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EDUCATION

Liberty University 2023

EdD in Higher Education Administration

Capstone: “Recommendations for Solving the Problem of Students’ High Failure Rates of the EN 101-English Composition I at Miles College in Fairfield, AL”

Advisor: Lisa Colapietro, EdD

Liberty University 2022

Executive Graduate Certificate in Higher Education Administration

Southern New Hampshire University

M.A. in English & Creative Writing 2016

Concentration: Poetry

Master’s Thesis: “Surviving Myself: A Poetry Collection”

Berea College

B.A. in African and African American Studies 2008

Senior Thesis: “Washington v. DuBois in the 21st Century”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

African American Literature, African American Culture, Harlem Renaissance, Black Arts Movement, Creative Writing, Poetry, Composition, Historically Black Colleges and Universities

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Miles College

Assistant Professor of English and Writing Center Coordinator 2017-Present

Courses Taught: EN 101-English Composition I; EN 102- English

Composition II; EN 201-Introduction To Literature; EN 301-Grammar and Linguistics;

EN 380-African American Contemporary Writers; EN 390-Poetry; EN 400-African American

Autobiography; EN 404-Comparative Africana Literature; SPE 111-Fundamentals of Speech;

HUM 201-Humanities

TRiO Senior Counselor 2021-Present

Responsible for academic, personal, social, career counseling, academic, and financial aid

advising for 140 TRIO students on campus. Collaborate with faculty and staff in General

Education and Academic Foundations as well as other units on campus to develop strategies to

increase student participation. Serve as advisor of the college chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon

National Honor Society.

Lawson State Community College Adjunct English Professor Course Taught: ENG 101-English Composition I; ENG 102-English Composition II; ENG 251-American Literature I	2017-2021
Kingdom Ink Entertainment Spoken Word Artist/Writer Provide live entertainment of spoken word poetry, as well as published poetry chapbooks. Conducted creative writing workshops at local schools. Performed works in cities including Birmingham, AL; Atlanta, GA; Chicago, IL; Norfolk, VA; and New York, NY.	2012 – Present
Education Corp. of America Military Student Center Specialist Reviewed, verified, and assessed application and support documents in accordance with VA established guidelines for military students in over 80 campuses.	2015 – 2017
United States Navy Operations Supervisor Implemented a rigorous training plan executing over 35 lectures enhancing unit readiness and yielding 100% advancement within the unit.	2011-2014
Virginia Wesleyan College Director of Sustainability and Energy Directed sustainability initiative for the College while serving as project manager for the President’s Sustainability Council. Published carbon inventory report as part of American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.	2008-2009

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of College English Teachers in Alabama-NCTE Liaison 2022-2024

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society-Chapter Advisor

National Council of Teachers of English-Affiliate Leader

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.-Chapter Advisory Board member

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Books

Surviving Myself 2020
Guerrilla Ignition Publishing

An Open Table 2013
Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Soul Appetizer: A Sampler 2012
Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Poems

“Imagine” and “UNITY”

Black and Latinx Poetry Project 2020
Alegria Bilingual Media

“Your Light” 2020

Poetry Leaves Volume 5: Adult Contemporary Edition
Waterford Township Public Library

“Raspberry Rivers,” “Coroner,” “Symphony,” “Harlem,” and
“Do I Matter” 2018

The Griot: The Journal of African American Studies Volume 37 Number 1
Spring 2018

Articles

“Magic City Slamfest”

Spoken Visions Magazine, Winter 2016 Issue 2016
Spoken Visions Publishing

Performances & Presentations

Featured performer for The Flourish Alabama Presents High Tea poetry show in Birmingham, AL, April 2023

Featured Performer for the Art Out Loud Open Mic Variety Show in Atlanta, GA April 2023

“Sympathetic Imagination for Mathu: Teaching A Gathering of Old Men” Panelist at the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama at Jefferson State Community College in Clanton, AL, February 2023

“Come on In: Creating a Culture of Comfort in an HBCU Writing Center” Paper presentation at the 2023 Southeastern Writing Center Association conference in Memphis, TN, February 2023

“It Ain’t Easy: Trauma through Walter Mosely” Paper presentation at the 107th Association for the Study of African American Life and History conference in Montgomery, AL, September 2022

Featured Performer at the Laugh, Snaps, and Rhymes Show at Linked Up Church in Powder Springs, GA, April 2022

Featured Performer/Panelist for Magic City Poetry Festival show in Bessemer, AL, April 2022

“When the Revolution Comes: Last Poets & Spoken Word” Paper presentation at the 2022 Breakin’ Black Reachin’ Back Conference Virtual Conference, April 2022

“Sympathetic Imagination for the Invisible Man: Teaching the Novel from Ralph Ellison” Co-panelist at the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama in Montgomery, AL, February 2022

“There’s Power in Our Pens: Utilizing Pieces from Black Literary Movements for First Year Literature Courses at HBCUs” Paper presentation at the 2022 Southeast Philosophy of Education Conference in Decatur GA, February 2022

Featured Performer at the Laughs & Snaps Show at Eighty-Eight Bar and Lounge in Birmingham, Alabama, January 2022

Featured Performer at Mindwell Poetry in Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2021

“When Your Pen Speaks” Spoken Word Virtual Workshop at the Chicago Public Library, October 2021

“Sympathetic Imagination for Malcolm Little: Teaching the Autobiography of Malcolm X” Co-Panelist at the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama Virtual Conference, February 2021

“Power in the Pen: Utilizing Poems from Black Arts Movement Writers for First-Year Literature Courses at HBCUs” Paper presentation at the National Council for Black Studies conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2020

“Sympathetic Imagination in Native Son: Teaching Richard Wright’s Novel” Moderator and Co-Panelist at the Association of College English Teachers of Alabama Conference at University of North Alabama, Florence, AL February 2020

“Social Injustice and Poetic Possibility: The Power of Spoken Word” Co-Panelist at the 21st Residency Conference at Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, OH, January 2020

“Welcome to Harlem: Utilizing Short Stories from Harlem Renaissance Writers for First-Year Writing Courses at HBCUs” Paper presentation at the Eighteenth Claflin University Conference

on Contemporary English and Language Arts Pedagogy in Secondary and Postsecondary Institutions, Orangeburg, SC, October 2019

Featured Performer at Do You Lyric Lounge show at Hodgepodge Coffee in Atlanta, GA, October 2019

“Welcome to Harlem: Utilizing Short Stories from Harlem Renaissance Writers for First-Year Writing Courses at HBCUs” Paper presentation at the 2019 HBCU Symposium on Rhetoric and Composition at Morehouse College, September 2019

Guest Speaker at Orchard Knob Missionary Baptist Church Youth Conference in Chattanooga, TN, June 2019

Featured Performer at Hammonds House Museum in Atlanta, GA, April 2019

Performer at Alabama Book Festival Open Mic, April 2019

“Go In: Def Poetry Jam and the Spoken Word Movement” Paper presentation at the 2019 Southern Conference of African American Studies, Inc. Conference, Tallahassee, FL, Feb 2019

“Who Are You Fighting For: Anti-War Poetry in the Black Arts Movement” Paper presentation at the 103rd Meeting & Conference for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Oct. 2018

Performer at Magic City Poetry Festival Opening Mixer, April 2018