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Education

2022-2027 **Rice University, Houston, TX** Doctoral Student in Sociology
2020-2022 **University of Houston, Houston, TX** Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies
2003- 2007 **University of Houston, Houston, TX** Master of Arts in Speech Communication
1998-2002 **University of Houston, Houston TX** Bachelor of Arts in Corporate and Organizational Communication

Instructional Experience

8/2011- Present **Houston Community College Northwest** *Professor of Speech Communication*

- Faculty Academy Facilitator
- Teach Intro to Speech Communication SPCH 1311
- Teach Public Speaking SPCH 1315
- Teach Interpersonal Speech SPCH 1318
- Teach Business & Professional Speech Communication SPCH 1321

8/2003-Present **University of Houston** *Lecturer, African American Studies and Communication*

- Teach Slavery and Race Relations AAS 3350
- Teach Twentieth Century Black Leaders AAS 4373
- Teach African American Sociolinguistics AAS 3340
- Taught Intro to Public Speaking COMM 1305
- Taught African American Communication and Identities AAS 3394

6/2008-6/2011 **Lone Star College** *Adjunct Professor of Speech Communication*

- Taught Intro to Speech Communication SPCH 1311
- Taught Public Speaking SPCH 1315
- Taught Interpersonal Speech SPCH 1318
- Taught Business Speech SPCH 1321

Educational Administration Experience

8/2009-8/2011 **Lone Star College Cy Fair Houston, TX** *Program Manager, Healthcare, Youth and A.L.L. Programs*

- Marketed programs and recruit students and adjunct faculty.
- Scheduled and staffed 35 Continuing Education courses and workforce certificate and community engagement programs for 200-600 students per term at 3 locations.
- Managed a \$280,000.00 budget; allocating funds, purchasing supplies, and adjusting for insurance and revenue.
- Liaised with industry partners, professional organizations, and local chambers of commerce in the promotion of workforce imperatives.
- Supervised 34 adjunct instructors and 1 department assistant.
- Maintained student tracking database and state-mandated records for program areas.

10/2008-8/2009 **Lone Star College System, The Woodlands, TX** *Program Coordinator, Recruitment and Retention*

- Worked with high school and university liaisons to strengthen College Readiness, Dual Credit and Tech Prep initiatives.
- Provided innovations in Lone Star Workforce Education marketing targeting international students, traditionally underrepresented groups, veterans, and other special populations.
- Facilitated College Readiness Forums.

- Made recommendations to Associate Vice Chancellor of Curriculum and Instruction concerning program improvement.
- Developed qualitative and quantitative research instruments for and designed strategies for Programs of Study project featuring Nursing and Computer Information Technology programs.
- Produced an eighth minute recruitment video targeting traditionally underrepresented populations.
<http://www.youtube.com/autumnraynor>

1/2008- 10/2008 **University of Houston Houston, TX**
Sciences

Graduate Advising Assistant, Liberal Arts & Social

- Advised over 200 international graduate students per semester on course selection, degree requirements, program details, commencement, general petitions, and other issues.
- Processed payroll and human resources documents for Work-Study students and faculty.
- Assisted College Analyst with collection of student graduation and admissions files, theses, and dissertations.
- Processed academic requests for departments and students

8/2001-8/2003 **University of Houston Houston, TX**
Coordinator

Graduate Creative Writing Program

- Developed and executed internal and external marketing and communication plan for 1400-member community.
- Supervised staff of two program assistants.
- Facilitated service-learning program internships for graduate students.
- Increased program visibility by arranging campus tours, program showcases, national advertising campaigns, recruiting fairs, real course previews, student and faculty reading series, and community interaction.
- Served as community liaison between Program and various literary entities including InPrint, Writers in the Schools, and Brazos Books.
- Maintained graduate and alumni listserv database, program website, and 2,000 volume library.
- Organized and coordinated University Accounts Payable and Human Resources documents for Program using Oracle PeopleSoft Software and Administrative Databases.
- Wrote press releases, recruitment brochures, and all official correspondence.
- Formatted, wrote content for and edited *CWP News* Newsletter.

Research, Publications, Membership, and Awards

- Nostra Aetate, Inshallah: Muhammad Ali in Community Dialogue with Catholic Communicators. Chapter in *Muhammad Ali in African Cultural Memory*. Eds. J. Conyers, C. Temple. Anthem Press 2022
- 2020 Recipient National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi Teaching Excellence Award
- 2020 Houston Community College Social Justice and Beyond Faculty Advisory Group
- “Dr. Shelby Faye Lewis: Genealogies of Knowledge and Inter-relational Knowledge Production. Founder profile presented at African Heritage Studies Association Conference October 2020
- “Anti-Black Ontological Violence in Undergraduate Textbooks.” Chapter in *African Americans in Higher Education*. Eds. J. Conyers, K. Thompson, C. Edwards. Myers Education Press 2020
- “Cultural Appropriation and Exploitation in Educational Environments: Hip Hop Material Culture and Identity in K-12 Institutions” Roundtable Chair and paper presenter, National Council of Black Studies conference. Atlanta, GA March 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rT4clwP6Kx4&t=3408s>
- “A Thousand Words: Africana Perceptions of Image-Driven Sequelae” Research paper presented at National Council of Black Studies conference. Atlanta, GA March 2020
- “Intrapersonal Narration Reliability Among African American English Communicators” Research paper presented at National Council of Black Studies conference. Atlanta, GA March 2020
- “Interfaith Africana Funerary Traditions in the Public Memorialization of Hip Hop Personalities” Quantitative research paper presented at National Council of Black Studies conference. Atlanta, GA March 2020
- “A Qualitative Study of Africana Alumni Perceptions of Community and Ownership in Houston’s Third Ward Universities” paper presentation, University of Houston-Downtown Reflecting Black Symposium Houston, TX October 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTQErPS5nYU&t=711s>
- Raynor, A (2019). The Black Spaces Project: Africana Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Responses to the Presence of White Bodies in African American-Oriented Social Spaces. *Imhotep Journal of Africology* PA: Temple University

- “Vertically Integrated: The Impact of African American Studies Courses on Ontological Manipulation in Educational Settings.” Roundtable Discussion of mixed methods research paper at National Council of Black Studies conference. New Orleans, LA March 2019
- “Black Spaces Project” Poster presentation of mixed methods research paper. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ October 2018
- “*An investigation of the impact of language variation on African American English-speaking organizational newcomers.*” Interpolation of Master’s Thesis Presented at Houston Africana Studies Psychology Symposium, March 2008, Houston, TX.
- “The History of the Louisiana Creole People” Lecture, Cypress Academy of Life Long Learning
- Texas Community College Teachers Association
- National Council of Black Studies
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
- Elizabeth Hale Calderon Memorial Scholarship
- University of Houston School of Communication Professional Promise Award
- 2011 Texas Administrators of Continuing Education co-presenter, “Social Networking Workshop.”
- 2010 Lone Star College Adjunct Certification Program Completer

Community Engagement

- TEDx ED Tomball Talk: Recipe for a Right Mind: Hip Hop, Du Bois’ Duality & German Philosophy
https://youtu.be/33jTw_qHqOE
- Workshop Facilitator: Inclusive Excellence: Diversity Communication Training January 2019 Houston, TX
- Workshop Facilitator Rhetoric of the Republic. Houston Center for Civic Engagement April 2018
- Host and Discussion Moderator for The Reel Film Series, Houston Community College: Won’t You Be My Neighbor 2018, John Lewis, Get in the Way 2017, The Children’s March 2016, Muhammad Ali 2015, Fruitvale Station 2014
- Moderator, Lone Star College CyFair panel discussion for *The Quadroon Ball* September, 2010
- Facilitator, Lone Star College System Symposium on Classroom Research, Assessment, Teaching, and Engagement Strategies. October 2010