

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- 1979 University of Houston, Houston, Texas
 Doctor of Education in Curriculum & Instruction
 Dissertation Title: The Development of an Instrument for Assessing
 Levels of Ethnicity in Public School Teachers
- 1974 Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas
 Master of Education in English
- 1972 Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
 Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning
- 1971 Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas
 Bachelor of Arts in English

PROFESSIONAL/LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

- 2009 Accepted into Class 3 - American Leadership Forum
 Houston, Texas (June 2009 – October 2010)
- 2006 Malcolm Baldrige Leadership Development Training
 Houston, Texas
- 2006 Fundraising Training, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas
- 2001 Oxford International Roundtable for Community College
 Presidents, St. Antonys College, Oxford University, England
- 1997 President's Academy Leadership Training, American Association

of Community Colleges, Breckenridge, Colorado

- 1991 “Germany Today” Educational Program for Leaders, Bonn, Germany
- 1981 International Relations, Rewely House, now called Kellogg College Oxford University, Oxford, England

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

- November 1997- Present President, Houston Community College – Northeast
Chief Executive Officer of the Northeast College -- a large, comprehensive, multi-campus regional college serving 13,000 credit and continuing education students per semester. The Northeast College serves 435K Houstonians within a 100 square mile regional area at four campus locations: Northeast/Codwell Hall Campus located at 555 Community College Drive, Northline Campus located at 8001 Fulton, Pinemont Center located at 1265 Pinemont, and the Automotive Technology Center located at 4638 Airline.
- January 1997 - Acting President, Houston Community College – Northeast,
Acting President of comprehensive, multi-campus regional community college serving 2,000 credit students
- April 1995 – January 1997 Acting Vice Chancellor of Instruction, Houston Community College System

Acting Chief Instructional Officer for the Houston Community College District with student enrollments of 56,000 in both In and Out-of-District Service Areas
community college system
- July 1993 – April 1995 Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Houston Community College System
Chief Academic Officer for the 56,000 student community college district
- August 1991 – July 1993 Dean of Instruction, Houston Community College – Northwest
Chief Instructional Officer for regional college within the Houston Community College System
- August 1989 – August 1991 Division Chair of Arts & Humanities
Houston Community College System
Chief Divisional Officer for Arts & Humanities programs throughout the Houston Community College System

August 1986 – Department Chair of Freshman English
August 1989 Houston Community College System
Served as Department Chair of Freshman English for the 56,000 student District

August 1984– Staff Developer, Staff & Instructional Services
August 1986 Houston Community College System
Served as support officer to assist faculty to (1) improve their teaching effectiveness and (2) to help faculty write curricula and measurable objectives

FACULTY/TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

August 1987- Division Chair of Arts and Humanities and Instructor
August 1991 Houston Community College

February 1985 - Department Chair of Freshman English and Instructor
August 1987 Houston Community College

August 1982 – Instructor/Lecturer in English
August 1984 University of Houston, Downtown

August 1973 – Assistant Professor
May 1982 Minority Studies Department, Gerontology Department,
Women’s Studies Department
Wichita State University

August 1976 - Acting Instructor of English, Weekend College
May 1977 Texas Southern University

Courses taught: Composition I and II
English Literature
African American Literature
Minority Studies/Race Relations
Multicultural Education
Cross Cultural Communication
Gerontology
Curriculum Development
Educational Leadership

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

May 1972 – Urban Renewal Agency, Wichita, Kansas
August 1973 Community Organization Specialist

July 1971 – Wichita High School – South, Teacher of English
May 1972 and Black History

AFFILIATIONS: (Past and Present)

Professional

American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC)
AACC Global Education Commission
AACC Ad hoc Homeland Security Task Force
National Academy of Science, National Research Council Advisor to the
Nation, Transportation Research Board Committee
Member, Washington, D.C., 2001 – 2003
National Congress of Black Women, Board Member, 2001 - 2002
National Council of Black American Affairs, Member
National Council of Instructional Administrators, Member
Houston Alliance of Black School Educators, Board Member
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Self Study Committees
Midlands Technical College, February 14 – 17, 1998
Pensacola Junior College, March 1997
Bevill State Community College and
Shelton State Community College, November 1996
Tidewater Community College, April 1996
Shelton State Community College, September 1994
Miami Dade CC (Homestead Campus), April 1994
Western Piedmont Community College, April 1992
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Chair of Texas Academic Skills Council, 1997 – 2000
Co-Chair of Chief Academic Officers Committee, 1996 – 2000
Member of Telecommunications Advisory Committee, 1996-1998
Member of Site Visit Team to Texarkana CC, 1984

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Greater Heights Area Chamber of Commerce – Board Member
Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts of America, Antares District
District Chairman
Literacy Advance of Houston, Board Member
La Rosa/The Rose, Board Member
Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, Board Member
City of Houston Private Industry Council, Board Member
Stages Repertory Theatre, Board Member

HONORS/AWARDS:

- 2006 L & S Academy Education Award
- 2005 Carol Sterling Masterson Education Award, YWCA of Houston
- 2004 Acres Homes Chamber of Commerce Education Award
- 2003 Commission on Transportation, Community Service Award, February 2003.
- 2002 Hall of Fame Award in Education: W. E. B. DuBois Award for Higher Education, Presented by the Commission on Higher Education for the National Alliance of Black School Educators at its annual, national conference in Atlanta, Georgia, World Congress Center, November 2002.
- 2001 Top Ladies of Distinction, Sugarland Chapter, Community Service Award
- 2000 Senior Education Advisor, State of Texas, Office of the Governor (Presented by Senator Rodney Ellis as Governor for a Day)
- Commendations for Commitment to Education
State Representative Senfronia Thompson
- Commendations for Commitment to Education
Mayor Lee P. Brown, City of Houston
- Commendation for Outstanding Service
Mr. Lawrence Marshall, President, HISD Board
- Award for Dedication and Achievement
State Representative Al Edwards
- Certificate of Congressional Recognition
Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee
- Certificate of Appreciation
State Senator Rodney Ellis
- Certificate, Dedicated Involvement and Outstanding Contributions
Commissioner El Franco Lee
- Proclamation of High Regard
State Senator John Whitmire

Distinguished Role Model Trophy
The North Main Church of God in Christ

Award of Appreciation
R. E. Kirby Middle School, Ms. Sylva, Principal

Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service
Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts, Antares District

Certificate of Appreciation
Council Member Carol Mims Galloway, District B

District Award of Merit – Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts of
America – Antares District (The highest award that can be
Presented to a District Chairman)

- 1999 Certificate of Appreciation, The John Ben Shepperd Public
Leadership Institute
- 1998 Certificate of Appreciation, The John Ben Shepperd Public
Leadership Institute
- 1996 Certificate of Appreciation
Houston Hispanic Forum
- 1992 – 1993 Certificate of Appreciation, Spring Branch Independent School
District (Dual Credit)
- Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to the
Division of Instruction, Spring Branch Independent School District
- Certificate of Appreciation, Occupational/Technical Education,
Spring Branch Independent School District
- Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to Katy
Independent School District
- 1990 – 1991 Who's Who in the Humanities
- 1989 – 1990 Who's Who in American Education
- 1986 – 1987 Outstanding Teaching Award, Houston Community College
System
- Certificate of Appreciation, Briargate Civic Club

1985 – 1987 Outstanding Young Women of America
1984 – 1985 A Salute to Women in the Arts
1979 – 1980 Who’s Who in Wichita, Kansas

PUBLICATIONS:

Guest Columnist, African American News and Issues Weekly Newspaper – Eight Articles in a series

“Prejudice and Discrimination: No Place for Either in the Classroom,”
African American News & Issues, February 2008

“Emotional Intelligence: 24-7,” African American News & Issues, January 2008

“Encouragement is Good Medicine,” African American News & Issues ,
December 2007

“Dropping Out is Not an Option,” African American News & Issues, November
2007

“Service Learning,” African American News & Issues , November 2007

“Strategic Alliances: Undergirding Education’s Efforts,” African American News
& Issues, November 2007

“Answering the Call to Service,” African American News & Issues, November
2007

“Education is Key,” African American News & Issues , October 2007

“Factors Influencing the Matriculation and Course Completion of First Time In-College Students,” Published with Conference Proceedings of the 2nd Annual National Symposium on Student Retention, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 2006.

“America’s Global Prosperity: Planting the Seeds,” Community College Journal,
December/January 2003

“Community Colleges – the Center of the Workforce Development University,”
Community College Journal, June/July 2002.

“Quality of Life and Resiliency: Factors in Student Success,” in Student Development: Resiliency, Success, and the Future, American Association of Community Colleges, Community College Journal, December/January 2002.

“A Higher Education Transition Pedagogy for Marginalized Populations: 21st Century Challenges, Opportunities, Benefits in a High-Tech, Global Economy,” an unpublished paper prepared for the Oxford International Round Table for Community College Presidents, Oxford, England, July 2001.

“A Profession for All Times: A Focus on Commercial Transportation”, A National Publication of Publicly Funded Carrier Association, fall 1999.

High School Students Earning College Credit: A Guide to Creating Dual Credit Programs, Corwin Press, Inc., December 1997.

“Welfare to Work Initiatives: An Opportunity to Build Communities,” African American News, June 1997.

“Customized Training for Business/Industry,” African American News, March 1997

“High-Tech, Just in Time Training,” African American News, March 1997

“School to Work Initiatives,” African American News, April 1997

“Collaborative Community Building: A Seven Part Series,” African American American News, February 1997

“Adult Literacy and the Workforce,” African American News, February 1997.

“Dual Credit Should Be Institutionalized,” Alliance, Vol. 3. No. 2, fall 1995.

Preparing to Write, Kendall –Hunt Publishing Co., fall 1988.

Write On! An English Resource, Part I, Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co., fall 1987.

Write On! An English Resource, Part II, Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co., fall 1987.

“Excellence in Teaching: What does it Really Mean?” Improving College and University Teaching, Vol. 1, No. 2, spring 1983.

“Think of Those With Less.” New Future Retirement Newsletter, Newton, Pennsylvania, Vol. 3, No. 3, May – June 1982.

“Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning: An Individually Guided Approach to Education.” Educational Resource Index, January 1981.

“Issues in Minority Aging,” The Governor’s White House Conference on Aging: Issue Papers, pp. 43 – 54, May 1981.

“Developing Pluralistic Attitudes: A Focus on the Black Elderly.” Multicultural Dimensions in the Aging Network: Cross Cultural Perspectives in Gerontology, Jacob U. Gordon, ed., Kansas Key Press, 1981, pp. 28 – 31.

“The Development of an Instrument for Assessing Levels of Ethnicity in Public School Teachers,” Dissertation Abstracts International, Vol. XL, No. 3. 1979.

“A Practical Approach to Improving Interpersonal/Cross Cultural Communication.” The Bridge International Publication, fall 1979.

The Ethnicity Manual and TSI Instrument. Distributed by the University of Houston Professional Development Center, January 1980.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Future Leaders Institute, Workshop Presenter to Aspiring College Presidents, American Association of Community Colleges, San Francisco, California – July 2007.

Testimony to the U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, “Reauthorization of the National Science Foundation,” presented testimony on March 29, 2007.

Learning Matters Podcast on Community Colleges with Dr. Ed Coulter, Chair of AACC, Spring 2006

“Factors Influencing the Matriculation and Course Completion of First-Time-In-College Students,” Plenary Session Speaker, 2nd Annual National Symposium on Student Retention, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 2006.

“Proud of the Past: Dedicated to the Future of Educational and Cultural Excellence,” Texas Alliance of Black School Educators,” State Convention Plenary Speaker, March 4, 2006.

“The Importance of Team,” Louisiana Community & Technical College Professional Development Conference, August 14, 2005.

“Creating Short-Term Certificate Programs to Address Homeland Security Issues,” Fifth Ward Redevelopment Technology Consortium, May 2003.

“Community Builders for Success-Filled Lives,” presented at the Greater Heights Chamber of Commerce “Dollars for Scholars” Scholarship Award, June 2002.

“Succeeding Against All Odds,” Keynote Address presented at the Southwest Region ACT Conference, San Antonio, Texas, April 12, 2002.

. “Genuine Parental Involvement: What School Board Members Can Do?” Presented at the 62nd Annual Conference of the National School Board Association (NSBA), New Orleans, Louisiana, April 6 – 9, 2002.

“Closing the Achievement Gap,” Presenter of Paper, National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), Los Angeles, California, November 13 – 18, 2001.

“Collaboration Between Community Colleges and Universities to Foster Student Success,” National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), Panelist, Los Angeles, California, November 13 – 18, 2001.

American Leadership Forum, “Educating the Whole Child,” Facilitator/Presenter, Houston, Texas, August 2001.

“A Higher Education Transition Pedagogy for Marginalized Populations: 21st Century Challenges, Opportunities, and Benefits for a High-Tech, Global Economy,” Presented at the Oxford International Round Table for Community College Presidents, St. Antonys College of Oxford University, Oxford, England, June 2001.

“Pathways to Success,” Alliance of Black Bankers’ Association, Keynote Address for Scholarship Recipients, University of Houston Hilton Hotel Ballroom, May 2001.

“Developing Competency-Based Transportation Programs, Presented at Publicly Funded Truck Driving” Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, 1998.

“A Focus on Truck Driver Training at the Houston Community College,” Presented at Conference on Truck Driver Training, Orlando, Florida, 1998.

“Building Business/Industry Collaboratives in Delivering Competency-Based Transportation Programs,” Presented at the White House Conference Center, spring 1998, Washington D.C. Sponsored by U. S. Secretary of Transportation William Slater.

“Developing a Multicultural Curriculum.” Presented to the Curriculum Development Committee of the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, January 1983.

“Stages of Ethnicity: An Indicator of Teacher Effectiveness in Desegregated Classrooms. Presented at the American Educational Research Association National Meeting, New York, March 19 – 23, 1982.

“Poor Aged and Black in America: Prospect and Perspectives. Presented at the National Conference of the Society of Ethnic and Special Studies, St. Louis, Missouri, October 1981.

“Facilitating Student Learning. Presented at the Association of Individually Guided Education (AIGE) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 1980

“Creativity and Student Growth. Presented at the Association of Individually Guided Education (AIGE) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 1980.

“Levels of Ethnicity, Teacher Attitudes, and Prejudice Reduction: Implications for Teacher Education. Presented at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1980.

“Prejudice Reduction and the Schools: A Summary.” Presented at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1980.

“Multiculturalizing the Secondary English Curriculum. Approaches for Achieving a Multicultural Curriculum, The University of Michigan School of Education, Fall 1979.

A New Focus on Multiethnicity. Approaches for Achieving a Multicultural Curriculum. The University of Michigan School of Education, fall 1979.

Choice or Chance: Life Cycles of Black Women, Presented at the conference on Today’s Black Women, Overland Park, Kansas, March 1979.

“Who Told You – You Could Teach? Presented at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, March 1978.

The Development of an Instrument for Assessing Levels of Ethnicity in Public School Teachers. Presented at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, March 1978.

MEDIA EXPERIENCE:

March 2009 – Present Webcast of Interviews with business/industry leaders in the Northeast sector of Houston

August 2002 HCCS TV, Houston, Texas
Producer of National Town Hall Meeting in Conjunction with the National Association of Black School Board Members’ Caucus on the topic: “Closing the Literacy Gap.”

1983 – 1993 KUHT –TV PBS Affiliate – Houston, Texas
Producer/Host: The Capitol Report
The Legislative Report
The Margaret Ford Show

All shows focused on interviews with legislators, international civic, political, and business leaders. I was the producer of the Capitol Report and the Legislative Reports in collaboration with

the Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations of the University of Houston

1985 – 1986

KTXH – TV TV Independent – Houston, Texas
Producer/Host of City Scene

This program was topical and focused on interviews with local civic leaders and with persons who were involved with issues related to social, economic and political issues in Houston

1983 – 1985

KHOU – TV CBS Affiliate – Houston, Texas
Co-Host of Images

This program was topical and focused on local, state, and national and international issues

1979 – 1982

KAKE – TV ABC Affiliate – Wichita, Kansas
Host of Other Issues: Different Answers

This program focused on political issues in local, state, and national news

SPECIAL INITIATIVES AT HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

In 1995, I chaired the grant-writing team to acquire HCC-TV and led negotiations with the Mayor and Council of the City of Houston to acquire HCC-TV Cable Channel with an initial award of the station and \$300K to sustain operations. HCC was successful in the acquisition.

In 1992, I researched, developed and implemented the Dual Credit Program for the Houston Community College District and developed the protocol that was subsequently established, nationally. The first initiative for Dual Credit was in the Spring Branch, Cy-Fair and Katy Independent School Districts. The Dual Credit Program has expanded since the plan that I developed and implemented throughout all of the Houston Community College and throughout the Country.

Worked with presidents of the HCC Colleges, the Chancellor, and the Board to provide community information to residents of the Northeast District resulting in voter approval of a \$158 Million Dollar Bond Referendum for HCC – the first Bond Referendum to be approved for the HCC District with several major facilities being approved for the Northeast District.

Led the capital improvement campaign for the Northeast College, which resulted in moving from leased facilities to permanent facilities for the Northeast College. New facilities constructed include the Northline Campus, completed in 2009, with the acquisition of 38 acres for additional campus facilities; the development of the Northeast

Campus which includes 108 acres on which are the following facilities: 76K sq. foot Codwell Hall Academic Building (completed in 1999), 46K sq. ft. Roland Smith Driving School (completed in 1999), the 90K sq. ft. Learning Hub (completed in 2009), the 47K sq. ft. Energy Institute and Science Technology Building (completed in 2009), the Public Safety Training Institute (completed in 2008) which includes a Fire Tower, a Burn Building, a Firing Range, a Swift Water Rescue Training Facility, and a 565K sq. ft. Driving Track; a 13K sq. ft. Physical Plant (completed in 2009); and the acquisition and renovation of the 67K sq. ft. Pinemont Center facility (completed in 1999).

Leading the community outreach Information Campaign to the North Forest Community as they decide on the future of annexation of the North Forest Independent School District to the Houston Community District.

Continuing to lead the Northeast College team in developing High-Tech Programs in Emerging Occupational Fields: Public Safety Training (Police, Fire, EMT), Energy and Renewable Energy Programs (Chemical Laboratory Technology, Biotechnology, Instrumentation, Chemical Engineering Technology, Petroleum Engineering Technology), and in the development of creative scheduling opportunities for the Northeast Houston Community.

In 2008, I led the negotiation team with the Metropolitan Transit Authority for the receipt of a \$500K award to train Metro Police Officers in firearms and driver training.

Since 1997, I have led the growth and development of the Northeast College from 2,000 semester credit hour students to 9,000 credit students in 2009. I have led the overall enrollment of the College including continuing education from 5,000 students in 1997 to over 13,000 students.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

21st Century Schools; Strategic Planning; Leadership Development; Organizational Development; Building Teams; Persistency of First-Time College Students to Degree Completion, Student Retention and Success, Succession Planning