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Education:

- 1999 **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN. **Ph.D.** American Studies.
Concentrations: African American Literature, Women's Studies, Oral Discourse
Analysis. Advisors: Carol Miller, David Roediger, Toni McNaron.
- 2023 **Union Theological Seminary**, New York, NY. **M.A.** Religion.
Concentration: Religion and Black Experience. Advisors: Timothy Adkins-Jones
and Gary Dorrien.
- 1995-1996 **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI. C.I.C. Traveling Scholar.
- 1994 **Wayne State University**, Detroit, MI. **B.A.** English. Summa Cum Laude.
- 1987-1991 **Lawrence Technological University**, Southfield, MI. Business
Administration; Marketing Concentration.

Administrative Appointments:

- Jul-Dec 2025 **Special Assistant to the President**, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA
- 2020-2025 **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**, Norfolk State University,
Norfolk, VA.
- 2012-2020 **Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences**, University of Houston,
Downtown, Houston, TX.
- 2008-2012 **Founding Chair, Department of Gender and Race Studies**, The University of
Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2009-2012 **Director, Graduate Studies**, Department Gender and Race Studies, The
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2007-2010 **Director, African American Studies Program**, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL.

Academic Appointments:

- 2020-Present **Professor, History and Interdisciplinary Studies**, Norfolk State University,
Norfolk, VA.
- 2012-2020 **Professor, History, Humanities, and Languages (formerly Arts and
Humanities)**, University of Houston, Downtown, Houston, TX.
- 2008-2012 **Associate Professor, Gender and Race Studies (formerly Women's Studies)**,
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2007-2012 **Associate Professor, American Studies**, The University of Alabama,
Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2005-2007 **Associate Professor, English**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Women
and Gender Studies, and African and African American Studies affiliate, and
Barrett Honors College Disciplinary Faculty.
- 2001-2005 **Assistant Professor, English**, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.
Women's Studies, and African and African American Studies affiliate.
- 2000-2001 **Assistant Professor, Language and Literature**, Rochester Institute of
Technology, Rochester, NY

1999-2000 **Volunteer Instructor (IFESH-TFA).** Jimma University, College of Agriculture.
Jimma, Ethiopia.

Selected Grants, Fellowships and Honors:

2024 China Studies Institute Fellowship, China Education Association for International
Exchange (CEAIE) and American Association of State Colleges and Universities
(AASCU) (\$10,000)
2021 Lumina Foundation-Equity Institutions Grant (\$105,000)
2021 Union Tuition Scholarship (\$71,010)
2020 Southern Company HBCU Grant (\$220,000)
2020 Microsoft Impact Grant (\$200,000)
2019 President's Award, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
2018 French Embassy in the United States, Transatlantic Mobility Grant (\$20,000)
2018 Outstanding Leadership Award, Society for the Study of American Women Writers
2014 Millennium Leadership Initiative Institute—American Association of State Colleges and
Universities (AASCU)
2013 Chancellor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap—University of
Houston System
2013 HERS Institute Fellow—Bryn Mawr
2011 Academic Advisors Excellence Award Recognition—University of Alabama
2010 Southeastern Conference Academic Consortium—Academic Leadership Development
Program (SECAC-ALDP) Fellow
2010 University of Alabama Leadership Academy Fellow
2007 Arizona Humanities Council Grant (\$6,000)
2005 AAUW American Fellowship (\$40,000)
2005 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (\$5,000)
2003 Early Career Minority Research Grant (\$6,000)
2002-04 Geier Faculty Research Grant (\$6,000/yr)
1996 Rackham Travel Grant (\$1500)
1995 C.I.C. Pre-doctoral Fellowship (\$24,000/year, 4 years)
1995 Phi Beta Kappa
1994 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (\$12,750)
1994 Ford Foundation Honorary Fellow

Selected Publications:

Books

Quicksand by Nella Larsen. Edited with new introduction and chronology. Boston: Bedford-St.
Martin's, 2016. Print.

*Sapphire's Literary Breakthrough: Erotic Literacies, Feminist Pedagogies, Environmental
Justice Perspectives.* Co-edited with Elizabeth McNeil, Neal Lester, and Lynette Myles. New
York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. Print.

Speaking Lives, Authoring Texts: Three Women's Oral Slave Narratives. Co-edited with
Reginald Pitts. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 2009. Print. Selected for study by Society for the
Study of American Women Writers Texas Regional Study Group, February 2013.

Speaking Power: Black Feminist Orality in Women's Narratives of Slavery. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. 2006. Print.

Book Chapters

"Foreword." *Critical Race Studies Across Disciplines.* Ed. Jonathan Chism, Stacie Craft DeFreitas, Vida Robertson, and David Ryden. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. 2023. xi-xiii.

"'There is Might in Each': Slave Narratives and Black Feminism." *The Oxford Handbook of the African American Slave Narrative.* Ed. John Ernest. New York: Oxford University Press. 2014. Print. 248-259.

"Looking for 'the Alternative[s]': Locating Sapphire's *Push* in African American Literary Tradition through Literacy and Orality" *Sapphire's Literary Breakthrough: Erotic Literacies, Feminist Pedagogies, Environmental Justice Perspectives.* Ed. DoVeanna S. Fulton, et. al. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. Print.

"Strong Drink, Strong Work: Frederick Douglass, Frances E. W. Harper, and Martin R. Delaney Working Temperance, Working Race." *Loopholes and Retreats.* Ed. Hanna Wallinger and John Gruesser. LIT Verlag, 2009. 81-100. Print.

Refereed Journal Publications

"'Going After Something Else': Sapphire on the Evolution from *Push* to *Precious* and *The Kid*." Co-edited with Elizabeth McNeil, Neal Lester, and Lynette Myles. *Callaloo* 37.2 (2014). Print.

"'Come through the water, come through the flood': Black Women's Gospel Practices and Social Critique." *Journal of Religion and Society*. 13 (2011).
<http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/2011.html>

"Sowing Seeds in an Untilled Field: Temperance and Race, Indeterminacy and Recovery in Frances E. W. Harper's *Sowing and Reaping*." *Legacy: A Journal of American Women Writers*. 24 (2007). 207-224. Print.

"Comic Views and Metaphysical Dilemmas: Shattering Cultural Images through Self-Definition and Representation by Black Women Comedians." *Journal of American Folklore* 117 (2004): 81-96. Print.

"Speak Sister, Speak, Oral Empowerment in *Louisa Picquet, The Octoroon*" *Legacy: A Journal of American Women Writers* 15 (1998): 98-103. Print.

Selected Presentations and Workshops of 100:

Selected Invited Presentations and Workshops of Over 30

October 2025. Temperance Activism and Frances E. W. Harper. Penn State University. State College, PA.

August 2025. Prospectives from Provosts: Navigating Challenges and Shaping Vision. Academic Leadership Institute (ALI). Swarthmore, PA.

July 2023. Leadership Initiative for a New Academy (LINA). American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). New York, NY.

June 2022. Cabinet Panel Briefing. Emerging Leaders Program. American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Washington, DC.

October 2021-March 2022. Strengthening Democracy Planning Group. American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Washington, DC.

Selected Refereed Conference Presentations of Over 50

April 2024. "Loves Struggle: Black Women's Theology and Social Justice." College Language Association. Memphis, TN.

August 2022. "Neo-Pentecostalism: Black Ambivalence and Social Change." Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies. Oxford, England.

January 2021. "Academic Trajectories: Moving into Academic Administration." Sponsored Panel-Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS). 2021 Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Convention. Virtual.

November 2019. Interview with President Emerita Beverly Daniel Tatum. General Session. Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) 54th Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

November 2018 Presidential Address "Accepting Difference, Expanding Definitions, and Empowering Women through Resistance and Recovery in the Society for the Study of American Women Writers," Society for the Study of American Women Writers 2018 Triennial Conference, Denver, CO.

Selected Workshop and Professional Development Experiences of Over 20:

2023-2024. Executive Leadership Program. American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Washington, DC.

June 2021. Religious Resources for Living Beyond Crisis. Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA.

June 2014 Millennium Leadership Initiative. American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU). Washington, DC.

June 2013 HERS Leadership Institute. Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, PA.

International Education Teaching

African Diaspora in France Study Abroad (University of Houston-Downtown, 2019)

Study Abroad to Ghana (University of Houston-Downtown, 2014 and 2018)

Study Abroad to Ghana (University of Alabama, 2010)

International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, Teachers for Africa, (Jimma College of Agriculture, Jimma, Ethiopia, 1999-2000)

Selected Service:

Profession

- Academy of New Provosts, American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), 2024 and 2025, Mentor
- Strengthening Democracy: Minority Serving Institutions and America's Racial Reckoning Series Planning Committee, 2021-2022, Advisory Member.
- Texas International Education Committee (TIEC), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2018-2020, Member.
- Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2018-2020, Appointed Member.
- Society for the Study of American Women Writers, 2016-2019, President.
- 2016 College Language Association Convention, Houston, TX, April 6-9, 2016, Co-Chair and Co-Host.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Reviewer, American Studies Panel, July 2015
- Council for Colleges of Arts and Sciences Standing Committee on Metropolitan/Urban Institutions, Chair.
- "Recovering Black Women's Voices and Lives Symposium." University of Alabama. Tuscaloosa, AL. November 2009, Chair.
- University of Texas, San Antonio. San Antonio, TX. June 2009
- "*PUSHing* Boundaries, *PUSHing* Art: A Symposium on the Works of Sapphire" Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. February 2007, Organizer.
- Manuscript Reviewer: African American Review, Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS), University of Massachusetts Press, Oklahoma University Press, Palgrave Macmillan.
- "Speaking to Write/Right" Multi-Ethnic Studies in Europe and the Americas, Pamplona, Spain, Co-Organizer.

University

- President's Cabinet, Norfolk State University
- Co-chair, Norfolk State University Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee
- Search Committees, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs and Provost, Dean of Students (chair), Dean of College of Science and Technology (chair), University of Houston-Downtown
- Cornel West Visit to UHD Planning Committee, Chair, University of Houston-Downtown
- Planning and Budget Development Committee, University of Houston-Downtown
- Faculty Affairs Committee, University of Houston-Downtown
- Academic Affairs Council, University of Houston-Downtown
- Dean's Council, University of Houston-Downtown
- Executive Council, University of Houston-Downtown
- International Education Committee, University of Houston-Downtown
- Graduate Council, University of Houston-Downtown
- Search Committees
- Faculty Senate: Parliamentarian, University of Alabama

College

- CHSS Planning Committee
- Search Committees
- African American Studies Executive Committee, Chair
- Bama Grad Expo Planning Committee
- College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee

Department

- Department Assessment Coordinator
- American Studies 7-Year Department Review
- Sapphire Planning Committee
- Master's Graduate Program Applications Committee, Arizona State University
- Grant Writing Ad Hoc Committee, Arizona State University
- Undergraduate Activities Committee, Arizona State University
- Graduate Studies Committee, University of Memphis
- Search Committees

Selected Community Outreach

- OBA Think Tank Fellow.
- Plum Grove Baptist Church African American History Education Committee.

Board Membership

- Hampton Roads Biomedical Research Consortium (Finance Committee)
- WHRO Community Advisory Board
- Julia C. Hester House, Inc
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Society for the Study of American Women Writers
- National Society for the Gifted and Talented
- African American Literature and Culture Institute
- Faculty Women's Association, Arizona State University
- Cosmos Esquires Boys Club
- African and African American Studies Advisory Board, University of Memphis
- Christian Board of Education, Collins Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN
- Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Co Founder: Radical Initiative of Sisters for Empowerment (RISE)

Professional Organizations:

Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS); Modern Language Association (MLA); Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW); American Studies Association (ASA); Association for the Study of African and African American Life and History (ASALH); American Folklore Society; College Language Association (CLA); Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS); Society for Multi-Ethnic Studies in Europe, and the Americas (MESEA); Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association (RMMLA); South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA); Collegium for African American Research (CAAR); Pauline Hopkins Society (Founding Member); Texas Society for

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the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW) Study Group; and Texas Women in Higher Education (TWHE).