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**Education:**

*The University of Tennessee at Knoxville*

Earned doctorate in political science in August 1993

Major areas of emphasis: American Government (Public Law; Congress, the Presidency, and the Judiciary, and Minority Politics)

Minor areas of emphasis: Comparative Politics and Public Administration

Dissertation: *Aftermath of the Voting Rights Act of 1965: Racial Voting Patterns in Memphis Mayoral Elections, 1967-1991*

*The University of Memphis*

Earned master's degree in political science with a minor in education in December 1989

*Christian Brothers University*

Earned bachelor's degree in history with a minor in political science in May 1987

**Teaching:**

*The University of Florida*

Director of the African American Studies Program July 2012-Present

Interim Director of the African American Studies Program August 2011-July 2012

Associate Professor from August 2004-Present

Undergraduate Coordinator from August 2008- August 2010

Visiting Associate Professor from August 2001-August 2004. Received tenure in June 2007

Courses taught at the University of Florida:

African American Politics	Community Analysis	Presidential Inauguration Seminar
African Americans in Paris	Cultural Diversity	Race, Gender, and Politics
Asian American Politics	Honors American Government	Urban Politics
American Government		

*The Junior Statesman Program at Yale University*

Associate Professor of American Government from July 1-26, 2002

*The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor*

Visiting Scholar of Political Science from August 2000-May 2001

Courses taught at the University of Michigan:

Political Participation and Pressure Groups	State and Local Government	Urban Analysis
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*The University of Missouri at Columbia*

Associate Professor of Political Science and Black Studies from July 2000-August 2002

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Black Studies from August 1995-July 2000

Courses taught at the University of Missouri:

Black Political Thought	Black Women in Politics	State and Local Government
Community Analysis	Introduction to American Government	Urban Politics
Introduction to Black Studies	Municipal Problems	Women and the Law

*The University of Louisville*

Assistant Professor of Pan African Studies from August 1992-May 1995

Courses taught at the University of Louisville:

Black Nationalist Politics in America	Civil Rights and the Law, Parts I and II
Constitutional Law-Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	Constitutional Law-Powers of Government
Contemporary African American Political Topics	Politics of the Black Community
Race, Class, and Gender in the U.S.	Southern Politics

#### **Grants for the African American Studies Program:**

Received a \$3,500 "Support for Workshops and Speaker Series in the Humanities" Grant from the Center for the Humanities and Public Sphere in March 2015. This grant will fund "The Legacy and Influence of President Barack Hussein Obama" workshop in February 2016.

Received a \$1,500 "Civil Debate Wall" Grant from the Bob Graham Center for Public Service in July 2012. This grant funded an online discussion of African American views about same-sex marriage.

Received a \$3,500 "Support for Workshops and Speaker Series in the Humanities" Grant from the Center for the Humanities and Public Sphere in February 2012. This grant will fund "The Education and Identity of African American Men" workshop in February 2013.

#### **Grants for My Research and Teaching:**

University of Florida Department of Political Science Grant for \$1,000 to conduct research on "Racial Group Consciousness and the Haitian Immigrant Quest for Political Incorporation" with Doctoral Student Danielle King, April 2010.

University of Florida Graham Center Case Study Grant for \$4,000 to conduct research on "Taking Back the Land: The Battle of Liberty City's Resident Against Gentrification." Coauthored by undergraduate student Leonard J. Laurenceau, April 2009.

University of Florida Graham Center for \$3,000 to develop a Latino Politics and Policy course, April 2008.

University of Florida Department of Political Science Grant for \$3,000 to conduct research on "Concentrated Poverty, Social Isolation, and Political Participation in the Southern Black Belt" during the summer of 2006, March 2006

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Humanities Enhancement Grant for \$4,000 to conduct research on "Concentrated Poverty, Social Isolation, and Political Participation in the Southern Black Belt," December 2005

Summer Research Fellowship for \$7,000 from the University of Missouri in June 1996 to conduct research on "An Analysis of a New Generation of Black Mayors"

Research Council Grant for \$2,000 from the University of Missouri in June 1996 to conduct research on "An Analysis of a New Generation of Black Mayors"

Faculty Development Grant for \$3,300 from the University of Missouri in June 1997 to attend the Inter-Consortium for Political and Social Science Research at the University of Michigan

Research Grant for \$2,000 from the Office of the Provost at the University of Louisville in June 1994 to conduct research at the University of West Indies at Cave Hill, Barbados, West Indies

Research Grant for \$500 from the University of Louisville in May 1993 to conduct research on "Black Women in Kentucky Politics"

Received Dissertation Fellowship for \$2,000 from the University of Louisville in August 1992

### **Honors, Awards, and Recognitions:**

Selected as a 2010-2011 Colonel Allen R. and Margaret G. Crow Term Professor of Liberal Arts and Sciences for excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service at the University of Florida, April 2010.

Winner of the Erika Fairchild Award of the Women's Caucus of the Southern Political Science Association on January 8, 2009. The award is given to a female scholar with a strong record of scholarship who is committed to students, teaching, and mentoring other female scholars, is a thoughtful, caring good citizen of the discipline, and has a collegial spirit.

Best Paper on Blacks and Politics Award for "Black Group Consciousness in South Florida". Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 18-21, 2008.

2006 SAVANT UF Honorary Membership Award. SAVANT UF was established in 1967 to recognize those "who have attained a high standard of leadership in collegiate activities and outstanding service to the University of Florida and the surrounding community." Its approximately 140 members granted an honorary membership to me during the spring 2006 semester.

2004-2005 University of Florida University-wide Advisor of the Year

2004-2005 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Advisor of the Year at the University of Florida

2004-2005 Student Activities Center Student Organization Advisor of the Year at the University of Florida for my work with the Black Political Science Association

Fellow, "Analyzing Poverty and Welfare Trends Using Census 2000 Data" Workshop at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June 23-27, 2003.

Outstanding Mentor of the Gatorlaunch Program during the 2002-2003 academic year.

Best Paper on Blacks and Politics Award for "The 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election: An Analysis of the Racial Threat Hypothesis and Black-Latino Electoral Coalitions" by Sharon D. Wright and Richard T. Middleton IV. Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, March 22, 2002.

My chapter "Clinton and Racial Politics" is published in *The Postmodern Presidency: Bill Clinton's Legacy in U.S. Politics*, which was selected by *CHOICE* AS ONE OF THE "Outstanding Academic Books of the Year" for 2001.

Outstanding Mentor of the McNair Scholars Program during the 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2004-2005 academic years

Freedom Journal Award, "The Voice Magazine Recognizes Dr. Sharon D. Wright as an Exemplar of Outstanding Service to the Students of the University of Missouri-Columbia, April 25, 1999

Profile in the *Columbia Missourian* newspaper, "The Wright Stuff: MU Professor Spearheads Civil Rights Education," October 19, 1997

Certificate of Recognition, "The Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students Recognizes Dr. Sharon D. Wright for Dedicating her Time and Expertise to the 1998 Graduate Professional Development Workshop," April 3, 1999

Certificate of Appreciation, "The Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students Recognizes Dr. Sharon D. Wright for Participating in the 1997 Graduate Professional Development Workshop," April 9, 1998

"A Case Study in Intra-Racial Divisions: The 1994 Shelby County Mayoral Election" received the Rodney Higgins Best Paper Award of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 6-10, 1996

Fellow, Sixth Annual Africana Studies Summer Institute at the University of Ghana at Legon, West Africa. The four-week institute (July 9-August 6, 1995) was sponsored by the National Council for Black Studies and a grant from the Ford Foundation

Fellow, Summer Institute at the University of West Indies, Cave Hill in Barbados, West Indies. The four-week institute (July 19-August 22, 1994) was sponsored by the University of Louisville and the University of West Indies.

### **Publications:**

#### **Manuscripts-Published:**

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *The Transformation of Plantation Politics in the Mississippi Delta: Black Politics, Concentrated Poverty, and Social Capital in the Mississippi Delta* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2006), 280 pages.

Sharon D. Wright. *Race, Power, and Political Emergence in Memphis* (New York: Routledge Press, 2000), 218 pages.

#### **Manuscript Under Review:**

*The Caribbeanization of Black Politics: Group Consciousness and Political Participation in America*, 450 pages.

#### **Refereed Journal Articles-Published:**

Sharon D. Wright Austin, Sekou M. Franklin, and Angela K. Lewis. "The Effects of Concentrated Poverty on Black and White Political Participation in the Southern Black Belt." *National Political Science Review* 15 (2013): 57-69.

Sharon D. Wright Austin, Richard T. Middleton IV, and Rachel Yon. The Effect of Racial Group Consciousness on the Political Participation of African Americans and Black Pan-Ethnics in Miami-Dade County, Florida. *Political Research Quarterly* 65, 3 (September 2012): 629-641.

Baodong Liu, Sharon D. Wright Austin, and Byron D'Andra Orey. Church Attendance, Social Capital, and Black Voting Participation. *Social Science Quarterly* 90, 3 (September 2009): 576-592.

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Richard T. Middleton IV. The Limitations of the Deracialization Concept in the 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election. *Political Research Quarterly* 57, 2 (June 2004): 283-293.

Sharon D. Wright and Richard T. Middleton IV. The 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election: Implications for Deracialization and Biracial Coalition Theories. *Politics and Policy* (formerly known as the *Southeastern Political Review*) 29, 1 (2002): 692-707.

Sharon D. Wright. The Tennessee Caucus of Black State Legislators. *The Journal of Black Studies* 31, 1 (September 2000): 3-19.

Sharon D. Wright. Political Organization or Machine: The Impact of Harold E. Ford's Endorsements in Memphis Mayoral Elections. *National Political Science Review: The Journal of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists* 7(Fall 1999): 210-220.

Sharon D. Wright. Electoral and Biracial Coalition: Possible Election Strategy for African American Candidates in Louisville, Kentucky. *The Journal of Black Studies* 25, 6 (July 1995): 749-758.

### **Refereed Book Chapters-Published:**

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Danielle King. President Barack Obama and Racial Politics. In *Barack Obama's Historic Legacy: A Two Year Assessment*, ed. John Davis. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Richard T. Middleton IV. Racial Politics of Gaming in the Delta. In *Resorting to Casinos: The Mississippi Gaming Industry*, ed. Denise von Hermann (Oxford, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2006).

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Richard T. Middleton IV. The 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election: Implications for Deracialization and Biracial Coalition Theories. In *Black and Latino/a Politics: Issues in Political Development in the United States*, eds. Jessica Lavariega Monforti and William E. Nelson Jr. (Miami, FL: Barnhardt and Ash, 2006) [reprint of "The 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election: Implications for Deracialization and Biracial Coalition Theories." *Politics and Policy* (formerly known as the *Southeastern Political Review*) 29, 1 (2002): 692-707.]

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Richard T. Middleton IV. Sustainability in the Twin Cities of Biloxi-Gulfport, Mississippi. In *Governing Middle-Sized Cities: Studies in Mayoral Leadership*, eds. Wilbur C. Rich and James Bowers (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000).

Sharon D. Wright and Minion K.C. Morrison. The African American Political Experience. In *The Historical and Bibliographical Guide to the African American Experience*, eds. Arvarh Strickland and Robert E. Weems Jr. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2000).

Sharon D. Wright. Clinton and Racial Politics. In *The Postmodern Presidency: Bill Clinton's Legacy in U.S. Politics*, ed. Steven Schier (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1999).

Sharon D. Wright. The Activism of Black Women in Congress, 1967-1997. In *African American Women's Activism Since the Civil Rights Movement*, ed. Kimberly Springer. (New York: New York University Press, 1999).

Sharon D. Wright. The Deracialization Strategy and African American candidates in Memphis Mayoral Elections. In *Race, Politics and Governance in the United States*, ed. Huey L. Perry (Gainesville, FL: University of Florida Press, 1997).

### **Forthcoming Publications:**

Dario Moreno and Sharon D. Wright Austin. Politics and Ethnic Change in Florida. In *Government and Politics in Florida*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, ed. James Edwin Benton. (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, Forthcoming).

Sharon D. Wright Austin and Rachel Yon. The Black Vote. In *The Manship School Guide to Political Communication. Third Edition*, eds. David Perlmutter and Robert Mann. Louisiana State University Press. Submitted in February 2009.

### **Research Report:**

Sharon D. Wright. Casino Gaming in the Delta: Race, Politics, and Gaming in Tunica County, Mississippi. In *The Trotter Review of the University of Massachusetts, Boston* 38 (Summer 2000).

### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

Sharon D. Wright Austin. Constance Baker-Motley. In *An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*, eds. Otis H. Stephens Jr., John M. Scheb II, and Kara E. Stooksbury (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. Rosa Parks. In *An Encyclopedia of American Civil Rights and Liberties*, eds. Otis H. Stephens Jr., John M. Scheb II, and Kara E. Stooksbury (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006).

## Book Reviews:

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *American Politics and the African American Quest for Universal Freedom. Eighth Edition.* Hanes Walton Jr., Robert Smith, and Sherri Wallace (Manuscript reviewed for Routledge Press in June 2015).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *African American Politics.* Andra Gillespie and Shayla Nunnally. (Manuscript reviewed for Routledge Press in December 2012).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Contemporary Southern Politics.* Seth McKee. (Manuscript reviewed for Routledge Press in August 2012).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Ciencia Politica: The Scientific Analysis of Latino Politics in the United States.* Edited by Tony Affigne, Evelyn Hu-DeHart, and Marion Orr. (Manuscript reviewed for Routledge Press in March 2011).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *To the Right and Misunderstood: Conservatism in the Black Community.* Angela K. Lewis.

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Whose Black Politics? Case Studies in Post-Racial Black Leadership.* Edited by Professor Andra Gillespie. (Manuscript reviewed for Routledge Press in January 2009).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *African American Politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Andra Gillespie, Editor. (Manuscript reviewed for the Congressional Quarterly Press and Routledge Press in 2007).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Where Have You Gone, Horatio Alger? A Convergence of Race and Poverty in the Memphis City Schools.* Marcus Pohlmann (Manuscript reviewed for the University of Tennessee Press in 2007).

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: The Mississippi Civil Rights Movement and Its Legacy* by Kenneth T Andrews (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004) for the *Journal of Southern History*.

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *Black Feminist Voices in Politics* by Evelyn Simien for the State University of New York Press, 2004.

Sharon D. Wright Austin. *The Politics of the New South: Representation of African Americans in Southern State Legislatures* by Charles E. Menifield and Stephen D. Shaffer (eds.) for the State University of New York Press, July 2003.

Sharon D. Wright. *The Encyclopedia of Memphis* by Timothy Huebner and Michael Nelson (eds.) for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Press, October 2002.

Sharon D. Wright. *Red Lines, Black Spaces: The Politics of Race and Space in a Black Middle-Class Suburb* by Bruce D. Haynes (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2001) for the *Journal of Politics*.

Sharon D. Wright. Comparison Review of *Enforcing Civil Rights: Race Discrimination and the Department of Justice* by Brian K. Landsberg (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 1997); *Reaching Beyond Race* by Paul M. Sniderman and Edward G. Carmines (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997), and *Racism in the post-Civil Rights Era: Now You See It, Now You Don't* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1995) for the *Policy Studies Journal*.

Sharon D. Wright. *Racial Politics at the Crossroads: Memphis Elects Dr. W.W. Herenton* by Marcus Pohlmann and Michael Kirby (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 1996) for the *National Political Science Review: The Journal of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists*.

Sharon D. Wright. *Government in America, Brief Version, Third Edition* by Edwards, Wattenberg, and Lineberry (New York: Longman, 1995) for Longman Publishing.

Sharon D. Wright. *African Americans at the Crossroads: The Restructuring of Black Leadership and the 1992 Elections* by Clarence Lusane (Boston, MA: South End Press, 1995) for the *Social Science Quarterly*.

Sharon D. Wright. *Abortion and American Politics* by Barbara H. Craig and David M. O'Brien (Chatham, NJ: Chatham House, 1994) for the *National Political Science Review: The Journal of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists*.

Sharon D. Wright. *Studying Politics* by Roderick Church, Terrence Carroll, and Nicolax Baxter-Moore (New York: Longman, 1994) for Longman Press.

Sharon D. Wright. Comparison Review of *the Year of the Woman: Myths and Realities* by Thomas Cook (Greenwood, CT: Westview Press, 1994); *Women, Elections and Representation. Second Edition* by Darcy, Welch, and Clark for the *Southeastern Political Review*.

Sharon D. Wright. *Empirical Political Analysis: Research Methods in Political Science. Third Edition* by Jarol B. Mannheim and Richard C. Rich (New York: Longman, 1993).

### **Conference Presentations:**

#### **Chair and Discussant**

African American Archival Research  
Associate for the Study of Afro American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida, October 2-4, 2013.

#### **Chair and Discussant**

African American Political and Policy Issues  
Associate for the Study of Afro American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida, October 2-4, 2013.

#### **Discussant**

Urban Political Empowerment  
Southern Political Science Association, Orlando, Florida, January 3-5, 2013.

#### **Chair and Discussant**

African and African American Policy Issues  
National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March 8, 2012.

#### **Chair and Discussant**

African and African American Political Leadership  
National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March 9, 2012.

#### **Chair and Discussant**

The Politics of African American Educational and Identity Issues  
National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March 9, 2012.

#### **Presenter:**

Church Attendance, Social Capital, and Black Voting Participation  
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 1-3, 2008.

#### **Presenter:**

Black Group Consciousness in South Florida  
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 18-21, 2008.

#### **Chair and Discussant:**

Latino Politics Panel  
Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 4-6, 2007



**Discussant:**

The New Politics of Multiracial Cities Panel  
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2006

**Discussant:**

Emerging Issues in African American Opinion Panel  
American Political Science Association, August 28-September 1, 2005, Washington, D.C.

**Chair and Discussant:**

The Political Research of Dr. Ronald McNair Scholars  
Panel participants included four University of Florida students: Gloria Bowens, James Holloway III, Natassia Kelly, and Funmi Olorunnipa.  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakland, California, March 8-12, 2003

**Chair:**

Getting Through the Tenure and Promotion Process  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakland, California, March 8-12, 2003

**Presenter:**

“Coping with the Graduate School Experience”  
Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, California, March 23, 2002

**Presenter:**

“The 2000 Los Angeles Mayoral Election: An Analysis of the Racial Threat Hypothesis and Black-Latino Electoral Coalitions”  
Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, California, March 23, 2002

**Chair and Discussant:**

The Role of Race in Southern Elections and Public Policies  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 8, 2002

**Section Chair:**

State and Local Politics Section  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 6-1-, 2002; March 8-12, 2003

**Presenter:**

“Coping with the Graduate School Experience”  
Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 22, 2001

**Chair:**

Racial Contexts and Representations in the Political Space  
Students of Color of Rackham Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 17, 2001

**Presenter:**

“Women of Color in Academia”  
Students of Color of Rackham Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 16, 2001

**Chair:**

Political Empowerment and Racial Minorities: Where We Are at Century’s End  
American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 3, 2000

**Discussant:**

Representation, Redistricting, and Race in Electoral Politics  
American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 3-6, 1998

**Chair:**

Issues Related to Teaching

American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 13-15, 1998

**Presenter:**

“Developing Black Studies Programs in Order to Enhance Diversity”

American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 13-15, 1998

**Presenter:**

“America’s Ethiopia: The Politics of Casino Gambling in Tunica County, Mississippi”

Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada, April 19, 1997

**Presenter:**

“The Elections of the Nineties: An Analysis of a New Generation of Black Mayors”

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 30-September 2, 1996

**Chair and Discussant:**

Black state Legislative Politics

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Savannah, Georgia, March 6-10, 1996

**Presenter and Chair:**

Challenges to Governance: The Freeman Bosley Administration of St. Louis

Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, Florida, November 1995

**Presenter:**

“A Case Study in Black Activism: The Freeman Bosley Mayoral Election in St. Louis”

Missouri Political Science Association, Columbia, Missouri, October 1995

**Presenter:**

“A Case Study in Intra-racial Divisions: The 1994 Shelby County Mayoral Election”

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baltimore, Maryland, March 1995

**Presenter:**

“The Political Economy of Racism Revisited: The Relationship between the Black Political Establishment and the White economic Community in Memphis, Tennessee”

American Political Science Association, New York, New York, September 1994

**Discussant:**

Blacks as the Old Minorities or Role Model?

Annual Conference on Minority Relations, Wellesley College, April 1994

**Presenter:**

“The Effect of Majority Vote Requirements on Black Candidate Success in At-Large Memphis Elections”

National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Hampton, Virginia, March 9, 1994

**Presenter:**

“Organization or Machine: The Power of Ford Endorsements in Memphis Mayoral Elections”

Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November 1993

**Presenter:**

“Independent Black Political Leadership: The Presidential Campaigns of Dr. Lenora B. Fulani”

Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November 1993

**Presenter:**

“Racial Gerrymandering in Louisville: The Effect of Legislative Reapportionment on African American Legislative Representation”

Women's Studies Conference, Bowling Green, Kentucky, September 1993.

**Presenter:**

"Deracialization and Biracial Coalition: Possible Election Strategy for African American Candidates in Louisville, Kentucky"

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1993

**Presenter:**

"We Can't Hackett Anymore: The Failure of the Deracialization Strategy in Memphis Mayoral Campaigns"

Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1993

**Presenter:**

"Racial Voting Patterns in Memphis Mayoral Elections: An Analysis of the 1991 Election of Dr. Willie W. Herenton"

Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1992

**Presenter:**

"The Application of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to State Judicial Elections: Implications for Judicial Selection Systems"

Southwestern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas, March 1992

**Service for the Department, University of Florida:**

Member of the Strategic Planning Committee, 2010-2011

Chairman of Curriculum Committee, 2009-2011

Chairman of the Department's Speakers Series, 2007-2008

Chairman of the James W. Button Memorial Award Committee, 2006-2011 Member of committee during 2012-13 academic year

Chairman of the Best Undergraduate Paper Committee, 2009-2010

Master's and Doctoral Committee Member for Several Graduate Students Since 2003 and Chair of Committee for Several Students

Member of Chair Advisory Committee, 2004-2005, 2005-2006

Supervised Independent Research Projects for Several Students Since 2003.

Supervised the selection of the recipients of the Multicultural Scholar Award from the department of political science each year since March 2006.

Undergraduate Coordinator during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years.

**Service for the Profession:**

**Author:**

"The Mayoral Elections of the Nineties: An Analysis of a New Generation of Black Mayors." *Urban News Newsletter of the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association*. 11,3 (Autumn 1997): 1-2, 4.

**Member:**

American Political Science Association, 1992-Present  
Council Member of the Urban Politics Section, 2005-2008

Member of the Race and Ethnicity Section, 2000-Present  
Chair of the Byran Jackson Dissertation Support Award Committee, 2005-2006  
Chair of the Best Book in Urban Politics Committee, 2006-2007  
Editorial Board of the Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs (RBJPA), 2013-Present  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 1992-Present  
(Member of the Anna Julia Cooper Teaching Award Selection Committee, 2005-Present)  
Southern Political Science Association, 2000-Present  
(Member of the Executive Council, 2005-Present)

**Reviewer:** *Journal of Black Studies*, 1996-2000  
*Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*, 2006-Present  
*National Political Science Review*, 2005-2006  
*Political Research Quarterly*, 2005-Present  
*State and Local Government Review*, 2005-Present  
*Social Science Quarterly*, 2005-Present  
*Transforming Anthropology*, 2011  
*Western Journal of Black Studies*, 1996-2000

**Service for the University of Florida:**

**Organizer and Moderator:**

Dr. Ronald Foreman Lecture by Dr. Abdul Alkalimat of the University of Illinois, University of Florida, February 2014.

**Campus Event Panelist:**

Panelist on *Trouble the Water* documentary panel, January 15, 2014.

**Organizer and Moderator:**

Lecture by Dr. David J. Garrow of the University of Pittsburgh, January 2014.

**Campus Event Moderator:**

Passing the Torch Career and Information Session, University of Florida, October 2013.

**Campus Event Speaker:**

"Graduate and Law School Opportunities"

James E. Scott Leadership Conference, University of Florida, February 2013.

**Organizer and Moderator:**

Dr. Ronald Foreman Lecture by Dr. Marc Lamont Hill of Columbia University, University of Florida, February 2013.

**Campus Event Speaker and Moderator:**

"Integration Efforts at the University of Florida from 1958-One Florida"

The Integration of the University of Florida and the Challenges that Remain Panel, University of Florida, January 2013.

**Campus Event Speaker:**

"Abraham Lincoln and Obama"

Grand Opening Event for Lincoln and the Constitution Exhibit, University of Florida, February 2012

**Campus Event Speaker:**

"The Activism of Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party"

Women in the Civil Rights Movement Panel, University of Florida, January 2012

**Campus Event Speaker:**

“How to Gain Acceptance to and Succeed in Graduate School”  
Campus Visitation Program, Office of Graduate Minority Programs, November 2011

**Campus Event Speaker:**

“Are Asian Americans a Model Minority?”  
Lunch Series for the Asian American Student Union, University of Florida, November 2010.

**Campus Event Speaker:**

“Graduate and Law School Forum”  
Panel Discussion Sponsored by the Black Political Science Association. University of Florida, October 2009.

**Campus Event Moderator:**

“A Mock Debate Between Presidential Candidates Barack Obama and John McCain”  
Event Sponsored by the Black Political Science Association. University of Florida, October 2008.

**Campus Event Speaker:**

“Latino and Latin American Politics”  
Panel Discussion Sponsored by the Latin American Studies Collection in Smathers Library, November 2008.

**Campus Event Speaker and Moderator:**

“Should Asian Americans Support Affirmative Action?”  
Southeastern Conference on Asian American Leadership, University of Florida October 2005

**Campus Event Speaker and Moderator:**

“Contemporary Issues in Asian American Politics”  
Southeastern Conference on Asian American Leadership, University of Florida October 2004

**Campus Event Speaker and Moderator:**

“African and African American Race Relations at the University of Florida”  
Black Political Science Association and Association of African Studies Forum, April 2003

**Committee Member:**

Atlantic Coast Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (ACSBE) Alliance Committee to recruit minority graduate students and provide them with additional travel and research funding, 2005-Present

CLAS Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Grant Selection Committee, Fall 2006

Faculty Affiliate for the African American Studies Program, 2008-Present.

Faculty Affiliate for the Women’s Studies Program, 2007-Present.

Member of the 2010 and 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program Committee

Member of the Search Committee for the Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs, March 2011.

Member of the Search Committee for the Director of the U.S. Senator Bob Graham Center, 2006-Present

The Graham Center Advisory Committee (Develops curriculum for the Center with other committee members).

University-wide Teacher and Adviser of the Year Selection Committee Since 2006.

**Faculty Mentor for approximately 50 students since 2001:**

(Supervised their research projects and served as their mentor in Gatorlaunch, Minority Mentoring, and McNair Scholars Programs).

**Organizational Advisor for:**

The Black Political Science Association, 2001-200Present  
Nu Alpha Lambda Christian Service Organization, 2005-Present

**Recruiter:**

Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Duke University, June 2004, June 2006

**Service for the University of Missouri:**

**Author:**

“Barbara Jordan: A Champion of Civil and Human Rights”  
*The African Americanist Newsletter*  
Winter 1996, volume six, number five

**Author:**

“Black Students and Professors: The Need for Communication and Understanding”  
*The Legion of Black Collegians Newsletter*  
February 26, 1997, volume 1

**Author:**

“Gender and Race in 1996 Presidential Campaign Strategies”  
The MU School of Journalism Web Page, October 1996

**Author:**

“The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference”  
*The Voice of Black Studies Newsletter*  
Spring 1996, volume 20, number one

**Author:**

“The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Africana Studies Summer Institute”  
*The Voice of Black Studies Newsletter*  
Spring 1996, volume 20, number one

**Author:**

“The Mayoral Elections of the Nineties: An Analysis of a New Generation of Black Mayors”  
*Urban News: The Newsletter of the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association*  
Volume II, Number 3  
Fall 1997

**Commentator:**

KOMU-TV 8 News-Columbia, Missouri  
“Saturday Caucus: The Issue of Gender in the 1996 Presidential Election”  
April 21, 1996

**Commentator:**

“Sexual Harassment in the Workforce”  
KOMU-TV 8 News  
Columbia, Missouri  
February 16, 1999

**Commentator:**

“Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement: 1950-1980”  
KOMU-TV 8 News  
Columbia, Missouri  
October 24, 1997

**MU Committees:** Black History Month Committee, 1996-1997  
Honors and Awards Committee-Department of Political Science  
McNair Scholars Program Committee, 1996-1997  
Women's Studies Executive Committee, 1996-1997

**Editorial Advisory Board Member for:** *The Western Journal of Black Studies* (winner of the 1996 National Council for Black Studies CLR James Award for Outstanding Publication)  
  
*A Turbulent Voyage: Readings in African American Studies.* San Diego: Collegiate Press

**Moderator:**  
City of Columbia Race Relations Task Force Symposium  
Panelists included Attorney Gary Oxenhandler, Attorney Al Plummer, Mayor Darwin Hindman, Professor Robert Bailey of the MU School of Law, Professor Angela Bartee of Stephens College, and Ms. Monica Naylor of the Columbia Public Schools.  
November 7, 1996

**Reader:**  
Government and Politics Advanced Placement Exams  
Sponsored by the Educational testing Service  
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, June 10-17, 2000; June 11-18, 2001, June 12-19, 2002  
Colorado State University, June 13-20, 2003

**Regional Member of the Board of Directors:**  
National Council for Black Studies  
One of the representatives of NCBS at the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C., September 1995

**Speaker:**  
"African American Politics Today: The 1996 Presidential Election"  
1996 Black History Month Brown Bag Lunch Series  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
February 26, 1996

**Speaker:**  
"How to Handle Joint Appointment Responsibilities"  
Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students  
Graduate Professional Development Workshop  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
October 18, 1997

**Speaker:**  
"The Activism of Black Women in Congress Since the Civil Rights Movement"  
1997 Black women in the Civil Rights Movement Conference  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
October 24, 1997

**Moderator:**  
"The Black Experience at MU"  
Sponsored by the Black Faculty and Staff Organization  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
February 11, 1998

**Speaker:**

“How to Handle Joint Appointment Responsibilities”  
Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students  
Graduate Professional Development Workshop  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
October 24, 1998

**Speaker:**

“Black Issues in Higher Education”  
Sponsored by the Black Culture Center  
The University of Missouri, Columbia  
January 25, 1999

**Service for the University of Louisville:****Author:**

“Voting Patterns of the 1991 Mayoral Election: Herenton’s Victory Maximized Racial Voting Factors that Had Eluded Previous Candidates”  
Article published in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* newspaper  
November 15, 1992

**Commentator:**

“The O.J. Simpson Trial: Will Race Be a Factor?”  
WAVE 3 News  
Louisville, Kentucky  
January 28, 1994

**Discussion Leader:**

Film: A Place of Rage: Black Women and the Civil Rights Movement  
Women’s History Month  
The University of Louisville  
March 3, 1994

**Guest Speaker:**

Symposium: The Evolving Roles of Men and Women  
Topic of Speech: “Men, Women, and the Dilemmas of the Youth”  
The University of Louisville  
October 11, 1994

**Guest Speaker:**

Symposium: Racism: America’s Most Challenging Issue  
Topic of Speech: “The Dual Oppression: Racism, Sexism, and the Black Woman”  
The University of Louisville  
October 27, 1993

**Keynote Speaker:**

Awards and Recognition Banquet: Keep Growing in Girl Scouts  
Topic of Speech: “Yes I can”  
Kentuckiana Girl Scouts  
May 13, 1994

**Lecturer:**

Multicultural “Coffee” Symposium  
“A Comprehensive History of African American Politics in Louisville, Kentucky”  
The University of Louisville  
November 11, 1993





**Panel Organizer and Participant:**

Symposium: The Political Activities of Louisville Women  
Women's History Month  
The University of Louisville  
March 7, 1994

**Panel Organizer and Moderator:**

Multicultural "Coffee" Symposium: An African American Congressional Debate  
The University of Louisville  
April 5, 1994