

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ed.D. in Higher Education, Washington State University, 1976
Specialization: Higher Education Administration
(Planning and Governance)
Cognates: American History and Literature

M.A., New Mexico Highlands University, 1966
Specialization: Educational Administration, 1966
Secondary Area: English

B.S., Tuskegee University (formerly Tuskegee Institute), 1965
Major: English
Minor: History

POST DOCTORAL STUDY

Governor's Executive Development Program (Class XI), L.B. Johnson
School of Public Policy, University of Texas (Austin), 1993
Department of English, University of Texas-Arlington, 1988
Department of English, Northeastern University (Boston, MA), 1986

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Curent: Provost Emerita ,Professor of Educational Leadership, Director,
Toni Morrison Writing Program
Core Team Coach, SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee, 2018-2022

Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Accreditation 2014 -2017
Liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC)

Sabbatical: 2016-2017

Professor, Provost and Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs Emerita
Liaison to the SACSCOC
1996-2014

[From 1996-2007 Position included Director of Title III; from 2003-2007 Position included
Student Affairs]

Professor and Interim Provost and
Vice President for Academic Affairs
1994-95

Professor and Associate Provost and
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
1991-94

Professor and Head
Department of English and Foreign Languages
1982-91

Acting Vice President for
Academic Affairs and
Director, Accreditation
1979-1982

Associate Professor and Head,
Department of English
1976-79

Assistant Professor
Department of English and Assistant
to the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
(Honors Program)
1968-73

Study Leave
1973-76

Washington State University
Lead Graduate Assistant
1973-75

University of Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
Administrative Intern to President Hartung
1975-76

Tuskegee University
Visiting Assistant Professor
Summer, 1970

The University of Georgia
Guest Facilitator
State-wide High School Debate Workshop
Summer, 1968

Shadle Park High School
Spokane, Washington
English and Social Studies Teacher
1967-68

Radford Senior High School,
Honolulu, Hawaii
English and History Teacher
1966-67

Michigan Migrant Ministries
Family Advocate and Counselor
Summers, 1964, 1965

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Member, Executive Editorial Board, Negro Educational Review
Certification Advisory Board, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Chair, Five-Year Sunset Review of the Regents Professor Award Program,
The Board of Regents, Texas A&M University System
Appointed to Voluntary System of Accountability Work Group of the American
Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the National
Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges now the Association of
Public Land Grant Universities (APLU)
2007
Member, Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Advisory Council,
(THECB), now Texas Success Initiative (TSI) and Co-Chair, Writing Content
Committee
Member, The Texas A&M University System, Institute for School-University
Partnerships
Member, SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Site Teams
Member, Commissioner's Advisory Council on International Education,
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
Member, Formula Funding Committee, THECB
Member, National Association for Equal Educational Opportunity's
(NAFEO) Writing Panel for Input to the Reauthorization of the
Higher Education Act
Member, Target 2000 Planning Team, Texas A&M University System
Member, Regents Professor Award Committee, Texas A&M University System
Collaborative Partner, Language Arts Competencies Project, Fund for the
Improvement of Post-Secondary Education and the Texas Education
Agency

PROFESSIONAL WRITING

Preface to Poetry Ebon Dialect, Student Literary Journal, PVAMU, 2002

Heath Guide to Literature, Vol. III. Contracted Review, 1990, 1995
Eternal Commandments, prose fiction. Vineyard Vignettes,
Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 1986
Racism, Sexism: Focus on Concentricity. *The Voice of Black Studies*
(now *Western Journal of Black Studies*), Spring Edition, 1976

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Orator, Commencement, August 2013, Prairie View A&M University
Speaker, The Leadership Mentor Leader Program, Prairie View A&M
University, 2014
Conference Keynote, Academic Leaders Annual Retreat, Texas Southern University

Speaker and panelist, Education Session of Leadership, Montgomery County
Guest Presenter, *Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration*, Texas Lutheran, Black
Heritage Committee, Sequin, Texas
Presenter, *Looking Beyond the Challenges. . . Finding Solutions*, Panelist.
Tougaloo College Annual HBCU Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.
Thurgood Marshall School Fund Member School Professional Conference,
Panelist. *Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2006.*
"Diversity in the Academy," Panelist and Moderator. American
Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Academic
Affairs Summer Meeting, Snowbird, Utah, July 2005.
Revitalizing Our Roots: Reach Out and Touch, Keynote Address.
Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association
30th National Alumni Convention, Prairie View, Texas, July 15, 2004.
Young Adult Rap Session Forum, Panelist. Texas Legislative Black Caucus,
Austin, Texas, February 2003.
Exploring Adversity in Advisement, Keynote Address. Eighth Annual State
Conference,
Texas Academic Advising Network (TEXAAN), Houston, Texas, March 2002
Ladders of Excellence. Panelist. Texas A&M University System Symposium.
Corpus Christi, Texas, November 18-20, 2002
Juneteenth: It's Meaning and It's Continuing Message. Keynote address Juneteenth
Celebration, sponsored by the Prairie View Trail Riders Association,
Prairie View A&M University, June 19, 2001
Evaluating Your Friends: Lessons in Heading an Academic Unit. Consultant.
The University of New Mexico, College of Education, 2001
Yes, You Can Get There from Wherever. Commencement speaker. Alternative
High School. Navasota, Texas, 2001.
*If You Thought Getting Through High School was Challenging, Read My Lips:
From This Day Forward*. Keynote address. Barbara Jordan High School for
Careers. Houston, TX, June 1998.
Building a Successful MITC. Panelist. Elizabeth Rockwell Roundtable on
Higher Education, Austin, TX, 1999.
School Management: The Legal Environment. Keynote address. Mid-Management
Internship Conference on Public School Law. Prairie View A&M University,
1997.
Graduate Education: Promises and Perils, Keynote address, Annual
Conference, Southern Association of Graduate Deans, Fort Worth,
Texas, February, 1998.

Site-Based School Management. Workshop Leader. North Forest Independent School District, Annual District Administration and Counselor Conference. 1997
Teach If You Dare, Keynote address. Coalition of Prospective Teachers, University Of Houston, October, 1996.

Academic Women: A Career Pattern Analysis. The University of St. Louis and SASS Inc; Manhattan, Kansas. Presented at National Women's Studies Association, Seattle, WA and at Academic Women in Leadership Conference, University of Texas (Austin) in 1985

Toward Meritocracy and Access in American Higher Education. Southern Conference of Deans, SACS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 1980.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Youth at Risk Foundation, Houston Leadership Alliance, Houston, TX.

Barbara Jordan High School for Careers, Vocational, Technical Advisory Committee, Houston, TX.

Habitat for Humanity, Fifth Ward Development Corporation, Houston, TX.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Epsilon Lambda Chapter, Prairie View, TX.

Houston (TX) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FUNDED

HBCU-UP Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology (SMET)

Principal Investigator. Dr. Kelvin Kirby, Co-Principal Investigator. \$6.2 million.

National Science Foundation, 2002 – 2007

Title III, HBCU Strengthening Institutions Project. US Department of Education. Average of \$ 1.8 million annually.

AROTC Enhanced Skills Training Project. US Army Cadet Command,

TRADOC Contracting Activity, Eustis, (VA). Co-authored with

Drs. Martin, Hawkins, and Eiland. Original award \$132,340. Grew to

\$2.M over twenty year duration of project. 1982-2002.

Essay Competition. Annual Award: \$5,000, 1982-1993.

Images: Blacks in Media. Sperry Hutchison Foundation.

Value: \$10,000, 1973.

SELECTED HONORS, AWARDS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

Distinguished Service Award, Omicron Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

2015 Recipient of Distinguished Service Award, Houston Chapter of the Tuskegee University National Alumni Association

2014 Designation of Emerita Status by TAMUS Board of Regents

2013 Prairie View A&M University Humanitarian Award

Prairie View A&M University's Extend the View Award

All Faiths Chapel Community Service and Leadership Award

Women of Achievement Recognition, United Methodist Women, Houston North District

Circle Award for Community Service, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Distinguished Service Awards (Several), Student Government Association,

Fraternal and other organizations, Campus Women's Leadership Forum

1999 Distinguished Alumnae Award, New Mexico Highlands University,
Las Vegas, New Mexico
Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society in English
Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
Phi Delta Kappa (National Honor Society-Education)
Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development
Houston Chapter of the Links, Incorporated

MAJOR CHARITIES

Prairie View A&M University
United Negro College Fund
Statewide Charitable Giving Campaign.
American Heart Association
St. Jude's Children's Foundation
M.D. Anderson Foundation. Annual.
National Museum of African American History and Culture