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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Educational Administration, College of Education, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 1988 (Dissertation: A Regional Analysis of Academic and Athletic Reputations of NCAA Division I-A Institutions)
- M.A.T. Physical Education, School of Education, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 1976.
- B.S. Secondary Education, College of Education, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA 1974.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University Administration (Grambling State University)

- 07/01/05 – 07/31/08 Associate Dean, College of Professional Studies
07/01/00 – 06/30/05 Dean, Continuing Education & Special Programs
11/01/97 – 06/30/00 Acting Dean, Continuing Education & Special Programs
07/01/94 – 10/30/97 Director, Special Programs
07/01/93 - 06/30/94 Dean of Admissions/Assistant Director of TQM
07/01/90 - 06/30/92 Dean of Enrollment Management
07/01/89 – 06/30/90 Dean, Student Life
07/01/87 – 06/30/89 Associate Dean, Student Development
07/01/81 – 06/30/87 Director, Intramural-Recreational Sports
07/01/80 – 06/30/81 Assistant Director, Intramural-Recreational Sports

Community College Administration (Austin Community College)

- 07/01/77 – 06/30/80 Coordinator of Intramurals (Ridgeview Campus)

Faculty Appointments

- 08/11/08 – Present: Robert L. Piper Endowed Professor of Health, Physical Education, & Recreation
07/01/89 – 06/30/04: Assistant Member - Graduate Faculty, School of Graduate Studies & Research, Grambling State University

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- 07/01/96 – Present Associate Professor of Health & Physical Education
Grambling State University
- 07/01/80 – 06/30/96 Assistant Professor of Health & Physical Education
Grambling State University
- 07/01/77 – 06/30/80 Instructor of Health & Physical Education
Austin Community College, Austin, TX

Related Teaching Experience:

- 08/15/75 – 05/14/76 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Physical Education,
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
- 01/01/75 – 05/30/75 Substitute Teacher (K-12), Taylor School District, Taylor, MI

PUBLICATIONS

Conference Proceedings

To Be Provided

Journal

Carpenter, D.S., Dickson, M.A., & Simmons, O.J.K. (1988). Issues in quality assessment in higher education. Georgia Journal of College Student Affairs, 3(2), 21.

GRANTS

Grambling State University (Internal via Title III):

- 1988-89: \$45,000 - Developing a Comprehensive Counseling Center
- 1989-90: \$47,500 - Enhancing the GSU Comprehensive Counseling Center
- 1998-00: \$68,000 - Developing An Infrastructure for the Division of Continuing Education & Special Programs
- 2000-01: \$85,000 - Strengthening the Department of Credit Programs
- 2001-02: \$80,000 - Expanding the Role, Scope and Function of the Office of Credit Programs

OTHER EXTERNAL FUNDING INITIATIVES & PROJECTS

- 2008-09: \$200,000 for a Congressional Appropriations Grant Award entitled Creating Honorable Opportunities Involving Community, Education, and Service (CHOICES)
- 2008-09: \$237,500 for Project EMERALD (continuation) grant award via SBA
- 2007-08: \$250,000 for a Congressional Appropriations Grant Award to Expand Minority

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Entrepreneurship Regionally Across the Louisiana Delta (EMERALD), U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

- 2005-06: \$20,000 A mini-grant from the Louisiana Department of Social Services to assist with the Rural Outreach Initiative of the Internal Revenue Service for eligible recipients of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program
- 2002-07: \$500,000 via an Educational Partnership with Edgenics, Inc. as part of a USDA Loan/Grant in the amount of \$11.1 million to develop online Professional Development courses for uncertified teachers throughout the 55-county and Parish Tri-State (AR/LA/MS) Mid-South Delta Region
- 2002-05: \$500,000 for a Congressional award to Equip a Lifelong Learning & Technology Complex from the Fund to Improve Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)
- 2002-08: \$65,000 – Mid-South Delta Leaders (MSDL) through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation & Mid-South Delta Initiative (MSDI) via Delta State University

OTHER TEACHING, RESEARCH, & RELATED APPOINTMENTS/AWARDS

- 1985-86: Graduate Research Assistantship, Department of Educational Administration, College of Education/Graduate School, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 1984-87: Faculty Development Leave, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA
- 1975-76: Limited Service Fellowship, Graduate School, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY/SERVICE

External:

- 1994-97: Statewide Telecommunications Task Force via the University of Louisiana System (formerly Board for State Colleges and Universities).
- 2004-05: Statewide Advisory Council for the formation of the Louisiana Campus Compact

University:

- 2008 – Present: Member, University Policy Review Committee
- 2008 – Present: Member, College of Education Research Symposium Committee
- 2008 – Present: Chair, GSU Athletic Council
- 2006 – Present: Institutional Representative, SWAC Hall of Fame Nominating Committee
- 2006 – 2008: Chair, GSU-NCAA Athletics Certification Self-Study Steering Committee
- 2004 – 2008: Member, President's Administrative Council

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2001 – 2004: Vice Chair, GSU Technology Council
2001 – 2005: Member, University Planning Committee
2001 – 2005: Member, Distance Learning Committee
1997 – 1999: Chair, GSU-NCAA Athletics Certification Self-Study Steering Committee
1997 – 2005: Member, Council of Academic Deans
1997 – 2005: Member, Academic Affairs Administrative Council
1994 – 1995: Member, GSU Licensing Committee
1988 – 1990: Member, GSU SACS Steering Committee

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND CONSULTING (selected)

1983: Chair, Affirmative Action Committee, NIRSA
1990: Participant – 16th NASPA Richard F. Stephens Institute (Oakland, CA)
1992: Circuit Representative – ASJA 5th Circuit
1993: Participant - ACHE Minority Leadership Institute (Jackson, MS)
1995: Participant – Inaugural HBCU Enrollment Management Institute (Hampton, VA)
1996: Participant – Inaugural National Enrollment Management Institute (Denver, CO)
1996: Member, ACHE Program Planning Committee
1999: Member At-Large, UCEA Futures Community of Practice
2001: Co-Presenter, 63rd Annual Meeting of ACHE, Vancouver, BC (Canada)
2001: President, African-Americans in Louisiana Higher Education (AALHE)
2001: Institutional Representative & Member, MSDC Advisory Board
2001-02: Field Consultant – Council of Private Independent Colleges and Universities
2002: President, Louisiana Association for Continuing Higher Education (LACHE)
2003: Mid-South Delta Leaders (MSDL) Louisiana State Coordinator
2003 - Present: Proposal Reviewer – FIPSE
2003: Member, Louisiana Campus Compact Statewide Advisory Committee
2003: Member, UCEA South Planning Committee
2004: Member At-Large, LACHE Executive Board
2005: Louisiana State Co-Coordinator, Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus (MDGC)
2007: Member, UCEA South Institutional Issues Committee
2008 – Present: Consultant, Edgenics, Inc./Mid-South Delta Region, Matawan, NJ
2008: Chair-Elect, LAHPERD General Division (Research Section) Baton Rouge, LA
2009: Chair, LAHPERD General Division (Research), Baton Rouge, LA
2009: Member, Board of Directors, Delta Citizens Alliance (DCA), Greenville, MS

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1995: Co-Presenter, FYE Annual Retention Conference - Austin, TX
2001: Co-Presenter, 63rd Annual Meeting of ACHE - Vancouver, BC, Canada
2003: Presenter, ACHE Region VII Annual Conference, - Montgomery, AL
2006: Panelist, LACHE Spring Meeting - Alexandria, LA
2006: Panelist, Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus - Washington, DC
2007: Panelist, MDGC Annual Conference - Little Rock, AR
2007: Panelist, UCEA South Region Annual Conference - Houston, TX