**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION** M.A. French/English

B.S. Major: English Minor: French

4 post-graduate hours in Special Education and Education

25 post undergraduate hours in Modern and Classical Languages

(Spanish)

Certifications: Quality Matters APPQMR

Diversity Trainer

Secondary Education (English/French)

Highlighting indicates new information since December 2014

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (University)**

**Kent State University**

* English Department (in collaboration with the Department of Pan African Studies)

2017 (Fall) – Communication Skills and Arts Coordinator

2016-present Senior Lecturer

2012-2016 Associate Lecturer

2002 - present Oscar Ritchie Computer Lab Tutor/ Lab Manager 2000 - 2011 NTT Lecturer

* Undergraduate Studies

2007 NTT Lecturer

* English Department

1986 to 2000 Adjunct Instructor

* Academic Success Center

1997 - 2000 Adjunct Instructor Reading

1999 – 2000 Adjunct Instructor Reading & Writing course (joint appointment with English)

* College of Education/Off Campus Programs and Field Experiences

1992 – 2002 Student Teaching

* Modern and Classical Languages Department

1983-1987 Adjunct Instructor French

1978-1980 Graduate Teaching Assistant in French

**COURSES TAUGHT**

* **English (\* indicates English courses taught in the Department of Pan African Studies)**

Introduction to College Writing I**\*** (first semester of two semester course)

College Writing I-Stretch**\*** (second semester of two semester course)

College Writing I\*

College Writing I – Linked course with Black Experience II\*

College Writing I – Linked course with Black Experience I\*

College Writing I STARS\* (five week intensive summer program for minority students linked with Professor Okantah's Black Experience I course) (DPAS/ ENG/

Student Multicultural Center

College Writing II\*

College Writing II - Linked with Black Experience II

Special Topics in Caribbean Literature\* (cross listed with DPAS Special Topics: Caribbean Travel Narrative ) .This course included one week student travel

to the Caribbean.

Introduction to Ethnic Literature of the U.S.

Intermediate Expository Prose Writing

Fundamental English Grammar

Expository Prose Writing

Argumentative Prose Writing

Individual Investigation

Honors (Individual Investigation)

* **DPAS**

Special Topics: Caribbean Travel Narrative (cross listed with English)

The Black Woman in American Society (co-taught with Chris McVay and Amoaba Gooden)

* **Reading Strategies**

US 10003

Reading and Writing Combined course (cross list ENG 10000/US10003)

* **French**

Elementary Sequence: FR13201, FR13202

Intermediate Sequence: FR23201, FR23202

French Reading Comprehension

* **Freshmen Orientation**

Flashtopic Course

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

* **Research**

Traditions and cultural connections of Africans in the U.S. Virgin Islands research project Special Collections at the University of the Virgin Islands St. Croix and Florence Williams Public Library, Christiansted (May 2012)

Africans in the Caribbean research project at University of the Virgin Islands & Enid Baa Public Library, St. Thomas, USVI (July 2011)

* **Training**
* Quality Matters “Applying the QM Rubric – FY12 (APPQMR): using 2011-2013 rubric” (16 May 2013)
* Presidential Leadership Diversity Training (PDLI) (March –May 2009)
* **Workshops**
  + Grant Proposal Writing Workshop Research and Sponsored Programs (7 March 2013)
* Writing Program Pre-Semester Workshop -(Yearly each August 1997- August 2017)
* Department of Pan African Studies Retreat (Yearly each August 2013-August 2017)
* Faculty Senate Fall Retreat (6 October 2014)
* Apple itunesU Workshop (June 2007)
* FlashTopic Workshop for pilot Flashtopic courses (April 2007)
* Meeting Computer Goals for ENG 11011 (April 2006)
* ENG 11011 Multimodal Assignments Workshop (May 2006)
* Access to Quality Higher Education Institute (June 2006)
* The New English Major – Core Courses Spring Workshop (22 May 1998)
* University Teaching Council Grant Writing Workshop (1998)
* **Conferences**
  + College English Association Conference (March 30 – April 1 2017)
  + ALARA (Afro/Latin American Research Association) Conference( August 2-6 2016)
  + Race, Ethnicity and Place Conference (September 22-24, 2015)
* FIU Roots Heritage Conference Florida International University (11-15 February 2015)
* Africa and the Global Atlantic World Conference Pan African Studies Dept. Kent State University(10-11 April 2014)
* Beyond Sweetness: New Histories of Sugar in the Early Atlantic World Conference Brown University (24-27 October 2013)
* University Teaching Council Fall Conference (1999, 2001,2002, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016)
* “Students’ Success Conference: In our classrooms, in our world” (March 2006)
* K.E.N.T. Partnership Conference (August 1998, 1999, 2000)

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

University Teaching Council Faculty Recognition Award (October 23, 2015)

English Department Student Mentor Award (April 2013)

NTT Performance Based Bonus Award (2008, 2005, 2003, 2002, 2001)

Kent State University Diversity Teaching Award (2006)

Kent State University Outstanding Teacher Award (2001)

**GRANTS**

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Financial award (awarded

November 2016 for travel March 2017 to CEA conference and Charleston

SC research)

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Financial Award (awarded

June 2016 to attend the ALARA conference August 2016)

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Financial Award

(awarded September 2014 to attend FIU Roots Heritage Conference February 2015)

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Financial Award (awarded October 2013 to attend conference at Brown University)

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Award for research (awarded May 2012 for travel July 2012)

NTT Professional Development Excellence Pool Financial Award for research (awarded November 2010 for travel July 2011)

University Teaching Council Teaching Development Support ($2,000) to develop

a combined Reading (US1003) and Writing (ENG 10000) pilot (Oct.1998)

**INVITED LECTURES, PANEL PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, POSTER SESSIONS**

Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Association Diversity Event presentation April 5, 2017

“The intersection of Social Condition, Race, and Gender in Euzhan Palcy’s *Sugar Cane Alley”* Paper presentation College English Association Annual Conference March 31. 2017.

“Identity and Roots Heritage Student Travel in the Caribbean”. Poster Session. UTC

Annual Conference October 21, 2016

“Roots Heritage Caribbean Student Travel – The Intersections of Culture, Race, and Identity”. Poster paper presentation. Race Ethnicity and Place Conference. September 23, 2016.

“Identity and Roots Heritage Tourism in the Global Atlantic World”. Panel presentation. Africa and the Global Atlantic World Conference. April 7, 2016.

“Writing the narrative for full and simplified review”. Presentation for Annual

AAUP file Workshop (8 November 2014)

“Caribbean travel narrative course and PAS College Writing II” Invited lecture

to Chris McVay’s FYE class ( November 2013 & 7 November 2014)

“Militarism and the impact on minority communities” Panel Discussion sponsored

by the Department of Pan African Studies (23 September 2014)

“How Media Presents Minorities” Panel Discussion sponsored by Association of

Black Journalists (17 September 2014)

“The Caribbean and its connection to African Americans” Invited lecture

to Dr. Amoaba Gooden’s FYE class (8 May 2014)

“The Process of Acceptance: Being a white Instructor in the Pan African Studies Department” Panel Presentation Africa and the Global Atlantic World Conference (10 April 2014)

“Writing the narrative for promotion and review files” Lecture at

Annual AAUP file workshop (16 November 2013)

“Opportunities for funding via NTT Professional Development Grants” Panel

discussion AAUP Annual File Workshop (17 November 2012)

“NTT Professional Development Awards” Lecture (with Chris McVay) AAUP

Fall Workshop (3 December 2011)

“Multicultural Misconceptions” D.E.I Scholars Panel (9 November 2011)

“Caribbean Research Project” PowerPoint Presentation UTC Conference (28 Oct. 2011)

“Teachable Moments: Conversations on Race in the Classroom” Panel UTC Conference (30 October 2009)

“Real Talk with Pan African Studies Professors” Panel sponsored by BUS (23 Nov. 2008)

“In the know: How to make your student successful” Kupita Panel (8 August 2006)

“Valentine’s Day Talk of the Year” Panel sponsored by BUS (14 February 2005)

“Issues in Higher Education and Disabilities” Professional Development Institute

Panel member (5 June 2003)

“Technology and Communication” K.E.N.T. Partnership Conference

(11 Aug. 2000)

“Combining Reading and Writing” Poster session UTC Conference (Oct. 1999)

“K.E.N.T. Partnership in Action” K.E.N.T. Partnership Conference (14 Aug. 1998)

“What Parents Need to Know about Inclusion” Lecture at Walsh University

(13 April 1998)

“Special Education Law: What are your child’s rights?” Panel sponsored by Center for Creative Learning (13 February 1996)

“The ADHD/LD Child: What parents see” Lecture at New Castle Area Schools

(31 January 1996)

“The ADHD Child: A Parent’s Perspective” Lecture Forty-third Annual Convention – Ohio Federation Council for Exceptional Children (17November 1995)

“The ADHD Student” Lecture College of Education Kent State University

(April 1994, November 1994, March 1996)

“The ADHD/LD Student in the English Composition Classroom” Lecture

Writing Program Spring Workshop (January 1994)

“The Importance of the Parent-Teacher Relationship” Lecture Special Education

Inservice Stow Munroe Falls High school (September 1993)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE**

**Student Recommendation Letters** (from spring 2012- present)**:** Alex Bland, Terrance Tufts, Benjamin Moten, Lauren Bottoms, Armani Dodd, Narkita Burrell, RaeShawn Hamm, Adrianna Midamba, Britany Ruby, David Parrish, Jazmin Brooks, Haley Caldwell, Jody Lowther, Lakalea Wilson, Shavis Cain, Re’Yana Graham, Shekoda Petty, Rae-Shawn Hamm, Elizabeth Tamburri, TaNica

Holmes, Charity Butler, Makayla Jackson

**Karamu Ya Wahitimu Presenter** May 2016

**Presenter**: **DKS SpringAdvisorsmeeting** Fall course offerings in English/DPAS (May 2014)

**Travel Course Information Table Display:** Global Education Travel Abroad Fair Fall 2016 ( and Spring 2013)

**Computer Lab Coordinator/Writing Tutor:** Oscar Ritchie Computer Lab

(2001-present)

**Discussion leader**: FYE (First Year Experience) Summer Reading Project

(2005-2007)

**Judge:**  Annual MLK Day Celebration Student Essay Competition (27 Jan. 2005) **Teleconference participant:** *A Writer’s Resource* (11 April 2004)

**Pilot Project Co-Creator**:Learning Community: S T R E T C H English/DPAS (2003-2004)

**Moderator:** “Helping Students through the Process: Third Annual Teaching of

Writing Colloquia (1 May 1999)

**Writing Portfolio Director:**

Willie Johnson (Fall 2008)

Holly Viola (Spring 1997)

Daniel Beckwith (Fall 1995)

**Writing Portfolio Reader:**

Shavis Cain (Fall 2011)

Amy Handschumacher (Spring 1996)

**Master’s Thesis Reader:**

Le Roy Rowser (Spring 2005)

**Mentor:** Graduate Teaching Assistants (1995-1996)

**Text Reviews:**

*Mayfield Handbook (*additional chapters)(March 2012)

*Mayfield Handbook* (October 2011)

*In Tandem: College Reading and Writing* (November 2005)

*Sentence Resources for Writers* (April 2005)

*Writing in Depth* (April 2005)

*Integrations: Reading, Thinking, and Writing for College Success*

(April 2000)

*Reading and Writing* (June 1998)

*Patterns and Themes* (September 1998)

*College Reading with Active Critical Thinking* (September 1998)

**SERVICE**

**English**

Writing Program Committee (2013-present)

Stretch Program Committee (2000-2013)

Peer Reviewer of NTT, Adjunct faculty

Teaching Review for Graduate Students

**Pan African Studies**

**DPAS Conference Planning Committee**

**Preview KSU** table in the Student Center (25 July 2014)

**Conference session chair** for “Passing, Black Bodies and Race in Literature and Culture” Africa and the Global Atlantic World

Conference (11 April 2014)

Planning Committee Africa and the Global Atlantic Biannual Conference

**Ida B. Wells Living Learning Community** Committee (2012-present)

**Coordinator** Oscar Ritchie DPAS Library restoration project (ongoing)

**Creator**

Caribbean Travel Narrative Student Travel experience PowerPoint

display for video monitors in the building

Black History Month Movie Week in the Art Gallery ORH

“Scenes from the Caribbean” PowerPoint presentation display on

first floor Oscar Ritchie

Jazz compilation audiofile to play continuously on various TV monitors throughout Oscar Ritchie Hall

Reading Room/ lounge Oscar Ritchie Computer Lab

**Faculty Advisor**

Golden Reflections Dance Team (2014-present)

Harambee (2010-2011)

**Editor/Writer** DPAS newsletter (2010-2011)

**University**

**Faculty Senate NTT Senator** (Jan. 2014-present)

**Faculty Senate Representative** to the Commencement Committee

(2014-2017)

**Global Faculty Forum Committee** (2013 – present)

**Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee** (2012-2013)

**Faculty Senate Representative** to the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (2007-2014)

**Vice Chair Intercollegiate Athletic Committee** (AY 2012-2013)

**AAUP At Large Representative** Executive Committee (2007-present)

**AAUP Annual Fall File Workshop coordinator** (2012-2016)

**Academic STARS** Revision Committee (2007-2008)

**Academic STARS Committee** (2015-present)

**Outstanding Teaching Award Review Committee Member** University

Teaching Council (2002)

**Summit Education Initiative** Focus Group (May 1999)

**Certified Diversity Trainer**

**ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Transnational Reading & Writing Group

Global Education Faculty

Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH)

AAUP-KSU

African/Latin American Research Association( ALARA)

College English Association (CEA)

Southern Poverty Law Center

NAACP