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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Education, Rutgers University, 2022 (expected)
Dissertation: *Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideas Abroad in the Early-Mid 20th Century*
- M.A. Education, Rutgers University, 2020
- M.A. School of International Service, American University, 2014
- B.A. Department of Politics, University of Dallas, 2011

Certificates

Africana Studies, Rutgers University, 2019

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Reviewed Book Reviews

- 2021 Favors, Jelani Manu-Gowon. *Shelter in a time of storm: how Black colleges fostered generations of leadership and activism*. University of North Carolina Press, 2019. 354pp. ISBN 9781469648330. *Educational Studies*.

Manuscripts in Submission

“Institute for Colored Youth (Cheney University), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.” in Vanessa Garry and Paulette Isaac-Savage (eds). *The Proper Education of the Negro Race: The First High Schools for African Americans*. Information Age Publishing Inc. (accepted with revisions)

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Madam Presidents Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Female Leadership and Black Internationalism in the Early 20th Century.” for *History of Education Quarterly*

“Benjamin E. Mays: President, Preacher, Civil Rights Leader: A Model for the College Presidency.” for *Review of Higher Education*

Proenza-Coles, Christina. *American Founders: How People of African Descent Established Freedom in the New World*. New South Books, 2019. *Journal of African American History* (Invited review)

Other Publications

“Network Mode of Working Among NGOs in Odisha: Trends, Issues and Challenges,” Madhyam Foundation (July 2012). <http://transcend-global.org/node/77>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Alternate, University and Louis Bevier Fellowship, Rutgers University
- 2020, 2019 Graduate Fellow, Rutgers Graduate School of Education
- 2018, 2017 Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record), Rutgers GSE
- 2017 South Africa Initiative Grant, Rutgers University
- 2017 Chancellor's Scholarship for Service Learning, Rutgers Center for Global Education
- 2017 Summer Special Study Award, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University
- 2016 Graduate Fellow, Rutgers GSE
- 2012 Graduate Council Research Grant, School of International Service, American University

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2019 Co-organizer, Inaugural Rutgers Africana Studies Graduate Symposium, December 9

Papers Presented

- accepted Black Internationalism and Anticolonialism at Howard University under Mordecai Johnson, History of Education Society, San Diego, CA
- in review Madam Presidents: Female HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideals Abroad, Association of African American Life and History, virtual
- 2019 Madam Presidents Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Female Leadership and Black Internationalism in the Early 20th Century, December 9
- 2019 Across Oceans and Campuses: HBCU Presidents and the Search for Democratic Ideals Abroad in the Early-Mid 20th Century, History of Education Society, Columbus OH, October 30-November 3

Discussant

- 2017 Moderator, Penn Ethnography in Education Research Conference
- 2015 Discussion Facilitator & Moderator, Institute for Global Education Diplomacy, Association for Childhood Education International

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2021 Black Internationalism and Education: The Ideas, Travel, and Educational Leadership of Benjamin Mays, Brown Bag Lecture Series, Rutgers GSE, New Brunswick, March 24

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania, Instructor

Leadership Lessons from the Humanities (Fall 2020 [online], Spring 2021 [online])

Rutgers University, Instructor

History of Education (Spring 2020 [hybrid]), cross-listed in History Department

Rutgers University, Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)

History of Education (Spring 2019), cross-listed in History Department

Introduction to Education (Social Foundations) (Fall 2017/2018)

Social Foundations of Education Clinic (in-school observations) (Fall 2018)

Courses Prepared to Teach

History of Education

Social Foundations of Education

History of Higher Education

Race and Education

History of Black Education

Civic Education

Historical & Critical Methods

African American History Survey (since 1865)

Global and Comparative Education: South Africa and the U.S.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017-2018 Research Assistant, Civic Identity and American Muslim Students, PI: Thea Abu El-Haj
Funder: NAEd/Spencer Foundation

2017 South Africa Initiative, Rutgers Graduate School of Education
Conducted cross-cultural facilitation for educators and students, in-depth study of race relations, and educational institutions in South Africa

2012-2014 Primary Investigator, U.S. Norms in Diplomacy and Education [oral histories],
American University

2012-2014 Research Associate, COTELCO and Institute on Disability and Public Policy
ASEAN American University campus research centers

2012-2014 Research Associate, ASEAN Institute on Disability and Public Policy, Thailand
Coordinated and moderated events featuring high level government officials and diplomats; assisted with production and assembly of promotional material and media events

2012 Research Fellow, Madhyam Foundation, India
Wrote report on local NGO networks; conducted surveys and field interviews

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

American Educational Research Association, Division F: History and Historiography, 2018

To Profession

Program Coordinator, 61st History of Education Society Meeting, 2021

Organizer, Undergraduate Essay Contest and Poster Session, 61st History of Education Society Meeting, November 2021

Co-editor, *Mid-Atlantic Education Review Journal* 2016-2018

To Department and University

Member and Communications Chair, Graduate Student Affairs Committee, 2016-Present

Invited Panelist and Student Host, Accepted Student Day, Rutgers GSE, 2016-2017, 2019

Student Representative, PhD Program Teaching Portfolio Committee, 2019

Student Interviewer, Prospective Rutgers academic job candidates, 2016-2018

Co-founder/Vice President, Int'l Politics Master's student association, 2011-2013

Student Representative, Administrative Brainstorm Team for Master's curriculum redesign, 2012-2013

To Community

Chair, Development Committee, Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival, 2019-Present

Board of Directors, Philadelphia Women's Theatre Festival, 2019-Present

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

IRB training

Archival History, Oral History, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods

International Research and Program Evaluation

Intensive media training for TV, radio, and newspaper on political and cultural issues

SELECTED OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager, Outreach, Marketing, and Communications, San Miguel School of Washington DC (6th-8th grades), 2014-2016

Program Assistant, Kevin Rohan Memorial Eco-Foundation, Nepal, 2012-2013

Intern for Dean of University Admissions; other on-campus employment: Drama Department, Resident Assistant, and Admissions Tour Guide Dallas, TX Campus, University of Dallas, 2007-2011

Resident, Student Life, and Business Office Assistants, Rome Italy Campus, University of Dallas: Managed logistics for large group student travel for study abroad program, organized student and government records, planned community and educational events, 2008- 2009

LANGUAGES

French, conversational (certified working proficiency, 2012)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

History of Education Society, 2019-Present
Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2020-Present
African American Intellectual History Society, 2020-Present
American Educational Research Association, 2019-Present
Philosophy of Education Society, 2016-2018

REFERENCES

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