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Education

2001

MA - Cultural Anthropology
University of Memphis
Department of Anthropology
Memphis, Tennessee

1991

M. Ed. Higher Education Administration
Area of Concentration: Student Personnel/Student Affairs
Administration
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

1985

BA, Liberal Arts
Area of Concentration: Southern Culture and History
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Professional History

2014 Current

Library Assistant 1
First regional Library
Oxford, MS

2010 – Independent ethnographic Field Program

Project: Health Education promotion and prevention program
development and Presenter

Public Health Education Promotion and Prevention Seminars

A series of community Wide programming with attention to HIV/AIDS
and sexual transmitted diseases among Africa American women.

Spring 2008

Candidate for City Mayor
City of West Point, Clay County Mississippi

West Point, Mississippi 39773

Fall 2007 Adjunct Lecturer, Introduction and Cultural Anthropology
Mississippi State University
Department of Archeology and Anthropology

2006 -2007
Ethnographer Consultant Contract
Oral History Program
Department of History
University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 2004 – February 2006
Lecturer – Wright College
City College of Chicago
Social Sciences Department
4300 North Narragansett Avenue
Chicago, IL 60634
773.481.8481

January – September 2003
Curator: Chicago Blues Exchange - internship
Mayor's Office of Special Events
The City of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
Organized and developed the Chicago Blues Exchange exhibit
Conducted research using the Chicago Blues Archives
Coordinated Gallery 21 art students for designing and painting
exhibit hall floor
Coordinated and collected material items from historically
significant artists (KoKo Taylor, Buddy Guy)
Negotiated and secured blues artifacts from Mississippi department
of economy

2002 - 2003
Lecturer: Cultural Anthropology
Olive Harvey College
City College of Chicago
Chicago, IL

2002

Assistant Development Officer
Matthew House, Inc
Chicago, IL

May- September 2001

U. S. Census Crew Leader/ Stand up Trainer
Memphis, TN

1997-1999

Director: Student Support Services
Mid South Community College
West Memphis, AR

- ◆ Responsible for program planning and implementation
- ◆ Academic and career counseling
- ◆ Supervision of staff
- ◆ Budget development and management
- ◆ Internal, external reports and multicultural programming
- ◆ Served as instructor for program curriculum
- ◆ Developed and implemented college orientation programs/classes

1995-1997

Director: Supportive Older Women Network
The Mental Health Association of the Mid South
Memphis, TN

- ◆ Facilitated group discussions such as health care, loneliness, and related senior issues.
- ◆ Coordinated international programming
- ◆ Awarded \$100,000.00, the City Of Memphis Housing and Community Development, Memphis, Tennessee
- ◆ Responsible for program planning and implementation
- ◆ Developed proposal manuscript for submission
- ◆ Program evaluation
- ◆ Multicultural programming
- ◆ Internal and external reports submission

1993-1995

Director: Upward Bound Federally Funded
Alabama Southern Community College
Hwy 21 P. O. Box 2000
Monroeville, AL

- ◆ Responsible for program planning and implementation
- ◆ Supervision of staff
- ◆ Community outreach

- ◆ Multicultural programming
- ◆ Internal and external reporting
- ◆ Served as instructor (social sciences)

1992-1993 Instructor: University of Mississippi Project LEAP
 University of Mississippi
 Oxford, MS

- ◆ Responsible for instructional curriculum in intermediate reading
- ◆ Served as on air personality in multicultural counseling
- ◆ Developed on air script for intermediate reading broadcast.

Project LEAP was aimed at welfare recipients who were mandated by Mississippi's state law to earn GED certifies, the program also provided career training, partnering skills, time management and so forth.

1991-1993 Director, Minority Student Affairs: Monmouth College
 Monmouth, IL

- ◆ Negotiated and secured \$10,000.00 fund to be use for students who faced medical and family emergencies
- ◆ Managed and supervised the Midwest Summer Minority Scholars Program
- ◆ Served as assistant to the president on minority concerns
- ◆ Designed multicultural programs
- ◆ Conducted academic assessments
- ◆ Designed, Implemented and evaluation international conference on diversity in higher education
- ◆ Developed and instructed leadership classes for upper class students focusing on cultural issue
- ◆ Served on President's cabinet for affirmative action

Substitute Teacher:
 Oxford Public School System
 Oxford, Mississippi
 Responsible for instructional duties and related school activities.
 Other duties as assigned

1988-1989
 Employment Interviewer: Mississippi Employment Security
 Commission
 Oxford, MS

1986-1988 Coordinator: Job Training and Partnership Program. (JTPA)
 University of Mississippi
 Oxford, MS

- ◆ Responsible for program planning, implementation, recruitment and evaluation
- ◆ Community recruitment of participants
- ◆ Stand-up training for adult learners
- ◆ Served as GED instructor
- ◆ Served as liaison to the University's vice-chancellor with an emphasis on community capacity building.

1980-1985 Director/Founder

Oxford Afro-American Cultural Center, Inc.

Oxford, Mississippi

- ◆ Negotiated and secured uninterrupted financial support from the - Mississippi Arts Council and, the City of Oxford Mayor's office located in Oxford, Mississippi
- ◆ Established Non-profit status
- ◆ Developed a diverse board of directors
- ◆ Drafted organizational bylaws
- ◆ Administratively managed daily program operations
- ◆ Developed, implemented and evaluated programming
- ◆ Negotiated and secured studio space for children arts classes
- ◆ Developed and submitted proposal for submission
- ◆ Developed trained and supervised volunteer staff
- ◆ Developed and managed operation budgets
- ◆ Organized and implemented Mississippi's first Community Arts - - - Festival to include Odetta, Staple singers and John O'Neale, and the classically folk play "June Bug Jacob Jones" featured on National Public Radio Fall 1986-1987

Fellowships and Awards

Graduate Fellow

Department of HUD-- Center for Urban Research and Education

University of Memphis-Department of Anthropology

Memphis, Tennessee

1996-1997

Memphis Housing and Community Development

Supportive Older Women Network

Memphis, TN

Mississippi Arts Commission

Oxford Afro Cultural Center, Inc.

Oxford, MS

Graduate Fellow:

University of Memphis, Department of Anthropology:
Researcher in applied and cultural anthropology, the Center for Urban Research and Education. Responsible for community mapping of resources, community capacity building and internal and external reports submitted to church officials and the Center's Director, Dr. Stan Hyland.

Served as Cultural Broker

Internship - Applied Anthropology: United Way of the Mid South-Community Initiatives

University of Memphis - Anthropology Department
Memphis, Tennessee

Conducted a needs assessment of funded agencies included the states of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee Conducted assessment for the purpose of determining funded agencies impact on communities served. The project's assessment included 72 submissions. The results detailed various elements that either needed to be redefined or had not met stated goals and objectives. Findings were submitted to United Way Senior Vice President for Community initiatives, the University of Memphis Graduate School department anthropology, and the supervising professor Dr. Ruthbeth Finerman.

Department of Anthropology
Center for Urban Research and Education
University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee

Research: Collins Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Project: Archival Researcher: Cultural Anthropology
Memphis, Tennessee

- ◆ Responsible for identification of church records dating from 1865-1999 identification of original burial site, researched archival legal documents
- ◆ Developed a needs assessment tool based on findings to include preservation of data.
- ◆ Final written reports submitted to church officials and the Center for Urban Research Director, Dr. Stan Hyland

Ethnographer: Community mapping of resources
Project: Applied Anthropology:
Baptist Hospital, University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee

Researcher: Religion Retention, Oral History and Ethnography
Owen Mound Community-America's first and largest African American
Community.

Memphis, Tennessee

Cultural Anthropology

University of Memphis

Owen Mound located in Memphis; Tennessee is the largest African
American Community in America.

Findings were published and submitted to the department of
anthropology and the supervising professor, Dr. Charles Williams

Graduate Assistantships:

Fall: 2000- Researcher and Lecturer: Introduction to Anthropology

University of Memphis

Memphis, Tennessee

Lecturer:

Project: Community Outreach: Cultural anthropology

University of Memphis in partnership with Broad Moore Elementary

University of Memphis' Campus

Memphis, Tennessee

Research Assistant:

Instructional emphasis on African Americans in New World

Communities: African American Cultural--Responsible for teaching
middle school students with focus on the African Diaspora under the
supervision of the associate professor of anthropology and chair of the
African American Studies Department---Dr. Charles Williams

Graduate Assistant: 1989-1991

Assistant to the Dean of Students on Minority Concerns

The University of Mississippi

Dean of Students Office

University, Mississippi

Presentations:

African Americans in New World communities

Focused on culture transmissions to include rituals, belief systems,
religion, language and kinship as related issues

University of Memphis

Memphis, Tennessee

Southern Culture
Folk Life: Slide Presentation
Monmouth College
Monmouth, Illinois

Southern Religion and African Americans Africa traditions
Alabama Southern Community College
Monroeville, Alabama

Quilts, Corn Shuck Dolls and Pine Needle Baskets
The Associated Colleges of the Mid-West
Lake Forest College - Slide presentation
Lake Forest, Illinois

African American Art
Graduate Studies
University of Memphis
Memphis, Tennessee

Research:

Zora Neale Hurston and Southern Black dialect
Undergraduate Studies
Focus: "Mules and Men"
University of Mississippi

Zora Neale Hurston, as anthropologist -- a closer look
Hurston's a critical review in cultural anthropology
University of Memphis
Spring 2001

St. Clair Drake, "The Black Metropolis"
The Making of Chicago a city in transition 1940s
University of Memphis
Spring 2001

Southern Religion in the African American Community
University of Memphis
Fall 1999
The African Diaspora and African American Art in New World
Communities
University of Memphis, Tennessee

Fall 1999

The Mississippi Civil Rights Movement – Paper Presented, the Clay
County Mississippi movement West Point, Mississippi
San Jose State University
San Jose State, CA

Publications:

Resource Directory
Graduate Assistantship 1998-1991
Dean of Students Office
University of Mississippi, Oxford

TRIO Training Manual (1993- 1995)
Educational Opportunity Programs
Alabama Southern Community College
Monroeville, Alabama

Religion, Retention, and Rituals 2002
The Owen Mound Community
Memphis, Tennessee

Mississippi Civil Right Movement Revisited - 2002
Clay County Mississippi
West Point, Mississippi

Professional Affiliations:

American Anthropological Association
American Association of University Women
Southern Association of Student Affairs Personnel
National Association of Student Affairs Personnel
American Community College Association of Anthropology
African American Association of Anthropology
Association of Cultural Anthropology