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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Library and Information Science <u>University of South Carolina</u> – Columbia, SC	Expected – May 2025
Master's in Library and Information Science Drexel University - Pennsylvania, PA	2018
Juris Doctor <u>Charlotte School of Law</u> – Charlotte, NC	2015
MS in English Education <u>North Carolina A&T State University</u> – Greensboro, NC	2008
BS in Journalism & Mass Communication <u>North Carolina A&T State University</u> – Greensboro, NC	2003

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- The Education Gap
- School to Prison Pipeline
- Self- Efficacy
- Curriculum and Instruction for Educators
- Secondary Education
- Education Law
- African American Studies

HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English Instructor <u>Tennessee State University</u> – Nashville, TN	August 2019 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course: ENGL 1010 Freshman English I• Course: ENGL 1020 Freshman English II	
Lecturer <u>North Carolina A&T State University</u> – Greensboro, NC	August 2008 – June 2016
<i>Liberal Studies, English, and University Studies (Joint Appointment)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course: Freshman Composition I & II (English 100/101)• Course: Basic Writing and Composition (UNST 103)• Course: The African American Experience (UNST 140)	

ADJUNCT POSITIONS

Library and Information Science Adjunct Instructor <u>Syracuse University</u> – Syracuse, NY	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Course: Cultural Competence for Library and Info Professionals<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This course prepares information professionals to develop cultural competencies and provide inclusive services to underrepresented populations by focusing on knowledge and skill development including location, selection, evaluation, and discussion of various genres and formats of resources as well as instruction for strategies to use these resources.	
English Adjunct Instructor <u>Tennessee State University</u> – Nashville, TN	2021 – 2022
English Adjunct Instructor <u>Nashville State Community College</u> – Nashville, TN	2019
English Adjunct Instructor <u>Georgia Military College</u> – Augusta, GA	2018
Political Science Adjunct Instructor <u>North Carolina A&T State University</u> – Greensboro, NC	2015 – 2016
English Adjunct Instructor <u>Guilford Technical Community College</u> – Greensboro, NC	2008 – 2010
English Adjunct Instructor <u>Bennett College</u> – Greensboro, NC	2009 – 2010
University Studies Adjunct Instructor <u>North Carolina A&T State University</u> – Greensboro, NC	2008 – 2009
Adult Education GED Instructor <u>Forsyth Technical Community College</u>	2008

ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Recipient <u>The Ione A. Nelson Endowed Scholarship</u> – Drexel University	2017
Recipient <u>Research and Doctoral Committee Scholarship</u> – University of South Carolina	2017

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

“The Purposeful Embedded Librarianship.” Kentucky Community and Technical College System, September 2020.

“Culture and Climate: Addressing Racism in Schools.” Teach Illinois, Summer 2020

“The Importance of Relationships During COVID-19.” Leading Equity Center, Summer 2020

“Librarians Being Open-Minded Professionals: Fostering Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity.” San Jose Library School of Information, February 2020.

“Equality and Education: Addressing Issues Still Affecting Minority Students.” Strobel Education Summit, Virtual, July 2019.

“Librarian, Lawyer, and Educator: Merging the Professions Together to Assist with the School to Prison Pipeline.” Louisiana Library Association, February 2019.

“Students in STEM.” North Carolina State University, STEM Conference December 2018.

“Educating Our Minority Students.” Madison County School System, Black History Month Celebration, February 2018.

“The Importance of Education.” Landstuhl Germany, February 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Library Association 2016 – Present
- In The Margins
 - Member- 2023-Present
- Chair- Committee on Diversity 2021 – 2022
 - Member- 2022 – Present
 - Co-Chair- Library Services to the Justice (Involved)- 2022 – Present
- YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)
 - YALSA Task Force Committee
 - YALSA Graphic Novel Blogger
 - YALSA Amazing Audiobook Blogger
- American Bar Association 2015 – Present
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2010 – Present
- American Association of Law Libraries 2016 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Preparing Future Faculty Certificate