

CURRICULUM VITAE

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OVERVIEW

Education and Qualifications

Achieved a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University in 2007.
Dissertation Title: THE GLASS CEILING: AN ANALYSIS OF WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE DEEP SOUTH, Lambert Academic Publishers, 2010.

Achieved a M.A. in English/Mass Communications from Jackson State University in 1982.
Thesis Title: Agenda Setting: The Effects of Television on Children in Jackson, Mississippi.

Achieved a B.S. in Music Education from Lincoln University in 1973.
Concentration: Classical Piano.

Teaching and Other Professional Experiences

- Assistant Professor in Mass Communications Department; Department Graduate Program Coordinator (2012), Public Service Coordinator; and Co-Chairperson of the Diversity Committee, Jackson State University, Present.
- Graduate Thesis Committee Chair.
- Nominated for Board of Directors Member, Fulbright Association, 2013.
- Radio Talk Show Host of *The Judy Meredith Show*, WLEZ FM 98.1 FM, Present.
- Interviewed for a book chapter and a Washington D.C. newspaper feature article, 2013.
- Published author, Ph.D. dissertation on women administrators in higher education in the Deep South, 2010.

- Internationally Lectured at the University of Montenegro on "Women in the U.S. Media." Also met with women NGO groups regarding women issues in the former Balkan State, 2008.
- Manager/Developer of W23BC (TV23) at Jackson State University 1994 - 2008.
- Panelist at the University of Montenegro during the *Joan Rivers' Ethics in Media Conference* 2007.
- Broadcast journalist Sudan on alleged slave trading. Interviewed Prime Minister, an alleged Al-Qaeda financier and refugees in the southern region, 2007.
- Reporter on alleged slave trading and terrorist activities in Northern and Southern regions of Sudan, 2005.
- Fulbright Scholar, Senior Researcher, *Communication Sciences and the Media*, Germany, 2004.
- Radio on-air news producer for statewide operation in Mississippi, 2004.
- TV news reporter/anchor in Jackson, Mississippi and Cincinnati, Ohio. 1981 – 2003.

Key Skills and Qualities

- Highly skilled in oral and written communication.
- Strong leadership abilities – insightful as committee chairs and project coordinators.
- Excellent facilitator of public events. Confident in writing news releases and conducting press conferences.
- Strong rapport building skills – demonstrate ability to develop and nurture good relationships with academic staff and students.
- Excellent in developing relationships in the state legislature.
- Strong commitment to resolving challenges and conflicts by using diplomatic approaches.
- Proven skills in developing a FCC-licensed TV station from concept to operations and subsequent license renewal processes.
- Experienced in conducting academic research.
- Experienced in diversity research and writing and reporting plan and projects to accrediting body ACEJMC.
- Proven teaching skills in group and classroom activity.

- Knowledge of the principles of delivering effective teaching through the use of digital technology.
- Strong commitment to working with students on comprehensive and quality special projects.
- Experienced as a graduate thesis committee member.
- Excellent facilitator of journalism writing lab exercises.
- Experienced in developing online classroom manuals for students.
- Experienced in supervising student projects for awards *i.e.* The Mississippi Association of Broadcasters and the Associated Press.
- Confident in the use of most MS Office software to build succinct and accurate reports.
- Highly skilled in developing and writing Title III project narratives and subsequent reports.

WORK HISTORY

July 2008 – 2013 (Retired)

Assistant Professor

Department of Mass Communications

Jackson State University

Jackson, MS

- Department Graduate Program Coordinator, 2012.
- Department Interim Chair, Summer, 2012.
- Department Coordinator, Public Service.
- Department Committee Chair, Diversity.
- University Faculty Senator.
- University Grievance Committee.

Jan 1994 – July 2008

Manager/Developer

W23BC (TV23)

Jackson State University

Jackson, MS

- Developed FCC Licensed TV Station.
- Secured funding for the operation and relocation of station.
- Acquired programming for 24/7-station broadcasting.
- Hired professional and qualified staff.
- Developed hands-on training activities for Mass Communications students.

June 1996 – July 1997

Radio News Announcer

Southern Urban Network

Jackson, MS

- Developed news stories for the day.
- Scheduled and conducted interviews.
- Voiced news segments

March 1992 – Dec 1994

Assignments Editor Jackson, MS

WAPT - TV

Jackson, MS

- Assigned Reporters/videographers stories daily.
- Developed story ideas.
- Developed relationships with community leaders, politicians and government officials.
- Maintained contact with news crews throughout the day.
- Monitored emergency scanners for breaking news.

July 1992 – March 1992

Reporter/Anchor

WDBD - TV

Mississippi News Tonight

Love Communications

Jackson, MS

- Gathered and reported news for statewide nightly TV program.
- Anchored "Capitol News Watch/CNN local news updates.
- Produced and hosted segment for television special *Our Finest Hour*.

June 1988 – Dec 1991

Writer

San Diego, CA

- Wrote fictional autobiography based on the search and discovery of birth family.

June 1983 –June 1988

Reporter/Anchor

WLWT - TV

Multimedia Inc.

Cincinnati, OH

- General Assignment Reporter.
- Produced and anchored morning news show.

Aug 1981 –Jun 1983

Reporter/Anchor

WAPT - TV

Jackson, MS

- General Assignment Reporter.
- Produced and anchored weekend news.

QUALIFICATIONS

2007

Doctor of Philosophy, Arts and Sciences, Public Policy and Administration

Mississippi State University

Starkville, Mississippi

Supervisor: Stephen Shaffer, PhD

Dissertation Topic: Hindrances women face in achieving upper level administrative positions in public universities in the Deep South.

- Title: THE GLASS CEILING: AN ANALYSIS OF WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE DEEP SOUTH
- Published: Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany 2010.
- Dissertation located online and library at Mississippi State University.

1982

Masters of English (Concentration Mass Communication)

Jackson State University

Jackson, MS

Supervisor: Elayne Hayes Anthony, PhD

Thesis Topic: A case study of TV violence and its effects on children in Jackson, Mississippi

- Title: AGENDA SETTING: THE EFFECTS OF TELEVISION ON CHILDREN IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.
- The Master of Arts thesis is located at The Sampson Library at Jackson State University Library.

1974

Bachelors of Music Education

Lincoln University

Jefferson City, MO

- Concentration: Classical Piano.
- Performed piano recital to fulfill degree requirements.

1997

Fulbright Scholar, Senior Researcher

- Communication Sciences and the Media, Germany

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Fulbright Academy, Alumni Member
The American Society for Public Administration
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
The International Studies Association

SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Clinton MS Chapter

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2010 PhD Dissertation published.
- 2010 Appointed Diversity Chairmen for the Department of Mass Communications at Jackson State University.
- 2008 Appointed Public Service Coordinator for the Department of Mass Communications at Jackson State University.
- 2007 Lectured at Montenegro University on "Women in the U.S. Media."
- 2007 Met with women's organization (NGO) about women's issues within the evolving former Balkan State to a democratic government in Montenegro.
- 2007 Wrote and awarded Title III Grant Project, "Convergence Training for Mass Communication Students."
- 2006 Executive Producer, national TV production, *CBS Christmas Eve Special*.
- 2002 Wrote and awarded Title III Grant Project, \$378 thousand, TV Digital Training for Mass Communication Students."
- 2002 Acquired \$2 million appropriation from Mississippi State Legislature for constructing and equipping Jackson State University's TV station.
- 2005 Relocated TV station to Mississippi e-Center with new state of the art digital equipment. Station currently broadcasts on Comcast channel 14 and UHF 23.
- 1999 Secured Time Warner Cable Channel for University LPTV TV23, an in-kind service of \$3-million.
- 1999 Acquired 24/7, \$100 annual in-kind programming with Black Family Channel, an annual savings to the University.
- 1999 Panelist, Joan Rivers Media Ethics Conference at the University of Hawaii.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2012 Best Presentation of Session at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference.

- 2007 Induction - Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Policy and Administration, Mississippi State University.
- 2006 Gold Award - PSA, Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.
- 2004 Gold Award - PSA, Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.
- 2004 Silver Award - PSA, Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.
- 2004 Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, Empire, Inc.
- 2000 1st Place - News Story, Associated Press.
- 2000 2nd Place - News Story, Associated Press.
- 2000 3rd Place - News Story, Associated Press.
- 2000 Gold Award - News Story, Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Departmental

- 2006 - 2012 Committee Member, Department of Mass Communication Advisory Council.
- Present Coordinator, Public Service.
- Present Chair, Diversity Committee.
- Present Committee Member, Jackson Area High School Paper Association,
- 2010 Organized International Brown Bag event.
- 2010 Authored mentoring guide for minority students.
- 2010 Wrote Bylaws for Diversity Committee.
- 2001 Organized TV station recruitment luncheon for local high school students considering Mass Communication major at the University, 2001.

University

- Present, Faculty Senator
- Present, Faculty Grievance Committee Member
- 2006 Committee Member, "1 Mississippi: 40th Anniversary of The Meredith Walk Against Fear.
- 2006 Committee Member, "Community and Resilience" proposal for contract for state disaster plan.
- 2005 Produced PSA for Tsunami Gospel Relief Concert aired on Cable and local TV stations.
- 2004-06 Committee Member, Margaret Walker Alexander Research Center Board.
- 2004 Committee Member, University Capitol Campaign Fund.
- 2004 Produced promotional spot for University's 125th anniversary.
- 1999 Produced video for Marketing and Recruitment Department.

Community

- Present Committee Member, 2011 50th Anniversary of Freedom Riders in Mississippi (national event).
- Present Volunteer, marketing for the Tougaloo College and the International Museum of Muslim Cultures joint national conference.
- 2004-09 Member, salvation Army Advisory Board, Jackson, MS 2004.

- 2004 Produced local promotional spot for Dresden Art Exhibit.
- 1996 Produced local PSA for Leadership Jackson, MS 1996.
- 1995 Produced Flu Vaccination PSA to promote prevention among senior citizens.
- 1995 Produced Metro Crime Commission PSA.
- 1995 Developed TV production training program students at Jackson Public Schools (Career Development Center), Belhaven College and Hinds Jr. College, 1995.

National/International

- Present – Diversity Task Force Member, 2013 Fulbright Association.
- Present – Board of Directors Member Nomination, 2013 Fulbright Association.

PUBLISHED WORKS and BROADCASTING ACTIVITY

- Monograph, THE GLASS CEILING: AN ANALYSIS OF WOMEN IN ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE DEEP SOUTH. Lambert Academic Publishers, Nov. 2010.
- Book Interviewee, McGee, M.C., JAMES MEREDITH: WARRIOR AND THE AMERICA THAT CREATED HIM, 124-27, 130, 133, 137, Praegar Publishing, 2013.
- Book Endorsement, Collier, D.D., McGee, M.C., MARRIED TO SIN: A MEMOIR
- Featured article (Interviewee) in the *Washington Informer*, Vol. 48, No. 18, Feb. 14 – 20, 2013.
- Radio Program - *The Judy Meredith Show*, WLEZ FM 98.1 FM, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Present.

CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITY

- A Reflective Look Back: Through the Eyes of Those Reporting on the Civil Rights Era. Presentation, 2013 Best of Session at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference.
- Shades of Higher Education in Mississippi: A Comparative Study of Strategies and Attitudes Toward Reaching and Retaining Diversity Goals at Two Mississippi Public Universities, The University of Mississippi and Jackson State University. Presentation, National Association of African American Studies, February 2013.
- Book Chapter, Are HBCU's still relevant?

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Africa

Cairo Egypt

Asia

Bangkok Thailand

Hong Kong China
Singapore Singapore
Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
Bali Indonesia
Pangkal Pinang Indonesia
Phuket Indonesia

Europe

London England
Shannon Ireland

South America

São Paulo Brazil
Atiabria Brazil

PERSONAL DATA

Marital Status: Married

Residency Status: USA, Jackson, MS

Languages English, some Spanish