# TOPEKA SMALL SINGLETON

#### **EDUCATION**

EdD University of Memphis, Higher Education May 2011
Dissertation: "The Unknowing Knowers: Faculty and the Accreditation Process"
Committee Chair: Katrina Meyers

MA University of Memphis, English: Professional and Technical Writing Dec 2001
Thesis: "Writing What's Spoken: Dialects in Technical/Professional Communication"
Advisor: Patricia Roberson

**BA** University of Memphis, English

May 1999

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

2011

Advisor: Katrina Meyer, chair

- Performed study related to accreditation and faculty
- Completed dissertation: "The Unknowing Knowers: Faculty and the Accreditation Process"

Master's Thesis, University of Memphis, Memphis TN

2001

Advisor: Patricia Roberson

- Performed several studies on the effectiveness of dialects in communication; researched the use and understanding of Ebonics among different races
- Completed thesis: "Writing What's Spoken: Dialects in Technical/Professional Communication"

#### TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Interim Director (2021-2022) and Assistant Professor, Center for Excellence in Education (CEE)

**Arkansas State University-Jonesboro** 

- July 2020-present
  - Manage a chair load of 30+ dissertation students
  - Design online doctoral level courses for the Educational Leadership, P12 and Higher Education Leadership EdD programs

- Provide professional development related to instructional design to faculty and students
- Teach 9 credit hours per semester in Educational Leadership, P12 and Higher Education Leadership EdD programs
- Evaluate applicants for admission
- Serve on IRB Committee, Student Grievance Committee, and departmental curriculum committee
- Teach theory and best practices associated with pedagogy and andragogy

#### Marion School District, Marion, AR

Fall 2017-Spring 2020

### Teacher, Literacy Facilitator, School Improvement Specialist, Interim Principal

- Facilitated Junior High English Course
- Assisted teachers of all disciplines with literacy related curriculum
- Trained teachers, observed teachers, provided feedback
- Planned and deployed RTI programs
- Assisted in the selection, monitoring, and completion of goals related to student achievement
- Planned and presented professional development for teachers (much is which is centered around the use of Edmentum and its programs, date-driven teaching methods and date-driven classrooms)
- Compiled data reports for the building
- Engaged teachers in Coaching Cycles
- Assisted ALP teachers with Praxis Preparation
- Led the Building Leadership Team
- Managed the use of Edmentum, EdReflect, and other web-based learning programs
- Managed all state-mandated testing

### Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

Summer 2016

### **Instructor**, College Student Personnel Services

- Facilitated Assessment and Accreditation, a graduate course averaging 30 students per term, covering the following topics: assessment and accreditation in higher education
- Redesigned existing online course and content
- Developed quizzes, exams, and other course content
- Revised the syllabus to meet accreditation standards
- Coordinated grading with 1 teaching assistant

# East Arkansas Community College, Forrest City, AR

Spring 2015-Spring 2016

August 2005-May 2008

**Instructor**, English Department, Federal Prison Site

• Facilitated English courses to residents of men's prison

### University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

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**Instructor**, College of Education, Teacher Education Program

- Facilitated junior and senior level Education courses
- Provided feedback on teaching demos

- Planned, supervised, and managed teaching field experiences
- Mentored new teachers

# Arkansas State University-Mid-South, West Memphis, AR

May 2003-Aug 2008

- **Instructor**, English Department
  - Facilitated freshman and sophomore English courses
  - Served as Writing Across the Curriculum Instructor
    Advised and mentored students
  - Mentored colleagues
  - Assisted with recruitment
  - Managed departmental assessment processes
  - Served on committees as needed

# Earle High School, Earle, AR

August 2002-May 2003

Teacher, Junior and Senior English

#### PROFESSIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

# Interim Director, Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) Arkansas State University-Jonesboro May 2021-June 2022

- Managed two EdD programs in Educational Leadership, P12 and Higher Education Leadership
- Attained and retained highly qualified faculty and adjuncts
- Completed departmental course schedule
- Provided departmental leadership on departmental assessment, program development, comprehensive examinations, etc.
- Managed P12 and higher education curriculum
- Oversee the mentor model within the doctoral program
- Trained dissertation mentors on dissertation expectations
- Assisted in resolving student and faculty issues

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# Assistant Director, Assessment Arkansas State University-Jonesboro June 2015-June 2017

- Provided training for faculty and staff on institutional, programmatic, and courselevel assessment and accreditation issues
- Compiled Institutional Reports for different constituency groups-including self-study, five-year review reports, and annual assessment reports
- Managed institution's assessment software, Taskstream
- Provided consultation for assessment leaders within ASU's different colleges and schools
- Assisted in developing systemic assessment processes
- Assisted with education SPA reports and visits from program accreditors, such as CAEP
- Assisted with discipline-specific/specialized accreditation processes for a number of programs
- Collaborated with faculty and staff across campus to meet regional accreditation standards
- Collaborated with Education faculty on a number of research projects
- Served on Assessment Committee and other committees as appointed

# Data Analyst East Arkansas Community College July 2014-May 2015

- Collected and analyzed data for a technology grant
- Compiled data reports for different constituents
- Assisted with grant reporting
- Tracked project work hours
- Served on institutional committees

# Assistant Director of Assessment and Accreditation Southern Methodist University July 2013-July 2014

- Provided training for faculty and staff on institutional, programmatic, and courselevel assessment and accreditation issues
- Compiled Institutional Reports for different constituency groups-including self-study, five-year review reports, and annual assessment reports

- Assisted with discipline-specific/specialized accreditation processes for a number of programs
- Managed institution's assessment software, WEAVE
- Served on Dissertation Committees, Assessment Committee and other committees as appointed
- Provided consultation for assessment leaders within ASU's different colleges and schools
- Assisted in developing systemic assessment processes
- Peer Reviewer for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

# Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness Arkansas State University-Mid-South May 2010-July 2013

- Chaired Institutional Effectiveness Committee
- Led all accreditation efforts, including writing the self-study, establishing and monitoring self-study committees, serving as campus liaison to the HLC, etc.
- Served as a Peer Evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission
- Led the development of Institutional, Operational, and Departmental Plans
- Organized and implemented the institutional strategic planning initiative
- Designed, purchased, and administered surveys that inform planning in relation to constituency feedback
- Developed and trained committees annually
- Provided training for faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees
- Compiled Institutional Reports for different constituency groups-Minority Retention Report, Annual Institutional Data Update, Annual Evaluation of Faculty Reports, etc.
- Led the development and publication of institutional productivity measures
- Performed program reviews
- Monitored state performance measures and other benchmarks to regularly evaluate key performance indicators
- Collected and analyzed institutional data
- Coordinated annual revision of the MSCC Catalog
- Supervised full time and adjunct faculty
- Completed faculty observations and evaluations
- Developed and Enforced Academic Dishonesty Policies and Procedures
- Researched student and faculty complaints
- Handled student and faculty disciplinary issues
- Assisted with the development of Schedules of Classes and Final Exam Schedules
- Facilitated undergraduate courses as necessary
- Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission

Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching, non-tenure track Arkansas State University-Jonesboro Spring 2024

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Peer-Evaluator** 2013-2014 Traveled with teams as a Peer Evaluator, evaluated institutions of higher education located within the SACS region

# **Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Peer-Evaluator Corps**2010-2013 Traveled with teams as a Peer Evaluator, evaluated institutions of higher education located

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Graduate, Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges Leadership Institute 2011 Leadership institute developed to train the next generation of higher education leaders in Arkansas

# Dr. R. Eugene Smith Fellowship 2008-2010

University of Memphis, College of Education, Department of Higher and Adult Education

## **SACS Annual Conference Travel Grant Recipient**

2009

Wrote grant for travel to annual SACS Conference-grant awarded to Topeka Williams-\$2,000

#### **Mid-South Robotics Grant**

2007

Co- wrote grant for Robotics Hub-grant awarded to Mid-South Community College \$25,000

Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, Faculty of the Year Award 2006 Arkansas State University-Mid-South (formerly known as Mid-South Community College)

Arkansas Department of Education Non-traditional Licensure Program Instructor and Panelist

Summer 2005-Summer 2007

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Articles and Book Chapter

Singleton, T. S. (2023). Pressin' On: Leadership from the Black Female Imposter's Perspective In K. Davis, A. Bowser, & N. Johnson-Leslie (Eds.), *Black Women's Formal and Informal Ways of Leadership (pp. 30-50)*. IGI Global.

Lewis-Kipkulei, P., **Small Singleton**, T., Singleton, J., & Davis, K. (2021). Increasing student engagement via a combined roundtable discussion and flipped

classroom curriculum model in an OT and special education classroom. *Cogent Education*, 8(1), 1911284.

Bowser, A., Davis, K., Singleton, J., & Small, T. (Winter, 2017). Professional learning: A collaborative model for online teaching and development. *Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Education*, 26(1), 1-8.

# Conference Papers/Presentations

**Singleton, T.S.**, & Singleton, J.D. (Spring 2024). *Does Embedding Experiential Learning into Doctoral Classes Impact Program Completion?*Paper presented at the Experiential Learning Leadership Institute (ELLI) Conference, April 2-4, 2024, Martin, TN.

**Singleton, T.S.**, & Gipson, T. (Spring 2024). *Voices of Value: Nurturing Mattering among African American Male Students in High School*. Paper presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference (IOSSBR), March 2024, New Orleans, LA.

**Singleton, T. S.** (Spring 2023). *Pressin' On: Leadership from the Black Female Imposter's Perspective*. Chapter presented at the Arkansas Council of Women in Higher Education (ACWHE) Annual Conference, February 2023, Virtual Conference.

Kipkulei, P., Small Singleton, T., Singleton, J., & Davis, K. (2019). *Increasing Student Engagement via a Combined Roundtable Discussion and Flipped Classroom Curriculum Model in an OT and Special Education Classroom*. Paper presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, October 2019, Las Vegas, NV.

Singleton, J., & Small Singleton, T. (March 2018). Social Constructs and Environment's Impact on the Accreditation Process: A Qualitative Phenomenological Study. Paper presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, March 2018, New Orleans, LA.

Singleton, J., **Small, T**., Davis, K., & Bowser, A. (2017). *The Unknowing Knowers: Faculty and the Accreditation Process*. Paper presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, October 2017, Las Vegas, NV.

Singleton, J., Davis, K., Bowser, A., & Small, T. (2017). *Professional Learning: A Collaborative Model for Online Teaching and Development*. Paper presented at the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educator's 64<sup>th</sup>Annual Conference, October 2017.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

# National Conference of Academic Deans (formerly known as Arkansas Deans Association Conference)

University of Central Arkansas

"Assessment and Accreditation Across the Curriculum...from the HLC's Standpoint" 2011.

#### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

# A Framework for Understanding Poverty, Certified Trainer Certificate 2019

Ruby Payne, aha! Process Professional Development

Fall 2019

Description: trained in the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty from the individual to systems level.

# **Grant Writing Workshop**

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, 2010

Description: trained in fundamentals of grant writing, grant writing instruction

# **Instructional Design for Online Learning Certificate**, Mid-South Community College, 2006

Description: trained in online course design

# Writing Across the Curriculum Certificate, Pulaski Technical College, 2006

Description: trained to teach writing across disciplines

Arkansas Teacher's License/Certificate, 7-12 English

# ORGANIZATION/COMMITTEE WORK/INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education (ACWHE)-Executive Board Member and Secretary (Spring 2024-Spring 2025)

#### ASU Jonesboro

- University IRB Committee (2022-2025/3 year appointment)
- Assessment Committee
- Educational Leadership Curriculum Committee
- Student Grievance Committee

ASU Mid-South

- President's Council
- Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Chair
- Student Services Committee
- Faculty Senate
- Assessment Committee, Chair
- Writing Across the Curriculum Instructor, 2004-2006
- Co-Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa, 2003-2004
- Co-Sponsor for Writers Anonymous, 2006
- Academic Advisor, 2003-2008
- Student Mentor, 2003-2005
- Writing Lab Tutor, 2004-2008

## Southern Methodist University

- College Committee on Assessment and Accreditation, Co-Chair
- Student Research Committee

#### INDEPENDENT/CONTRACT WORK

#### **Small Edits, Dissertation Editing Business, Editor**

2016-2020

- Edit dissertations according to institutional and documentation format specifications
  -Service doctoral students from: Grand Canyon University, Concordia University,
  Walden University, University of Memphis-editing samples and references available
  upon request
- Work with dissertation students at different points in the dissertation process
- Secure contracts with public education institutions to develop and/or edit reports, e.g. Indistar

Nontraditional Teacher Licensure Program Presenter and Panelist-presented by the Arkansas Department of Education Summer 2006-Summer 2008

- Facilitated summer courses for non-traditional licensure applicants
- Led a panel of educators who mentored non-traditional licensure candidates

**Boundless Learning Co-teaching Coach** in partnership with Johns Hopkins University and Arkansas Department of Education. Fall 2023-Spring 2024

- Facilitated Co-teaching partnerships and training in schools in Arkansas
- Observed co-teachers in the classroom setting and offer performance feedback

### References available upon request