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Education

Graduate Student:	MA/PhD Program, Indiana University, AAADS , Fall 2008-present
Masters:	English, Arkansas State University, 2003
Bachelors:	English Education, Arkansas State University, 1998

Professional Experience

Associate Instructor	Indiana University, African American and African Diaspora Studies	2011
Associate Instructor	Indiana University English Dept.	August 2008-May 2009
Faculty	Arkansas State University,	August 2003-present
Teacher	English Department, Advanced Placement and Gifted & Talented courses Forrest City High School	August 1999-2003

Consultation and Presentation

March 2013	Panelist	The Feminist Mystique Revisited, “When Is This Body, My Body? A Black Woman’s Hair as a Site of Rebellion in Marriage and Community,” Arkansas State University
October 2011	Panelist	Celebrating African American Literature: Race, Sexual Identity, and African American Literature Conference, Penn State
September 2011	Panelist	Constitution Day Focus Group: The Help: “Cultural and historical implications of the way white cultural producers imagine black subjects,” Arkansas State University
March 2011	Panelist	“Everybody... Misapprehends Me”: Identity, Blackness, and Oral Sexuality in Junot Diaz’s <i>Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i> “ Herman Hudson Symposium, Indiana University
March 2011	Panelist	“Nigger Who? Nigger What? Tracing the “Nigger” Trope in Popular Culture” National Council of Black Studies, Cincinnati, Ohio
March 2010	Panelist:	“Translating the Nuances of Nigger: The Performance of Nigga(r) in the Spectacular Vernacular of Popular Culture” Herman Hudson Symposium, Indiana University
June, 2008	Presenter	“Together We Teach” Writing/Reading Comprehension Workshop
Nov. 19, 2006	Presenter	“The Compleat Guide to Cornell Note-making” National Council of Teachers of English, Nashville, TN
Mar. 29, 2006	Presenter:	“Janie’s Trees: Learning, Loving, and Growing in Hurston’s <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> ” Women’s History Month Conference, Multicultural Affairs, Arkansas State University
Jan. 6-9, 2006	Panel member	“Assessing Reading Fluency Rates of Middle and High School Students in the DELTA Regions of Arkansas” The Hawaii International Conference on Education
Spring 2006	Presenter	Workshop: Preparing for the Praxis Writing Component

- 2004-2005 Presenter Arkansas State University, Teacher Education Department
Fall Workshop for Composition Instructors, ASU
Department of English and Philosophy
Using Smartboard technology in the writing composition classroom
- 2002-2003 Panel member
Arkansas Department of Higher Education Forum of High School and College English
and Mathematics Teachers
- A collaborative high school/college effort to agree on expectations for transition from high school to college, relate those expectations to the Arkansas Department of Education Frameworks, ACT Standards for Transition, NAEP Achievement standards, and to identify staff development and policy implications for teachers throughout Arkansas.
- Aug. 2002 Presenter
Arkansas Association of Gifted and Talented Administrators
West Memphis High School, West Memphis, AR
- 2001-2002 Staff Consultant, Forrest City High School
Developed a lesson plan model to aid teachers in preparing to teach a 90-minute class for any discipline on the Four by Four Block Schedule.
- 2000-2001 Workshop Facilitator, Forrest City High School
“Classroom Management”
Selected by administrators to share proven effective professional practices for managing adolescent behavior in the high school classroom with other professionals.
- January 1998 “Going Up Yonder: The Theme of Migration in African American Fiction.” A paper presented for the African American Studies Department’s Black Atlantic Seminar.
Indiana University

Publications

- 2010 [Review of The Boundaries of Blackness: AIDS and the Breakdown of Black Politics by Cathy J. Cohen](#) [Black Diaspora Review](#) Volume 2, Issue 1, 2010
- 2010 [Review of Black Geographies and the Politics of Place by Katherine McKittrick and Clyde Woods](#) [Black Diaspora Review](#) Volume 2, Issue 1, 2010
- 2010 Contributor, [The Brief Wordsworth Handbook](#), 6th Edition, by Laura G. Kirsznier and Stephen R. Mandell

Honors and Awards

- 2011-2012 Devault Graduate Fellowship
- 2009-2010 Louise McNutt Fellowship, Indiana University
- 2008-2009 Indiana University Department of English, Associate Instructor Fellowship
- 2005-2006 Outstanding Educators, Black Student Association, Arkansas State University
- 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year, Forrest City High School
- 2001-2002 Who’s Who Among America’s High School Teachers
- 2000-2001 Teacher of the Year, Forrest City High School
- April 2001 Writing Workshop Participant, featuring author, Lewis Nordan
Delta Blues Symposium Arkansas State University

- Spring 2002 Forrest City Education Foundation Grant Recipient
Received a \$3000.00 grant to purchase young adult novels and plays that appeal to high school students.
- 2000-2002 Arkansas Department of Higher Education Master's Fellow
- 1998-1999 Outstanding BSE Graduate Arkansas State University
English/Philosophy Department

Professional Activities

- October 2009 Co-curator, Exhibit, Neal Marshall Black Culture Center, Indiana University, "40 Years of Black Studies at IU"
- May 2008 Speaker, Women's Day, Paradise Baptist Church, Marianna, AR, "What Are You Standing On?"
- February 2008 Speaker, Brother to Brother Mentoring Program, "How a Real Man Finds a Real Woman," Arkansas State University
- January 2007 Speaker, Circle of Trust Mentoring Program, "Finding Your Self Worth," Arkansas State University

- Summer 2005 The Delta Bridge Project: a two-week literacy camp for students entering grades 6-9. The program was designed to teach literacy strategies for reading, writing, and computer operations. I co-authored the curriculum for the writing component of this project.
- Summer 2005 Heritage Studies Professional Research Grant Recipient
A monetary award to study methods to improve post-secondary research writing for graduate students.
- 1999-2003 Sponsor, Beta Club, Forrest City High School
Responsible for supervising community service and academic-centered activities designed to cultivate leadership in high school students, including academic and talent competitions on the state and national level.

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed	English Teacher	Ark. Dept. of Education	1999-present
Certified	Oral Communications	Ark. Dept. of Education	1999-2009
Certified	College Board Literature	College Board	2001-present
Certified	Gifted/Talented Teacher Program	AAGEA	2000-present

Professional Associations

- National Council of Teachers of English
- National Council of Black Studies
- African American and African Diaspora Studies Graduate Society