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University of South Florida
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Education

Ph.D., English/Literary Studies, December 2017

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
Dissertation Title: *The Spirit of Friendship: Girlfriends in Contemporary African American Literature*
Dissertation Director: Diane Price-Herndl, Ph.D.

Graduate Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies, May 2014

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

M.Ed., English Education, May 2010

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Florida

B.A., English/Literature, May 2008

Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia

Research Interests: Black Feminisms, The Erotic, Girlfriend Subjectivity, Black Girl Magic, 20th and 21st Century African American Literature, Caribbean Literature, Womanist Literature and Theory, African American Spirituality, Postcolonial Literature and Theory

Publication

“You Speak Ebonics Right!?: My Struggle to Come to Voice as a Woman of Color Within the Academy” (with Yakini Kemp), *Claiming a Seat at the Table: Feminism, Underserved Women of Color, Voice and Resistance.*, Ed. Sonja Brown Givens and Keisha Edwards Tassie. Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books, 2014. 81-90.

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, University of South Florida

WST 4930	Black Feminisms	Spring 2018
WST 2250	The Female Experience in America	2017-2018
WST 4262	Literature By Women of Color	2017-2018
AML 3604	African American Literature	2015-2016
LIT 2000	Introduction to Literature	2013-2015
LIT 2010	Introduction to Fiction	2012-2013

ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I 2011-2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida

LIT 3374 The Bible as Literature Fall 2012

Visiting Instructor, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I 2010-2011

ENC 1102 Freshman Composition II Spring 2011

Related Administrative Experience

Undergraduate Director 2017-present

Department of Women's and Gender Studies
University of South Florida

Undergraduate Academic Advisor

University of South Florida 2014-2016

Collaborative Grant Writer

University Area Community Development Center 2013-2014

Copy Editor

ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830 2013-2016

Writing Consultant and Tutor

University of South Florida 2012-2013

Writing Consultant and Tutor

Florida A&M University 2009-2010

Writing Consultant and Tutor

Fort Valley State University 2006-2008

Conference Presentations

“The Inspiring Brilliance of Black Girl Magic,” DePaul University, College Language Association, Chicago, IL April 2018

“Lovers and Friends of the Spirit: A Critical Examination of Celie and Shug’s bond in *The Color Purple*,” Texas Southern University, College Language Association, Houston, TX April 2016

“From Friend to Pariah: Nel and Sula’s Unorthodox Friendship,” College Language Association, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, April 2015

“The Amalgamation of Problem Spaces in Andrea Levy’s *Long Song*,” College Language Association, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, March 2014

“Politics of Color and Class in Caribbean Literature,” College Language Association, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, April 2013

“Staying in a Woman’s Place: The Postcolonial Woman’s Memoir,” South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Research Triangle Park, Durham, NC, November 2012

“She’s Just Got to be Free: Sethe’s Journey to Self-Love and Self-Acceptance,” College Language Association, Spelman College, Atlanta, GA, March 2012

Honors and Awards

Jack B. Moore Memorial Scholarship

University of South Florida, 2016, 2017

Conference Presentation Grant Program

University of South Florida, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Outstanding English/Education Graduate Student

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, 2010

Dr. James H. Ammons Fellowship

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, 2009-2010

State University System (SUS) Fellowship

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, 2008-2009

Valedictorian

Fort Valley State University, 2008

Volunteer Experience

Primary Advisor

USF Section of the National Council of Negro Women 2013- present

Workshop Monitor

National Forum for Black Public Administrators Conference April 2015

Board Member

Delta Torch Foundation, Inc. 2014-2017

Advisory Council Member

Professional Memberships

College Language Association
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated