

Candidate #4

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. American Literature. University of California at San Diego (UCSD). 1995
- M.A. 19th Century American Literature. University of California at San Diego (UCSD). 1994
- B.A. English, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). 1990

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Yale University. Fostering Diversity and Inclusion. Completion date is March 31, 2022.
- Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) Protégé. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU). Washington, D.C. 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Planning Liaison and Specialized Faculty.**
Florida State University, School of Communication. Tallahassee, FL. August 2018-present
- **Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Director for Strategic Initiatives.**
Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley Georgia. Jan. 2017-August 2018.
- **Interim Vice President for External Affairs, Executive Director of the Foundation.**
Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley Georgia. June 1, 2016 – Feb. 2017.
- **Vice President for Institutional Advancement.**
Albany State University, Albany, Georgia. February 2014-June 2016.
- **Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs.**
Albany State University, Albany, Georgia. July 3, 2012-Feb. 2015.
- **Associate Vice-Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies.** Professor of English.
North Carolina Central University, Durham North Carolina. Jan. 2011- July 2012.
- **Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research & Continuing Education. Associate Professor of English.** Florida A&M University. Jan. 2002-July 2011
- **Assistant Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research.** Florida A&M University. Jan. 2001-2002.
- **Assistant Professor. American Literature.**
Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL. August 1996-January 2001

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Outstanding University Teaching Award Nominee. Florida State University. 2022.
- Invited Lecturer. Yale University. Black Solidarity Conference. January 2020.
- Invited Presenter. Collaborating for Change Project via Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Los Angeles. February 2018.
- Reviewer. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC). Selected 2017.
- Invited Reviewer for President Obama's First in the World (FITW) Project, a 75 million-dollar Presidential program which focused on encouraging innovation, access, and completion in higher education in America. U.S. Department of Education. July, 2014.

- Federal Appointee. Appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, to serve on the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program Board until 2014. Elected by the Board to serve as Chair until 2014.
- Reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education Office of Post-Secondary Education, International Education, and Graduate Programs Service, Jacob K. Javits Ph.D. Fellowship Program.
- Reviewer of proposals for Georgia's 2014-2015 Improving Teacher Quality State Grants. (ITQ).
- Presenter for the U.S. Department of Education. Gave an invited presentation on “Best Practices in GAANN Grant Management” in the area of institutional commitment.
- Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) Protégé. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities’ (AASCU). Washington, D.C. 2006
- Reviewer for the Florida Education Fund’s McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program, which selected doctoral fellowship recipients for institutions in the State University System from 2003 to 2011.
- Outstanding University Teacher. Florida State University. 1998.
- Post-Doctoral Scholar. Ethnic Studies, University of California, San Diego. La Jolla, California. 1995-1996
- Mellon Fellowship Recipient. UCSD. Summer 1994.
- Undergraduate Research Fellow. University of California at Los Angeles. 1989
- Researcher and Assistant. Florida Lobbying Services. Tallahassee, FL . 1988-1990.
- Legislative Intern. United States Congress. U.S. Representative Charles. Hatcher, Washington D.C. 1988

FEDERAL, STATE & PRIVATE FUNDING

- Principal Investigator. Association of Public Land-grant Institutions and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Collaborating for Change Program to support FVSU’s iHelp Center for Community Service. 2017. \$50,000.00
- Principal Investigator. U.S. Dept. of Education. Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Grants in Medicinal Chemistry, Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil & Environmental Engineering. 2003-2010. \$3,682,350.00.
- Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Education. Institute for Museum and Library Studies 2008-2010. \$133,000.00.
- Principal Investigator. NASA Graduate Image Grant for PhDs in Engineering. 2003-2009. \$900,000.00.
- Principal Investigator. Proctor and Gamble Foundation for the Student Recruitment and Retention. 2015. \$10,000.00.
- Principal Investigator. Wal-Mart Foundation Grant for Students in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. 2014. \$5000.00.

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Published Book and Articles:

- Propheying Daughters: Black Women Preachers and the Word, 1823-1913. University of Missouri Press. Spring 2003.
- Revised, Second Edition. Propheying Daughters: Black Women Preachers and the Word, 1823-1913. University of Missouri Press. Spring 2016. Due to its sustainability, Propheying Daughters was selected for revision and reprinting to reach a new readership.

Published Articles and Reviews:

- "Ladder of Legacy Leaders: Women Elected Officials in Florida's Capital." *Tallahassee Woman Magazine*. February 2021.
- *Jesus, Jobs, and Justice: African American Women and Religion*. Bettie Collier Thomas. Book Review. African American Episcopal Church Review. 2011.
- "Constructing Childhood: Nation and Identity in Black Children's Literature, 1854-1865." *African American Review*. Fall 2002.
- "Propheying Daughters: Black Women Preachers, the Bible and Black Literary History, 1823-1913." *African Americans and the Bible: Social-Cultural Formation and Sacred Texts*. Edited by Vincent Wimbush. Continuum Press, Fall 2000.
- "James Weldon Johnson: A Biography." *Sun Sentinel Newspaper*, Fort Lauderdale. Feb. 22, 1998.
- "Christian Recordings: The Afro-Protestant Press and Literary Production." Co-authored with Frances S. Foster, Emory University. Religion and Literature. Franklin Press (Spring 1995).
- Introduction to *He Leadeth Me* by Frances Joseph Gaudet. Edited by Henry Louis Gates. MacMillan Publishers (Schomberg Series), 1996.
- "Eloise Greenfield." *The Oxford Companion to African American Literature*. Edited by William Andrews, Trudier Harris and Frances S. Foster. Oxford University Press, 1997.
- "The Christian Recorder and African-American Literary Scholarship." *Oxford Companion to African-American Literature*. Edited by William Andrews, Trudier Harris and Frances S. Foster. Oxford University Press, 1997.
- "The A.M.E. Book Concern and African-American Literary Scholarship." *Oxford Companion to African American Literature*. Edited by William Andrews, Trudier Harris and Frances S. Foster. Oxford University Press, 1997.
- "Love Freedom Rings with History." Review of *Freedom in the Dismal* by Monifa Love (Plover Press, 1998). *Tallahassee Democrat*, May 10, 1998. Book Review

SELECTED CONFERENCE & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Panelist and Respondent. Association of Public Land Grant Institutions (APLU). Winter Meeting of Collaborating for Change Program. Los Angeles, 2018.
- Invited Panelist for "Colloquy with Robin D.G. Kelley on Hammer and Hoe: Alabama Communists during the Great Depression, on the book's 25th Birthday." American Studies Association's Southern-Regional Conference. February 21, 2015.
- "What New Faculty Should Know about Accreditation?" Panelist. Preparing Future Faculty Symposium. Duke University & NCCU. March, 2012.

- “What You Should Know about How to Actually Write That Dissertation: The Write Steps Workshop.” Invited Presentation by the Florida Education Fund for the McKnight Fellow’s Orientation. June, 2010.
- “Demystifying the Research Writing Process: A Write Steps Workshop.” Invited Presentation by the University of Florida’s Graduate School. May, 2010. <https://youtu.be/-jpMC1pJO74>
- “The IAMM Grant, the Black Archive Museum and Graduate Education at FAMU.” United States Institute for Museum and Library Services. Washington, D.C. June 2009.
- “Best Practices in Managing the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Needs Program.” Invited Presentation by U.S. Department of Education, March 2009.
- “The Role of the Graduate Dean in Ensuring Doctoral Student Success.” Florida Education Fund Conference for McKnight Doctoral Fellows. June 14, 2008.
- “Institutional Commitment and Successful GAANN Grant Management.” Invited Presentation by the U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C. August 2006.
- “Use of Biblical Scripture by 19th Black Women Preachers.” Signifying Scriptures Conference. Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California, Feb. 2004.

SELECTED MEDIA EXPOSURE & EXPERIENCE

1. Featured on the cover of Tallahassee Woman Magazine as one of five women making a distinct difference in our community. <https://talwoman.com/february-march-2022-super-heroes/>
2. 90-minute Interview with actress and entertainer, KeKe Palmer. Florida State University. January, 2022.
3. Article on exceeding fundraising goals for the Tournament of the Roses Parade. [News article on exceeding a fundraising goal.](#)
4. Interviewed on the air and live cast with Big Tigger at V-103 in Atlanta, Georgia promoting ASU's band going to the Rose Bowl to over 1 million listeners: [Interview on Big Tigger at V-103 in Atlanta](#)
5. Television Interview. Black News Channel. Discussing my college prep academy’s success rate with improving students’ test scores and college admissions rates. December, 2021.
6. Article highlighting APLU grant received. “Colleges unveiling state-of-the-art facilities, new degree programs this school year.” Andrea Honaker. August 2017.
[HTTP://www.macon.com/news/local/education/article166678152.html](http://www.macon.com/news/local/education/article166678152.html)
7. Interviewed on National Public Radio (NPR) discussing research grant received by Albany State University. <http://wabe.org/post/albany-state-university-gets-cancer-research-grant>.
8. Feature news story on WCTV News as “Someone You Should Know.” This story covers my impact on graduate education at FAMU as well as my appointment by Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan to Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board. <http://www.wctv.tv/community/headlines/93618779.html>
9. Tallahassee School Board T.V. Channel coverage of speech I gave for the Tallahassee Professional Women’s Forum on “education being everyone’s business.” The program air for one month to an audience in the Florida’s panhandle. March 2007.
10. WCTV News Coverage on GAANN Grants. Coverage on securing an additional \$790,000 in federal funds for the U.S. Department of Education. February 2007.
11. Referenced in July 28, 2006 article, “A Crash Course for the Loneliest Job on the Campus: the Presidency,” by Ben Leubsdorf in the Chronicle of Higher Education regarding my participation in the Millennium Leadership Institute run the American Council on Education.
12. Tallahassee Democrat Newspaper. “A FAMU Dean Details the Lives of Pioneering Black Women Preachers.” This featured article discusses my book, *Prophesying Daughters*,” and connects it to contemporary women preachers. July 11, 2004.

13. WCTV. Channel 9. Public Service Announcement for tornado and hurricane preparation for the American Red Cross. Announcement aired throughout the state of Florida & Georgia for the entire month of March of 2002.
14. ABC, NBC and CBS. Featured Florida State University Faculty Member in the institutional commercials appearing nationally during halftime of FSU's athletic coverage. 1997-98.

Selected National & Local Professional & Community Service

1. Mary Alice and Mary Jo Education Fund. Board Chair. December 2021-present.
2. Thronateeska Museum Board. Member. Albany, Georgia. 2015-2019
3. Dougherty County School System's Teacher of the Year Selection Committee. Albany, Georgia. 2012-2016.
4. Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board. Chair. U.S. Department of Education. 2011-2014.
5. Tallahassee Professional Women's Association & Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. Keynote Speaker. March 2007.
6. Board of Advisors. Duke University. Preparing Future Faculty Program. January 2011-2013
7. Board of Directors. American Red Cross, Big Bend Chapter. Tallahassee, Florida. 2001-2005.
8. Keynote Speaker. Florida A&M University. Black History Month Program. February 2005.
9. Board of Directors/Treasurer. Wilwood Foundation. Camilla, Georgia. Nov. 2000-2008.

Civic Affiliations

The Links, Incorporated, Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.