, Recruitment and Curriculum Development for Speech**

National Communication Association, Boston, MA (2005)

Panelist: **The Power of an Image: (Re) defining Black Men and Masculinity One Thought at a Time**

Chair: **Women of Color, Women of Words, Women of Expression: Exploring Communication Patterns**

Chair: **The Rhetorical “Calisthenics” of Reframing Public Discourse About the Missions of HBCUs**

Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists Conference, Jackson, MS (2006)

Panelist: **Losing Our Community, Our Culture and Ourselves When Our Space Is No Longer Safe: *Finding Safety After the Space is Gone.***

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

- 100 Black Men of Jackson, MS
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

AWARDS & HONORS

1998	Outstanding Young Americans
2003	Outstanding Dissertation Award <i>National Communication Association African American Communication and Culture Division and the Black Caucus</i>
2003	Featured in Spring 2004 Edition of “YardStyle” Magazine
2004	Featured in Spring 2004 Edition of “The Jacksonian” Magazine
2005	Who’s Who Among Teachers in America’s Colleges and Universities
2005	Recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer Human Right Award <i>Given by the Mississippi Workers’ Center for Human Rights</i>
2005	Received “Key to the City of Greenville, MS” <i>Presented by Mayor Heather McTeer Hudson</i>
2006	Outstanding Leadership Award, <i>National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts</i>
2006	Mississippi Best Award <i>Best Educator-University</i>
2007	Best Faculty (JSU Senior Class)

GRANTS RECEIVED

1997	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	\$2000
1998	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	\$2000
2002	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	\$2000
2003	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	\$ 500
2005	Women's Foundation of Greater Jackson	\$1500
2006	ChemFirst Foundation	\$1500
2007	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	\$ 500

GRANTS PENDING

2007	Entergy Community Foundation (Open Grants)	\$5000
2007	Entergy Community Foundation (Project Assistance)	\$5000
2007	Greater Jackson Community Foundation (Women's Fund)	\$2500

MOVIE & TELEVISION CREDITS

Movies

<i>A Time to Kill</i> (1995)	Extra
<i>Revisited</i> (2005)	Castle
<i>Take Me Out</i> (2006)	Producer

Commentaries

<i>Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Mississippi Health Project</i>	Scriptwriter/Assistant Editor
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Commercials

Whitehardt Inc., Production Company Jackson, MS 39201 (601) 985-9030	
Clarion Ledger	Jackson, MS
Walthall/Glenn and Associates	St. Louis, MO
Medical Malpractice	Las Vegas, NV
The Call is Easy	Chicago, IL
Ensemble/Squares	Tulsa, OK
Free of Debt	Dallas, TX
Richard Schwartz and Associates	Jackson, MS

Television

Candlewax Café (Spotlight Guest)	2003
The Lady Walker Show (Guest Consultant)	2005

THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Theatrical Directing Projects

<i>Ain't they Bad and Ain't they Black!</i>	1995
<i>JSU Salutes Broadway</i>	1996
<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	1997
<i>Freedom is My Middle Name</i>	1997
<i>There's No Christmas Without You</i>	1997

<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>	1998
<i>Livin' Fat</i>	1998
<i>This is My Blackness</i>	1999
<i>Mama, I Want to Sing</i>	2000
<i>New Beginnings</i>	2001
<i>What's Going On?</i>	2002
<i>Fences</i>	2002
<i>Challenges, Choices and Consequences</i>	2003
<i>Sisters</i>	2004
<i>Unsettling Memories</i>	2004
<i>Konvergence</i>	2005
<i>Black Nativity</i>	2005
<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>	2006
<i>Ceremonies in Dark Old Men</i>	2006
<i>One Monkey Don't Stop No Show</i>	2007
<i>Challenges, Choices, and Consequences</i>	2008
<i>Before It Hits Home</i>	2008

Original Works

Plays:

Challenges, Choices and Consequences
Jacob's Ladder
New Beginnings
Sisters
Standing on the Promises
Take Me Back: A Theatrical Journey of Unsettling Memories
There's No Christmas Without You
What's Going On?
Meet Me at the River (In Progress)

Poetry/Prose/Skits:

A Day of Remembrance
A Man and His Music (A tribute to Vincent Randolph Watson)
And the People Said 'Amen'
Black Womanhood
Creation of the HBCU
Family Secrets
If there had been no you (A tribute to Malena W. Dow)
Martin Stood Up: A Tribute to Martin Luther King
Page 567 (A tribute to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated)
Pomp and Circumstance
Speak the Truth
Take a Stand for the Black Man
These are my People
What a Man Wants, What a Woman Needs
What can I say to my friend Faye?

Performance Venues**

Alabama State University (Montgomery, AL)
 Alcorn State University (Lorman, MS)
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated-Rho Lambda Omega chapter (Jackson, MS)
 Baker Elementary (Jackson, MS)
 College Hill Baptist Church (Jackson, MS)

Delta State University (Cleveland, MS)
Department of Veteran Affairs (Jackson, MS)
Friendship Church (Brandon, MS)
Greater Fairview Church (Jackson, MS)
Hazlehurst High School (Hazlehurst, MS)
Heroin of Jericho (Winona, MS)
Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (Jackson, MS)
Jackson Power Academic Performance Art Complex-APAC (Jackson, MS)
James Sprunt Community College (North Carolina)
John Tyler High School (Tyler, TX)
Jackson State University National Alumni Conference (Atlanta, GA)
Jackson State University Alumni Chapter (Houston, TX)
Jackson State University Alcohol and Drug Center (Jackson, MS)
Kosciusko Jr. High School (Kosciusko, MS)
Los Angeles Southwest College (Los Angeles, CA)
Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center Annual Dinner Theater (Jackson, MS)
Mississippi Worker Center for Immigrants (Greenville, MS)
Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning Retreat (Jackson, MS)
Mt. Zion Church (Vicksburg, MS)
Newnan Crossing Elementary School (Atlanta, GA)
Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL)
Olivet Fellowship (Memphis, TN)
Opera South (Jackson, MS)
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated (Clarksdale, MS)
Pilgrim Rest Church (Brandon, MS)
Port Gibson High School (Port Gibson, MS)
Prairie View University (Prairie View, TX)
Provine High School (Jackson, MS)
Rust College (Holly Springs, MS)
State of Mississippi Medicaid Division (Jackson, MS)
Tabernacle Church of God in Christ (Kalamazoo, MI)
Tougaloo College (Tougaloo, MS)
University of South Alabama (Mobile, AL)
University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)
West Tallahatchie High School (Webb, MS)

Guest Speaking Venues**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.-Metro Jackson, MS chapter (Founder's Day)
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.-Canton, MS chapter (Beautillion Banquet)
Bruce High School (Annual Scholarship Banquet)
Canton High School (American Education Week)
Chastain Middle School Fine Arts Banquet/Dance
Coahoma County Middle and High Schools (Black History Month)
Crystal Spring High School- Crystal Springs, MS (Senior Award's Day)
Forrest Hill High School (Black History Month)
Jackson State University -McNair Scholars Program (Research Luncheon)
Jackson State University- 2005 Honors Convocation
Madison County Adolescence Offenders Program (Graduation)
Mary Magdalene Baptist Church (Youth Day)
Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church- Vaughn, MS (Laity Day)
Mt. Moriah Baptist Church -Morton, MS (Black History Month)
Mt. Zion Baptist Church—Canton, MS (Men's Day)

Mt. Zion Cobbsville– Canton, MS (Black History Program)
NAACP Youth Retreat (McComb, MS)
Peoples Middle School (American Education Week)
Tougaloo College -Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search (Awards Program)
Velma Jackson High School (Black History Month)
West Bolivar District High School (Black History Month)

****Verification can be provided upon request.**