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Career Objective

To promote the study of the culture, history, and African heritage of African Americans through innovation in teaching and curriculum development at the college level, with academic integrity.

Education

PH.D. IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN HUMANITIES 1974
The Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio

Studied with Dr. Roy Fairfield, editor, *The Federalist Papers*, and Dr. Charles Martin of the Union Institute; Dr. P. Chike Onwuachi, former Director, African Studies, Howard University; Dr. Samuel Allen, poet, Professor Emeritus of Literature, Boston University; Professor Leon Damas, poet, anthropologist, “Father” of the Negritude Literature Movement, and field study in Dakar, Senegal under Dr. Basil Matthews, author.

MASTERS OF DIVINITY CUM LAUDE 1981
Howard University, Washington, DC

MASTERS OF ARTS CUM LAUDE IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT 1960
American University, Washington, DC

Woodrow Wilson Fellow; intern to Dr. William Brooke Graves, Senior Specialist in American Government for The Libraries of Congress; student of Fritz Morestein Marx, author.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, CUM LAUDE 1959
Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

Phi Beta Kappa, Recipient of the Louise Jordan Award in 1957 and 1958

OTHER EDUCATION

Graduate Institute in African-American Studies,
Iowa State University, Iowa City, IA Summer program 1969

African Religions Symposium, Consortium for Higher Education Religious Studies
University of Miami, Oxford, OH Series of workshops 1968-1970

Presentations by Dr. Newell Booth, Coordinator, Miami University, Oxford, OH; Dr. Jensen, Anthropologist; Dr. Kipenge Koech, Kenya mythologist; and others.

Skills

TEACHING

Taught French, Cultural Awareness, and African American Literature at Wilberforce University, OH
Taught Lingala (a Bantu language) at Central State University, OH
Taught French, Negritude Literature in Translation, co-taught Women's Studies Course at Wright State University, Dayton, OH.
Taught African American History and Sociology in Washington DC Public Schools
Lecturer in African American Studies; taught graduate level seminar on the United Nations, Political Science Department, Howard University, Washington, DC.
Taught courses on the African American Woman and African American Politics at University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Professor of African American Studies, teaching Introduction to African American Studies, Introduction to African Diaspora, and African American History, Prince George Community College, Largo, MD.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

History of African-American Literature, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH
Lingala I and Lingala II, Central State University, Wilberforce, OH
Negritude Literature in Translation, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Comparative Black Literature, Howard University, Washington DC
The Black Woman, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Developed Continuing Education courses, Prince George Community College, Largo, MD, including "African American Roots," and "A Day Exploring Prince George County History" (Day tours exploring African American Historical Sites in Prince George's County)
Developed Master Syllabi for Introduction to African-American Studies and Introduction to African Diaspora, Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director, Inga Dam Project for Government of the Congo/Kinshasa, Africa.
Program Officer, Office of International Conferences, U.S. Department of State
Coordinator of Student Life Programs, Wilberforce University, OH
Organizing Director, Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Coordinator, Volunteer Service Program at Banneker Model Academic High School in Washington DC
Director, Minority Student Retention Program, Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD
Coordinator, Vocational Support Services, Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD

LEADERSHIP

Member, Board of Directors, AFRICARE, an organization specializing in development in 25 African countries with an annual budget of \$30,000,000, 1977-2000
Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, AFRICARE, 2002-2004
Organizing minister and founder, Sojourner Truth Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Washington DC, a model "New Start", intentionally diverse congregation, 1986-1990
President, Capitol Hill Group Ministries: Facilitated the organization of a Neighborhood Watch Brigade and led Candlelight Vigil Against Violence in the Neighborhood, 1988-1990
President, Classified Staff Organization, Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD 1994-1996
Director of cross-cultural "Prince George's Community College Gospel Singers" Largo, MD 1996-2000

RESEARCH

Research Assistant to Dr. William Brookes Graves, Senior Specialist in American Government, The Libraries of Congress
Coordinated data collection, High Commission for Inga Dam Project, Kinshasa, Congo
Research for the development of courses in African-American Studies
Research on Africa for Congressman Charles Diggs, Chair, Sub-Committee on Africa and Chair, District of Columbia Committee, U.S. House of Representatives.
Research on Student Volunteer Programs in America's Public Schools for the Public Schools of the District of Columbia
Research on the role of study skills in student success at Prince George Community College
Research on determining and improving rates of retention for the Minority Student Retention Program, Prince George Community College

Employment History

Professor of African American Studies, with tenure, History Department, Prince George's Community College, Largo, Maryland 2005

Associate Professor of African American Studies, History Department at Prince George's Community College, Largo, Maryland 1996-2005

Minister, Covenant Christian Community, Washington, DC 1998-2000

Coordinator, Vocational Support Services, Prince George's Community College, Largo Maryland 1994-1996

Interim Director, Minority Student Retention Program ("The A.L.A.N.A. Experience"), Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD 1993-1994

Associate Pastor, Covenant Christian Community 1990-1993

Organizing Minister, Sojourner Truth Congregation of Unitarian Universalists, Washington DC 1986-1990

Teacher, Social Studies Department, Washington, DC Public Schools 1984-1986

Full-time Homemaker and Mother 1974-1984

Lecturer, Department of African American Studies, Howard University, Washington, DC 1974-1976

Sub-Committee on International Community Relations, District of Columbia Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington DC 1973-1974

Organizing Director, Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, Wright State University, Dayton Ohio 1971-1973

Graduate field study in Dakar, Senegal 1971

Coordinator, Student Life Program, Wilberforce University, OH 1968-1971

Memberships

AFRICARE; Board of Directors, (Executive Committee, Audit and Budget Committee, Transition Committee, Search Committees for Senior Vice President), Life Member
The Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Prince George County: Member, Board of Directors, and First Vice President
Caribbean American Intercultural Organization (CAIO): Life Member, Education Committee
Prince George's Historical and Cultural Trust
Museum of Afro-American History, Wilberforce Ohio
Black Professions in International Affairs (BPIA)
American History Association (AHA)
The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Southern Poverty Law Center
The Jimmy Carter Center
Amnesty International

Publications

Chappelle, Yvonne R. And Charles S. Brown, "African Religions and the Search for African American Identity" in *African Religions: A Symposium*, Newell Booth, Editor, New York, Nok Publishing Company, 1976

Seon, Yvonne, Meditations in *Been In the Storm So Long*, Jacquie James, Editor, Boston, Beacon Press, 1990

_____ and Roxanne King, *Study Skills Can Make a Difference*. ERIC Clearinghouse, 1999

_____ *Totem Games: Poems From Limbo In Search of Jungle Images* (To be published through Black Classic Press, Baltimore, 2005-2006).

_____. Unpublished manuscript. *Totem Games: The Quest for African Identity in Diaspora*

Achievements/ Honors/ Awards

Who's Who Among America's Teachers. 2002, 2005
Marquis Who's Who In America
Marquis Who's Who Among American Women
Two Thousand Women of the World
Dictionary of International Biography
The Historymakers Project (See www.thehistorymakers.com)
First African-American woman to be ordained in the Universalist Unitarian Church
First African-American and youngest woman to be appointed Secretary to a major US Delegation (U.S. Delegation to 14th General Assembly, UNESCO, Paris, France)
Award for Distinguished Service to AFRICARE, 1989
First American hired by the Government of the Congo.
Travel in Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Europe.