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Academic Degrees

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| 1982 | Ph.D. Teacher Training, Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois |
| 1973 | M.S. Special Education, Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |
| 1972 | B.S. Special Education Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |

Professional experience

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| 2000-Present | Associate Professor of Special Education
Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |
| 1999-2000 | Associate Dean, School of Education
Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |
| 1990-1999 | Associate Professor of Special Education
Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |
| 1989-1990 | Interim Department Chair
Department of Special Education & Rehabilitative Services
Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi |
| 1986-1989 | Associate Professor of Special Education |

Jackson State University
Jackson, Mississippi

1982-1986	Assistant Professor of Special Education Jackson State University Jackson, Mississippi
1980-1982	(Leave for Study)
1978-1980	Instructor of Special Education Jackson State University Jackson, Mississippi
1973-1978	Teacher, Mississippi School for the Deaf Jackson, Mississippi

Teaching Assignments (courses taught)

SPED 304 Organizational Procedures in Special Education
SPED 306 Introduction to Disabilities Studies
SPED 311 Exceptional Children and Youth in the Schools
EDCI 402 Clinical Internship in Student Teaching
SPED 403 Teaching the Severely and Profoundly Handicapped
SPED 422 Education and Psychology of the Mildly/Moderately Handicapped
SPED 466 Introduction to Sign Language
SPED 467 Advanced Sign Language
SPED 499 Senior Seminar
SPED 500 Survey of Exceptional Children
SPED 504 Administrative and Organizational Procedures in Special Education
SPED 586 Practicum in Special Education
SPED 604 Administration and Supervision in Special Education
SPED 605 Psychological Aspects of Exceptionality

Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships

Council for Exceptional Children
Phi Delta Kappa
National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Professional Practices in Scholarship

Publications

Wiggins, R. (2002). Total communication: Sign language games and activities.
Canton, MS: JTS Multieducational Publishers, Inc.

Presentations

Wiggins, R. (1998). "My child is deaf, What should I do?" Research Symposium,
Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.

Harris, J., & Wiggins, R. (1997). "Preparing the special education teacher for the future" Mississippi Council for Exceptional Children, Jackson, Mississippi.

Wiggins, R., & Taylor, M. (1997). "A sign of the times: similarities and differences between sign language and gang signs," Research Symposium, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Professional Practices in Service
(to the university and the broader community)**

Interpreter for University Activities (Sexual Harassment Workshops,
Commencement)

University Promotion Committee (2000)

Member, Institutional Research Advisory Committee (1999-2000)

Mentor, Oprah Winfrey Grant

Graduate Council Faculty Standards Committee Chair (1997-2000) - Member,
1989-2000

Consultant, Cedars/Warrenton Elementary School, Vicksburg-Warren County
Schools

Consultant, Carver Middle School, Hinds County Schools, Raymond, Mississippi

Consultant, Mississippi School for the Deaf, Jackson, Mississippi

Collaboration with Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

Businesses Influencing Generations Recipient, 1999