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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, December 1995.

M.A., Political Science, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, May 1986.

B.A., Political Science, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, May 1984.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Black Power in the Suburbs: the Myth or Reality of African American Suburban Political Incorporation, (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2002).

Power in the City: Clarence Stone and the Politics of Inequality, with Marion Orr (co-editor), (Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2008)

Brother's Gonna Work it Out: Reclaiming God's Love for Families and Communities (unpublished manuscript).

At the Water's Edge: The Unfinished Business of Black Equality (in progress).

Articles/Book Chapters

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow: The Prospects of an African American and Latino Political Coalition in Chicago," in progress.

"After Mizzou: 2nd Generation Concerns of African American Students on Predominantly White College Campuses," in progress.

"Race and the City: The View From Two Political Science Journals," with Marion Orr, *African American Perspectives on Political Science*, Wilbur Rich, Editor (Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, February 2007).

“Black Suburbanization,” in *Inside Urban Politics: Voices from America’s Cities and Suburbs*, Dick Simpson, Editor, (New York, New York: Longman, 2004).

“Leaving Children Behind: Criminalizing Youth in American Schools,” in *Fundamental Differences: Talking Back to Social Conservatives*, Jyl Josephson and Cynthia Burack, Editors, (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003).

“Where Do We Go From Here: Facing The Challenges Of The Post-Civil Rights Era,” in *Black Political Organizations in the Post Civil Rights Era*. Karin L. Stanford and Ollie Johnson, III, Editors, (Piscataway, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press, 2002).

“The Story of Decatur: A Story of Intolerance,” *Zero Tolerance: Resisting the Drive for Punishment in our Schools*. Bernardine Dohrn and William Ayers, Editors. (New York, New York: The New Press, 2001).

Reviews

Travesty of Justice: African Americans and the Politics of Crack Cocaine, for State University of New York Press, 2008, 2010.

Conservatism and Racism, And Why In America They Are the Same: A Study in Ideas and Movements, 1950s – 1980s, For State University of New York Press, 2008.

“Racial Polarization or Biracial Coalition? An Empirical Analysis of Winning Candidates in 137 Urban Elections,” *State and Local Government Review*, November 2005.

“Empowering Parents and Building Communities: The Role of School-Based Councils in Educational Governance and Accountability,” *Urban Affairs Review*, August 2005.

“School Violence: The Bi-Directional Conflict Flow Between Neighborhood and School,” *City and Community*, Journal of the Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, June, 2002.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Chair, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, (July 1, 2014-- present).

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, (July 2007Present)

- **Teaching Specialization:** Urban Politics, African American Politics, American Government, and the Politics of Urban Education.
- **Research Specialization:** Urban Education (School Finance Reform and School Discipline Policies), African American Politics, African American Suburbanization, African American Leadership, and Juvenile Incarceration.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, September 2004 - June 2007.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, September, 2003 – September 2004.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, August, 1995- August, 2003.

Instructor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, Fall, 1991, Summer, 1992, Spring, 1993, and Summer, 1993.

COURSES TAUGHT

1. Topics in American Politics: Poverty and Public Policy (PSC. 329)
2. Topics in American Politics: The Politics of Urban Education (PSC. 328)
3. Introduction to Urban Politics (PSC. 223)
4. The American Political System (PSC. 120)
5. African American Politics (PSC. 218)
6. Black Political Organizations in the Post Civil Rights Era (A Junior Year Experiential Learning Course) (PSC. 282).
7. Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition (A Focal Point Course) (LSP 112).
8. The Urban Experience: Residential Segregation in Chicago (HON. 204)
9. Sophomore Seminar: Multiculturalism (LSP 200)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Education Spokesperson, The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, December, 1998 – January 31, 2001 -- Developing and disseminating Rainbow/PUSH Coalition policy positions on issues related to Federal, state, and local education policy; serving as a liaison for national constituency in order to reconcile education related grievances; developing youth and parent related programs, forums and seminars; and writing and research on education related issues for Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

Interim Executive Director, The Citizenship Education Fund, November, 1997 - December, 1998, while on academic leave from the University of Illinois, Chicago -- Developing a nation-wide educational agenda focusing on school finance reform and school equity; coordinating a school finance reform public awareness campaign directed toward minority communities in four (4) Midwestern cities; and writing and research on education related issues for Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

Director, PUSH FOR EXCELLENCE (PUSH-Excel), May, 1997 - December, 1998, while on academic leave from the University of Illinois, Chicago -- Directing and coordinating the activities of the PUSH-Excel national scholarship fund.

Program Analyst, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Washington, D.C., June, 1991 - July, 1994 -- Researching and performing policy specific analyses in the evaluation of housing policy and proposed legislative actions.

Information Officer, Office of Information and Public Affairs, Fulton County, Georgia, May, 1988 – June, 1989 -- Writing speeches, correspondence, public service announcements, and press releases for county commissioners.

Legislative Assistant, State Representative Ralph David Abernathy, Atlanta, Georgia, 8/88 - 6/89 -- Writing speeches, letters, and press releases; coordinating interviews; arranging speaking engagements and special events; and legislative research.

Clerk IV, Georgia Secretary of State's Office, Office of Corporations, 1987-1988 – Processing articles of incorporation for businesses registered in the state of Georgia.

Producer/Moderator, Prime Cable - Channel 12, Atlanta, Georgia, 5/88 - 6/89 --Politically orientated talk show.

Moderator, WNAA - 90.5 FM RADIO, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1/82 - 8/84 -- Politically orientated talk show.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, The Craft of Teaching Forum, University of Chicago, Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 2016.

Panelist, Office of Religious Studies, and Catholic Campus Ministry, Movies and Mercy, film presentation (Crash) and discussion, May 19, 2016.

Black Lives Matter presentation, for Professor Michael McIntyre's class, May 12, 2016.

Panelist, "2016 and the Latino Vote," presentation on Black/Latino Political Alliances, Latino USA/Department of Latin American and Latino Studies Forum, May 5, 2016.

Spring Faculty Forum on Black Lives Matter, DePaul Women's Network (DWN), DePaul University, April 21, 2016.

Discussant, "State of Denial" film presentation and discussion, Center for Black Diaspora, DePaul University, February 10, 2016.

Panelist, "What do we do After Mizzou," *Passport to DePaul* Winter Forum, DePaul University, January 28, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, DePaul University Honors Program forum on Black Lives Matter, University Honors Program, January 13, 2016.

Panelist, Student Empowerment Educational Symposium, Moraine Valley Community College, September 30, 2015.

Panelist, Notre Dame Academic Career Roundtable, University of Notre Dame, March 26, 2015.

March 13, 2014, Speaker, State of Black Chicago Community Education Forum, Northeastern Center for Inner City Studies, Chicago, Illinois.

August 8, 2013, Speaker, CIRRUS Summer Research Forum, Chemistry Department, DePaul University.

June 13, 2013, Guest Co-Host, Matt McGill Morning Show, WVON, Chicago, Illinois.

June 1, 2013, Panelist, State of Black Chicago Congress (SBCC), Chicago State University, Chicago, Illinois.

May 21, 2013, Panelist, “Good Hair/Bad Hair, Blacks Empowered (Student Organization), DePaul University.

May 17, 2013, Panelist, “Mass Media: Addressing Esteem Deficiencies in the African American Community,” School for New Learning (SNL), DePaul University.

April 30, 2013, Speaker, Community Leader’s Meeting, State of Black Chicago Congress (SBCC -- Community Mobilization Meetings), Quinn Chapel, Chicago, Illinois.

April 27, 2013, Panelist, Black Student Union (BSU), Graduate School Workshop, DePaul University. Panelist, DePaul Reads Together, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, May 16, 2013.

March 11, 2013, Speaker, Community Leader’s Meeting, State of Black Chicago Congress (SBCC -- Community Mobilization Meetings), Quinn Chapel, Chicago, Illinois.

March 14, 2013, Panelist, “Black Political Mobilization in Chicago” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Oakbrook, Illinois.

March 2013 – May 2013, Co-Chair Politics Group, State of Black Chicago Congress (SBCC) with former Cook County Board President Bobbie Steele.

- My responsibility as Co-Chair of the Politics Group entailed convening and facilitating bi-weekly community meetings, designed to engage members of the Black community in creating a Black political agenda in Chicago (a solution paper).

April 24-25, 2012 – Facilitator and Speaker, Unveiling the “Consensus Education Agenda for Blacks in Illinois,” Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Conference, Springfield Hilton, Springfield, Illinois.

September 23-24, 2010 – Presenter, “Developing and Nurturing Educational Professionals for the 21st Century,” Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Conference, held in conjunction with the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, University of Illinois, Student Center West.

September 23-24, 2010 – Conference Co-Chair, Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education Conference, held in conjunction with the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, University of Illinois, Student Center West.

April, 9, 2010 – Moderator and Discussant, African American and Latino Dialogue & Research Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago, UIC Forum.

April 20-21, 2009 – Speaker, “Initiating a Campus-Wide Diversity Plan,” Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

April 17, 2009 – Moderator, Luncheon, Professional Development Conference, Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE), Kennedy-King College, Chicago, Illinois.

□ Conference Co-Chair (April 16-17, 2009).

April 3, 2009 – Co-Moderator with Elizabeth Ortiz, “The Black Latino Dialogue,” Sponsored by the Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance, University of Illinois at Chicago Forum.

February 26, 2009 – Panelist, “Reconsidering the Image of African American Women in the Obama Era,” DePaul Campus Ministry, DePaul University Oak Forest Campus, Oak Forest, Illinois.

February 4, 2009 – Panelist, “Black History Month Panel,” The DePaul Activities Board, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

January 19, 2009 – Speaker, “The Civil Rights Agenda and the Post-Racial Presidency,” the 11th Annual MLK Commemoration at DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

December 21, 2008 – Panelist, “The Obama Agenda: What It Is, What It Isn’t & What It Should Be,” WVON 17th Annual Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, Chicago, Illinois.

December 2, 2008 – Panelist, “Race In America: A Discussion With No Walls,” sponsored by Timeline Theatre Company and Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture (CSRPC), University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

October 29, 2008 – Moderator, “Presidential Election Vote 2008” Roundtable Discussion, African and Black Diaspora Studies, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

September 23, 2008 – Panelist, “Diversity and Desegregation: The History of Chicago Magnet Schools and the Pending Threat of Re-Segregation,” Sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Roberto Maldonado and DePaul University College of Law Diversity Committee, Casa Central, Chicago, Illinois.

April 24, 2008 -- Panelist, "The Quest for Tenure and Promotion: Strategies for Getting There," The Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) Professional Development Conference, The Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

June 2, 2006 – Discussant, "Latino and African American Coalitions: Uniting for Action," Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

February 23, 2006 – Presenter, "Building Service-Learning and Civic Engagement into your Syllabus," Faculty Service-Learning Symposium, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois.

January 20, 2006 – Moderator, "The Servant Leader: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," DePaul University, Merle Reskin Theatre, Chicago, Illinois.

November 18, 2005 – Faculty Presenter, Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning, Quarterly Faculty Workshop.

June 21, 2005 – Panelist, Still Separate, Unequal: Race, Place, Poverty, and the State of Black Chicago forum, The Chicago Urban League, Chicago, Illinois.

June 15, 2005 -- Keynote Speaker, Male Involvement Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Chicago, Urban League, Chicago, Illinois.

March 23-26, 2005 – Panelist, "Systemic Bias in Education Policy," New Sites of Power, Conflict and Bias panel, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Arlington, Virginia.

March 23-26, 2005 – Panelist, "Race and the City: The View from Two Political Science Journals," Race in Urban Politics panel, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Arlington, Virginia.

November 30, 2004 – Presenter, "The Limited Impact of The Brown v. Board Of Education Decision On Segregated Schooling," Dominican University, Oak Park, Illinois.

October 21, 2004 – Speaker, "Socioeconomic Impediments to Brown's Realization," annual conference of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE), October 20-22, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

May 10, 2004 – Speaker, "The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education," Chicago Urban League conference on the Lessons and Legacy of the Brown v. Board Decision, Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Illinois.

February 28, 2004 – Presenter, "Presidential Politics 2004 and the Future of African America: New Leadership Challenges for a Troubled Age," Annual Pre-Olive Harvey Black Studies Conference Forum, Olive Harvey College, Chicago, Illinois.

March 31, 2003 – Presenter, “The Black Electorate: Lessons of Recent Political Activity,” Lewis University Office of Multi-Cultural Education Forum, Lewis University, Joliet, Illinois.

November 9, 2002 – McNair Fellows Forum, “Engaged Scholarship in the Education Policy Arena,” University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

May 11, 2002 – Featured Speaker, “Dreams Deferred: A Closer Look at School Discipline,” Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois.

April 17, 2002 – Chair, Black Studies and the Scope of American Education: Facing the Intellectual and Socio-Political Challenges, The 25th Annual Olive Harvey Black Studies Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

March 8, 2002 – Discussant, African American Political Thought and the World Community, The National Conference of Black Political Scientists, March 6-9, 2002, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 26, 2001 – Panelist, The Changing Terrain of Race and Ethnicity: Theory, Methods and Public Policy, “The Unintended, Yet Adverse Effects of Education Policy,” University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

April 21, 2001 – Panelist, The 24th Olive Harvey Annual Black Studies Conference, “Vouching for American Education: The Cruel Hoax of Leaving No Child Behind,” Chicago, Illinois.

March 24, 2001 – Chair, “Technology and Services: Approaches for the 21st Century.” The 27th Annual Third World Conference, Swissotel, Chicago, Illinois.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Chair, Department of Political Science, (2014 – Present)
- Chair, Mentoring Committee, (2011-2012)
- Member, Peer Review Committee, (2011-2012)
- Personnel Committee, (2008-09)
- Curriculum Committee, (2007-2008, 2008-2009)
- Assessment Committee, (2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08)
- Strategic Planning Committee, (2006-07)
- Latino Politics Search Committee (2006-07)

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

- LAS Dean Search Committee, (2015-2016)
- Faculty Council, Member, (2006-2009, 2009-2012, 2012-June 2014) ○ Faculty Council Officer, Committee on Committees Chair, July 2013 – June 2014 ○ LAS Committee on Committees Representative

- College Personnel Committee, (2011-14)
- Faculty Council, Alternate, (2005-06)
- President, DePaul University Black Leadership Coalition, (AY 2008-09, 2009-10)
- Member, DePaul University Black Leadership Coalition (AY 2010- Present)
- Faculty Advisor, NUANCE, (2011-2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Blacks Empowered, (2012-2014)
- Co-Chair, Faculty of Color Group
- Co-Chair, Concerned Faculty Group
- Member, Mentoring in the College Taskforce, (Spring 2010- Present)
- Member, Taskforce to Enhance Diverse Leadership, (Winter 2011- Spring 2012)
- President's Diversity Council, (AY 2008-09, 2009-10) ○ Member, Data Committee (AY 2009-10) ○ Member, Faculty Committee (AY 2009-10)
- Cultural Center Advisory Committee (AY 2009-10)
- Center for Intercultural Programs (formerly Cultural Center) Advisory Board (2012-Present)
- Free Speech and Affirmative Action Committee, (Spring 2006)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- Chair, State of Black Chicago Congress, July 2013 – Present.
- Executive Council Member, Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE)
- Steering Committee Member and Activities Coordinator, the Illinois African American and Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA)
- Advisory Board Member, Passages Alternatives, August 2008 – present.
- Member, Board of Directors, Christians Building Urban Communities, 1996- 2011.
- Co-Chair, Education Committee, West Side Consortium, 2003-2011.
- Member, UIC External Committee, February 2004- 2008.
- Research Director, Illinois Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, December, 1996-May, 1997.
- Chair, Issues Committee for Congressman Danny Davis, December, 1996-May, 1997.
- Faculty Liaison for Women Graduate Students of Color in the Chicago Greater Metropolitan Area, 1996.
- Member, Independent Voters of Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization, April, 1999-present.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education (ICBCHE), Executive Council
- Illinois African American and Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA), Steering Committee
- American Political Science Association
- Illinois Council for College Attendance (ICCA)
- National Conference of Black Political Scientist (NCOBPS)
- The Midwest Political Science Association
- The Urban Affairs Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Faculty/Staff Appreciation Certificate for Outstanding Dedication to the Class of 2006, DePaul University, May 4, 2006.
- Faculty Participation Award, Black Student Union, DePaul University, 2005/2006.
- Excellence in Community and Scholastic Education Award, Chicago Urban League, June 2005.
- Community Service Award, Ebenezer United Church, Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, December 2002.
- UIC Alumni Association, 2002 UIC Flame Award for Teaching Excellence (for years covering 1997-2001).
- The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Recognition for Commitment to Education and Excellence, March 3, 2000.
- Illinois Judicial Council, Chairpersons Special Award, October 1998.
- Conley H. Dillion Memorial Dissertation Award, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

REFERENCES

Clarence N. Stone, Ph.D.
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