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Education

MASTER OF ARTS IN HISTORY | JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATION | ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS (ACUE)

- *Certificate in Effective on Online Learning Practices*

CERTIFICATION | CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- *Certificate in Mindful Relationships*

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH | CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS/GENERAL STUDIES | KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Skills & Abilities

LEADERSHIP

- Faculty Senate Representative, Liberal Arts and Chair, Library Committee at Cuyahoga Community College
- Co-chair, English Counterparts, Cuyahoga Community College
- Co-Facilitator, Anisfield-Wolf/Cleveland Humanities Council Summer Workshops at Case Western Reserve University
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Grant Proposal Reviewer, Peer Reviewer
- Co-Chair and Editor for The League for Innovation National Student Literary Competition and Student Literary Magazine
- Executive Board, National Council of Negro Women Western Reserve Section.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Successful Essay Writing Strategies for Precollege Students" HBCU Council of Cleveland, OH
- "Poetry and Oral History," Creative Arts and Scholarly Engagement (CASE) Festival at Jackson State University
Co-hosted "A Close Reading of Phillis Wheatley, Poetry in America featuring Elisa New," via Zoom, NCTE
- "Understanding Juneteenth: A Time for Reflection" Meadan & Moore Akron

ACCOMPLISHMENTS|AWARDS

- Nominee, Ralph M. Besse Excellence in Teaching Award, 2026, Cuyahoga Community College
- Nominee, Excellence in Teaching Award 2024, Cuyahoga Community College
- Featured poet, The BLAX Museum: A Tribute to Art and Excellence, Cleveland, OH
- "Exponential Power of Meaning" award winner, American Association of College and University Professors (AAUP) Cuyahoga County Chapter
- Featured poet, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), "Reading Race: Poetic Explorations of Identity."
- Featured poet and lecturer, Langston Hughes Symposium, International Conference of 20th Century Poetry, Wuhan, China.

Work Experience

Assistant Professor, English | Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland | 2015-present

- Delivers innovative, engaged college composition, honors composition, and literature courses.
- Certified in on-ground, synchronous, and asynchronous virtual modalities.
- Develops engaging curriculum for traditional and non-traditional learners.
- Serves as English Counterparts Co-chair, and Faculty Senate Liaison for Liberal Arts Department (Eastern Campus)
- Mentors adjunct faculty and completes yearly peer observations.
- Supports Student Engagement Department, Student Success events, Curriculum Revision Taskforce, and the Mandel Scholars Program.
- Participates in professional development training and workshops.
- Participates in community outreach and activities
- Completed 2019 Mandel Leadership Fellowship Program
- Served as Writing Center Coordinator

CEO/Founder, MRankins Creative Enterprises, LLC | 2013-present

- Designs creative writing workshops using technology, social media, art, and poetry.
- Curates and provides facilitation for cultural arts, oral history/storytelling workshops, and literary events.
- Develops programming around social issues pertaining to the community and student outcomes.
- Provides consultant services on education programs, creative ideation, and adult literacy.
- Delivers workshops on the writing process for college applications, scholarship opportunities, business, and social settings.

Senior Editor | American Greetings, Incorporated. Cleveland | 2000 - 2013

- Produced innovative, high rated greeting card copy for Target, Wal-Mart, Carlton Canada, and mass channels.
- Collaborated with writers, artists, research and development, signage, social media teams, and marketing.
- Chairman's Award Winner for Product Innovation (Team).
- Supervised and trained junior editors. Provided scheduling and project management.
- Provided editorial training for international editors and writers in the Shanghai, China office.
- Prepared product forecasting reports for senior management.

Organizations

Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Kappa Phi Chapter, Jackson State University

Alpha Epsilon Lambda National Honor Society, Mu Chapter, Jackson State University

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST