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PROFESSIONAL PHILOSOPHIES

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

Students are Privileges, Not Problems!

THEATER PHILOSOPHY

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

COMMUNICATION PHILOSOPHY

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

EDUCATION

The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS) Ph.D. (2003)
Speech Communication

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI) M.A. (1992)
Communication/Urban Studies

Jackson State University (Jackson, MS) B.A. (1991)
Speech/Dramatic Art

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jackson State University Department of Speech Communication and Theater (Jackson, MS)

2013-Present Chair
2009-2013 Interim Chair
2009-2006 Director of Theatre
2006-1998 Assistant Professor
1998-1995 Visiting Assistant Professor

The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)
1995-1993 (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Tougaloo College [Project Upward Bound] (Tougaloo, MS)
Summers of 1991, 1992, and 1993.
Theater Instructor

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)
1991-1992
Graduate Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

August 2013-Present Chair, Department of Speech Communication and Theatre
2009-August 2013 Interim Chair, Department of Speech Communication and Theatre
2012-2014 31st President, National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Inc.
2007 Director of Theater, Jackson State University

2007	Coordinator of Voice and Diction Laboratory (JSU)
2006-2004	29 th President, National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Inc.
2006-2003	Coordinator of Core II Basic Speech Course (JSU)
2005	Co-Founder, World Be Free Film, Inc.,
2004	Founder/Advisor of MADDRAMA
2000-1998	Editor/ CHANNELS DEPARTMENTAL NEWSLETTER (JSU)

BOOK REVIEW(S)

Gamble, T. K., & Gamble, M. (2012). Public Speaking Works: Building Community out of Diversity. The McGraw-Hill Company.

PUBLICATIONS

Warren, Hecht, Jung & Henderson (2012). Communication Research. *Ethnic and class-based identities on the world-wide web; Moderating the effects of information seeking/finding and internet self-efficacy*.

PERFORMANCES OF ORIGINAL WORKS & DIRECTING

Performances

Stage

2013	<i>Stickfly</i>	New Stage Theatre
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Movies

2006	<i>Take Me Out</i>	Served as Producer
2005	<i>Revisited,</i>	Portrayed the character of <i>Castle</i> . Produced by
1995	<i>A Time to Kill</i>	Extra

Commentaries

2005	<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		
2006	Clarion Ledger	Jackson, MS
2005	Walthall/Glenn and Associates	St. Louis, MO
2005	Medical Malpractice	Las Vegas, NV
2004	The Call is Easy	Chicago, IL
2004	Ensemble/Squares	Tulsa, OK
2004	Free of Debt	Dallas, TX
2003	Richard Schwartz and Associates	Jackson, MS

Jackson State University Major Directing Projects

2016	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2015	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>
2015	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2014	<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>
2014	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2013	<i>One Monkey Don't Stop No Show</i>
2013	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2012	<i>The Color Purple</i>
2012	<i>Before It Hits Home</i>
2011	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2010	<i>Living Fat</i>
2010	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2010	<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>

2009	<i>Bubbling Brown Sugar</i>
2009	<i>Zooman and the Sign</i>
2009	<i>Colored Museum</i>
2008	<i>Mama, I Want To Sing</i>
2008	<i>Challenges, Choices and Consequences</i>
2008	<i>Before It Hits Home</i>
2007	<i>Fences</i>
2007	<i>One Monkey Don't Stop No Show</i>
2006	<i>Ceremonies in Dark Old Men</i>
2005	<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>
2004	<i>Sisters</i>
2003	<i>Challenges, Choices, and Consequences</i>
2002	<i>Black Nativity</i>
2000	<i>Mama, I Want to Sing</i>
1999	<i>This is My Blackness</i>
1998	<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>
1998	<i>Living' Fat</i>
1997	<i>Freedom is My Middle Name</i>
1996	<i>JSU Salutes Broadway</i>
1995	<i>Ain't they Bad and Ain't they Black!</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Offices Held:

MADDRAMA Performance Troup (Jackson, MS)

1998-Present Founder/Artistic Director

Jackson State University National Alumni Association (Madison County, MS chapter)

2014-2016 2nd Vice President

2011-2013 Outreach Coordinator/Student Recruiter

National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts, Inc.

2016-2018 Special Assistant to the President

2014-2016 Immediate Past President

2012-2014 President

2010-2012 Vice-President

20010-2006 Immediate Past President

2006-2004 President Conference Host Director

2003-2001 National Publicity Director

2001-2000 Executive Secretary

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

2008-2009 Special Events Coordinator (Local Chapter)

2007-2006 Assistant Director of Educational Activities

2006-2005 Director of Educational Activities

Professional Conferences:

- 2016 National Communication Association Convention (Philadelphia, PA)
- 2016 JSU College of Liberal Arts Conference (Jackson, MS)
- 2016 Mobile Me&You 2 Conference (Chicago, IL)
- 2010-2016 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (Region IV)
- 2003-2016 National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts Conference, Dallas, TX
Executive Board Member
- 2006 Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists Conference, Jackson, MS
Panelist: **Losing Our Community, Our Culture and Ourselves When Our Space Is No Longer Safe: *Finding Safety After the Space is Gone.***
- 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 ACalisthenics@ of Reframing Public Discourse About the Missions of HBCUs**
- 2005 Mississippi Communication Association, Hattiesburg, MS
Panelist: **Retention, Recruitment and Curriculum Development for Speech**
- 2004 National Communication Association, Chicago, IL
Panelist: **Viacom, the FCC and Janet: Policing Blackness and Sexuality at Super Bowl 2004**
- 2003 National Communication Association, Miami, FL
Outstanding Dissertation Award Recipient
- 2002 National Communication Association, New Orleans, LA
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**
- Humor in the African American Tradition: Rhetorical Survival Strategies.**
- 2002 Mississippi Communication Association, Jackson, MS
Workshop: **Applying to and Surviving Graduate School.**
- National Association of Dramatic and Speech Art, DeKalb, IL (2002)
Workshop: **Training the Speaking Voice.**

- 2001 National Communication Association, Atlanta, GA
 Panelist: **Giving it All You've Got (And Then Some): Efforts to Increase Participation in Forensics at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.**
- 1999 National Communication Association, Chicago, IL
Served on the HBCU Initiative Committee. Appointed by National President Orlando Taylor.
- 1997 Mississippi Speech Communication Association; Biloxi, MS
 Panelist: **The African American Adolescent Male and Communication Competence: A Closer Look.**
- 1994 Southern States Communication Association; New Orleans, LA
 Panelist: **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.**

SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2016 Jackson State University Fall Commencement Speaker
- 2016 Hometown Hero (Metro Jackson Convention and Visitor's Bureau
- 2013 New Horizons International Community Service Awards (The Arts)
- 2013 Jackson State University's Humanities Teacher of The Year
- 2012 National Association For Equal Opportunities in Higher Education (NAFEO)
 Distinguished Alumni Recipient
- 2010 Who's Who in Black Mississippi (Inaugural Edition)
- 2008 Teacher of the Year Jackson State University-Class of 2008
- 2007 Outstanding Cantonian
- 2006 Mississippi Best Award
Best Educator-University
- 2006 Outstanding Leadership Award,
National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts
- 2005 Received AKey to the City of Greenville, MS@
Presented by Mayor Heather McTeer Hudson
- 2005 Recipient of the Fannie Lou Hamer Human Right Award
Given by the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights
- 2005 Who's Who Among Teachers in America's Colleges and Universities
- 2004 Featured in Spring 2004 Edition of AThe Jacksonian@ Magazine
- 2003 Outstanding Dissertation Award
National Communication Association African American Communication and Culture Division and the Black Caucus
- 2003 Featured in Spring 2004 Edition of AYardStyle@ Magazine

GRANTS RECEIVED

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| 2014 | Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County | 2500 |
| 2014 | Metro Jackson Convention Visitors and Bureau | 1500 |
| 2013 | The Chris Cook Foundation | 5000 |

2013	The Latasha Norman Center for Domestic Violence	5000
2013	Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research	5000
2013	Jackson State University Student Life Association	5000
2008	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	500
2007	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	1000
2006	ChemFirst Foundation	1500
2005	Women's Foundation of Greater Jackson	1500
2003	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	500
2002	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	2000
1998	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	2000
1997	Arts Alliance of Jackson and Hinds County	2000