

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Public Administration Doctoral Program

Jackson State University - Jackson, Mississippi

Current GPA: 3.89/4.0 scale, August 2013 - present, 57 hours completed

Masters of Business Communication

Emerson College - Boston, Massachusetts

GPA: 3.59/4.0 scale, August 1990

Emerson Graduate Teaching Scholarship

Bachelors of Liberal Arts in Communication Management Mississippi State University - Starkville, Mississippi

Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.63/4.0 Scale, December 1988

Honors Program, Phase 1

Teaching Experience

Jackson State University, Department of Speech Communication, Jackson, MS

Visiting Instructor, August 2011- present

Adjunct Professor, August 2010 - August 2011

Mississippi State University, Department of Communication, Starkville, MS

Adjunct Professor, January 2003 - May 2005

Emerson College, Communication Studies, Boston, MA

Graduate Public Speaking Instructor, September 1989 - May 1990

Courses Taught

Public Speaking, face-to-face and on-line

Speech Arts, face-to-face and on-line

Nonverbal Communication

Listening

Analysis of Communication, face-to-face and hybrid

Persuasion

Publications

McDavitt, Laura K. 2016. "The Poor and Social Policy" *Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance*, Springer International Publishing

McDavitt, Laura. 2014. *Instructor's Resource Manual for Choices & Connections*, Bedford/St. Martin. *Choices & Connections*, 1e, Introduction to Communication textbook

McDavitt, Laura. 2016. *Instructor's Resource Manual for Choices & Connections*, Bedford/St. Martin. *Choices & Connections*, 2e

Laura McDavitt, Florence Black, Michael Grant, and Jae-Young Ko. 2014. "Addressing Teen Birth in Southern Urban Communities". NAAAS & Affiliates Monograph Series

Book Edits

McDavitt, Laura and Brown, Candace. 2014. Jackson State University I-Book Speech 201 authored Instructors Manual, fall 2015.

McGraw Hill Education Subject-Matter Expert on *The Art of Public Speaking*, 12th edition, 2015. Team created online learning resources during spring and summer of 2015.

Book Review

McCornack, S. & Ortiz, J. Choices & Connections: Introducing Human Communication Bedford/St. Martin's Review. June, 2012-November, 2014

Awarded Grants

College Teaching and Learning Grant, Connect For Education, \$5000.00, March, 2016

Awards

JSU Public Policy Student Symposium, 1st Place
Spring 2014, Laura McDavitt, Florence Black and Michael Grant "Addressing Teen Birth in Southern Urban Communities"

Distance Learning Fellowship
Course Redesign with Blackboard 9, August 2012

"We're MADD about You" Award
MADDRAMA Performance Troupe, May 2013

Conference Attendance

Laura McDavitt, Florence Black, Michael Grant, and Jae-Young Ko. 2014. "Addressing Teen Birth in Southern Urban Communities" presented at the International Research Forum, sponsored by National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates (NAAAS), Clinton, Mississippi, April 27-May 1.

Introduction to Communication Symposium, McGraw Hill, Laguna Beach, CA, April 4-5, 2013

University Service

- Speech Communication and Theatre Administrative Assistant Search Committee, August 2015.
- Rapid Response Team, January 2015 - present
- Pedagogical Redevelopment of Instructional Design (PRID) Committee, March 2014-present
- Writing Intensive Course Redesign Committee, February-May 2014
- Faculty Advisor for Lambda Pi Eta, August 2011-present
- Recruitment Committee, October 2011-present
- Assessment Review Committee, February 2012-present
- Transfer Faculty Adviser, July 2012-present
- Color Purple Planning Committee, May - November 2012
- Back to School Meet and Greet Committee, September, 2011-present
- Coordinator of Foundations in Personal Finance,
- College Edition Student Workshops, August 2011-present
- Theatre Prop & Costume Scout, October 2011-present
- Damn Yankee's Cast & Crew Breakfast Host, November 2011

Professional Training

- Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, May, 2016
- Active Shooter: What You Can Do, April, 2015
- Kaltura, March, 2012
- Creating Quizzes, Surveys & Assessments in Blackboard, September, 2011
- Mastering Blackboard's Grade Center, September, 2011
- Introduction to Blackboard Training, September, 2011

Professional Experience

Closing Specialist and Neighborhood Management, March 2006 to August 2011

Home Land Title – Flowood, MS

- Loan closing agent and responsible for moving closing from contract to closing table
- Managed neighborhoods with over 600 homes, responsibilities included accounting, customer service and vendor management.

Seasonal Grant Writer, January 2006 to January 2011

Synergetics– Starkville, MS

- Each grant seeks to secure funding for technology for underfunded Mississippi Public Schools.

Awarded Grants Proposals Included:

- Picayune School District's School District's Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant, \$139,000, February 2011, Awarded.
- South Delta School District's School District's Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant, \$213,582, February 2009, Awarded.
- Jasper County School District's Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant, \$200,000, February 2009, Awarded.
- South Delta School District's School District's Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant, \$225,000, February 2006, Awarded

Weight Watchers Leader, May 2007 to August 2012

Weight Watchers – Starkville, Tupelo & Madison, MS

- Motivate, educate and facilitate classes that encourage weight loss and healthy living.

Office Manager, March 2004 to June 2008

Innovative Broadcast Services – Starkville, Mississippi

- Responsible for all office related duties, including accounts receivable and billable.

Executive Director May 2003- March 2004

Starkville Area Habitat for Humanity- Starkville, Mississippi

- Helped rebuild fundraising, family selection, family support and building committees.
- Served as communications link between the Board, executive committee and other committees.
- Prepare all press releases, radio and television spots and presentations.
- Responsible for all office related duties, including accounts receivable and accounts payable and tracked and maintained all aspects of 30 homeowner mortgages
- Grant Writing and fundraising.

Office Manager - May 2000-March 2003

BrokerSouth GMAC Real Estate - Starkville, Mississippi

- Accounts payable and receivable, including payroll and budgeting
- Hiring and Staff Management
- Help guide clients through the financing and legal process involved in the exchange of property, finding the property and the purchasing process.
- Real Estate Sales License, Jackson, Mississippi March, 2003

Supervisor/Dispatcher- November 1990 to May 2000

Roadway Express - Meridian, Mississippi

- Maintained all aspects of dispatching road drivers, including hours, equipment preparation.
- Front line supervision of 130 road drivers, 2 switchers, 1 fueler, and 1 mechanic.
- Worked 7 day 12 hour shifts often at night.
- Extensive training in hazardous materials.
- Responsible for conforming to and enforcing extensive Teamster rules and regulations.
- Responsible for the tracking and security for over 80 tractors and 300 trailers.

Office Manager- September 1986 to August 1989

Electronic Service Center - Starkville, Mississippi

- Computerized a system for tracking customers, technician, and unit activity.
- Supervised technicians.
- Accounts receivables and accounts payable.

Activities

TutorMate Online Literacy Program

Saints Classic Speech and Debate Tournament

Meals-on-Wheels

Mississippi Center for Non-Profit

First United Methodist Greeter Committee

Lion's Club Exchange Student

BMI Networking

Mississippi State University Upperclassman Scholarship

Gamma Alpha Epsilon

Phi Kappa Phi

Gamma Beta Phi

Honors Council, Mississippi State University

Student Academic Affairs Assistant Director, Mississippi State University

Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity