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***EDUCATION***

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST (2012)

Doctor of Education

School of Education: Social Justice Education

Dissertation: Making Something of It: The Untold Stories of Promising Black

Males at a Predominately White Institution of Higher Education.

Committee: Bailey Jackson (Chair), Maurianne Adams, Alexandrina Deschamps

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY (2000)

Master of Arts

School of Education: Administration, Leadership, and Technology

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY, EDINBORO, PA (1993)

Bachelor of Arts

Psychology

***ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS***

New York University, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Leadership

Associate Clinical Professor and Coordinator, Higher Education and Student Affairs Program (2014-present)

New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY

Director, Academic Achievement Program (AAP), (2012-2014)

New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, New York, NY

Associate Director, Sophomore and Special Group Advising: Academic Advisor, (2012-

2014)

Smith College School for Social Work, MSW Program, Northampton, MA

Adjunct Associate Professor (2008-2015)

Westfield State University, School of Education, Westfield, MA

Adjunct Faculty (2010-2012)

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, (Umass) Social Justice Education

Undergraduate Courses, Amherst, MA

Instructor (2005-2011)

Holyoke Community College, Cultural and Contemporary Studies, Holyoke, MA

Adjunct Faculty (Fall, 2008)

UMASS, Social Justice Education Graduate Course, Amherst, MA

Instructor (2006-2008)

UMASS, Commonwealth College, Honors College

Instructor (September 2006 – May 2008)

UMASS- Undergraduate Advising and Learning Community Center

Instructor (September 2005 – 2008)

***HONORS AND AWARDS***

• Merit based promotion to Associate Clinical Professor at New York University.

• Graduate Student Organization 2020 “Star Award”, New York.

• Steinhardt 2018 Teaching Excellence Award, New York University.

• Academic Achievement Program 2017 “Lifetime Achievement Award,” New

York University.

• Graduate Student Organization 2017 “Star Award”, New York University

• NASPA 2016 Inaugural “Emerging Faculty Leader” Academy Region II

Representative.

• Senior Bertha Reynolds Fellowship, Smith College School for Social Work (2013-

2014).

• Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst,

(2011).

• Recipient, Diversity Assistantship Dissertation Fellowship, University of

Massachusetts Amherst, 2011-2012.

***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

New York University, Higher Education and Student Affairs Program

Assistant Clinical Professor and Program Coordinator (2014-Present)

• Undergraduate Advising (HBSE-GE 2005)- Created

• Internship Seminar (HPSE-GE 2041)-Required, Significantly Redesigned

• Diversity in Higher Education (HPSE-GE 2161)-Required, Significantly

Redesigned

• Leadership in Higher Education (HPSE-GE 2097)-Required

• Foundations in Higher Education (HPSE-GE 2090)-Required

• Social Justice on College Campuses (HPSE-GE 2016)-Significantly Redesigned

• College Student Learning and Development (HPSE-GE 2069)-Required

• Othering: Its Psychological and Institutional Implications (APSY-UE 9681)-Cocreated.

***PUBLICATIONS***

Book Chapters

Bell, L., Funk, M., & Pacheco, R. (In Progress). “Racial Justice and Resistance.” In M.

Adams, L. Bell, D. Goodman & K. Joshi (Eds.). Teachings for diversity and social justice

(3rd.). New York, NY: Routledge.

Funk, M. (2018). “Creating Inclusive Classrooms as an Imperative for

Historically Underrepresented Groups in Higher Education. In J. DeVitis & P. Sasso

(Eds.) College at the Crossroads: Taking sides on contested issues. New York, NY: Peter

Lang.

Funk, M., Varghese, R. & Zuniga, X. (2018). “Racism.” In M. Adams, W.

Blumenfeld, C. Castaneda, H. Hackman, M. Peters, & X. Zuniga (Eds.). Readings for

diversity and social justice (4th ed.). New York, NY: Routledge.

Funk, M. (2018). “Transfer Troubles”. In F. Stage & S. Hubbard (Eds). Linking theory to

practice: Case studies for working with college students (4th ed.). New York, NY;

Routledge.

Funk. M. (2018). “Freedom of Speech?”. In F. Stage & S. Hubbard (Eds). Linking theory

to practice: Case studies for working with college students (4th ed.). New York, NY:

Routledge.

Bell, L., Funk, M., Joshi, K., Valdivia, M. (2016). “Racism and White Privilege.” In M.

Adams, L. Bell, D. Goodman & K. Joshi (Eds.). Teachings for diversity and social justice

(3rd.). New York, NY: Routledge.

***INVITED PRESENTATIONS***

• Keynote for NYU School of Dentistry’s Saturday Academy for first generation, URM High School Pathway Program, June 2020.

• Panelist for Black Graduate Student Alliance: NYU Wagner Black in Education: Disrupting the Curriculum Event; February, 2020.

• Keynote for Black History Month Faculty Talk Series: The African Diaspora to Me. February, 2020.

• Keynote for Black History Month Conversation and Cocktails. Spence-Chapin Adoption Agency, February, 2020.

• Panelist for Incoming Steinhardt Graduate School Students, August, 2019.

•Keynote Panelist, CSTEP Symposium, SUNY School of Optometry, June, 2019

• Keynote Panelist, Racism and Other-Isms on Campus. The Office of Global

Inclusion, New York University, April, 2019

• Keynote Panelist, Wasserman Center Non-Profit and Social Impact Careers

Panelist, New York University, February, 2019

• Keynote Speaker, Diversity and Equity Issues at NYU for the Sackler Institute

Meet and Lunch Series at NYU Langone Medical School, New York University,

February, 2019.

• Moderator, Men of Color Symposium Panel: Men of Color in Scholarship and

Research, New York University, February, 2019

• Opening Session Presentation, NYU Department of Administration, Leadership,

and Technology African-American Male Summit Opening Session Presenter,

Florence, Italy, July 2018.

• Keynote Speaker, MLK Jr. Oratorical at Steinhardt: New York University, NY,

February, 2017.

• Keynote Panelist, Steinhardt faculty-wide conversation on Race and Racism,

September, 2017.

• Tisch Dean Scholar Keynote Lecture, The Importance of Inclusive Leadership,

New York University, October, 2017.

• MLK Scholar Key Note Lecture, The Distinction between Social Justice and

Charity, November, 2017.

• Keynote Speaker, Bridging Theory & Practice: SJE with College

Students, Social Justice Symposium, University of Massachusetts Amherst. April,

2017.

• Keynote Panelist, What Matters Most, New York University Residence Life,

Palladium Hall, NY, November, 2016.

• Moderator, An Honest Discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates’s Between the World and

Me, New York University, Residence Life, October 2016.

• Key Note Panelist, Trigger Warningsfor Tisch School of the Arts University-

Wide discussion, New York University, October, 2016.

• Key Note Panelist, New York University at La Pietra, Race, Racism and

Xenophobia in a Global Context, Florence, Italy, March, 2016.

• Discussant, TROUBLING the Teaching and Learning of Sexuality Diversity in

South African Education, NYU, New York, NY, January 2016.

• Keynote Panelist, Changing Faces of Harlem Premier Film, New York

University, New York, NY, 2015.

• Keynote Panelist, New York University, participant for the NYU Administrator of

Color Network: Journey to a Doctoral Degree Panel, New York, NY, 2015.

• Keynote Speaker, Center for Multicultural Education and Programs CMEP

(NYU) FOCUS-Mentoring Program end of the year ceremony, April, 2016.

• Keynote Speaker, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Multicultural Student

Networking Association Annual Dinner, Boston, MA, 2012.

• Keynote Panelist, Rutgers University, “Coming Out as An Ally Panel,”

Moderator, New Brunswick, NJ, 2012.

***SELECTED TRAININGS***

• Five College Faculty Consortium, Faculty Development on Racial Justice, Amherst, MA, December, 2020.

• Racial Justice and Police Repurposing with Amherst and Amherst College Police Department, Amherst, MA, October, 2020.

• NYU School of Global Public Health: Practicing with a purpose: Building a capacity to promote racial justice in public health, New York University, September 2020.

• Children’s Workshop School, Opening Up: Talking Racial Injustice with Kids, June 2020.

• Children’s Workshop School, Parenting is Political: Education our Children about Issues of Social Justice, December 2019.

• NYC Criminal Justice Agency, Implicit Bias & Microaggressions Training, New

York, NY, March, 2019.

• Stern School of Business Cohort Leadership Program Inclusive Leadership

Training, New York University, October, 2018.

• Steinhardt Faculty First Look Diversity Training, New York University, October

2018.

• Winter Institute for Intercultural Communication (WIIC), Teaching Inclusive

Practice for Faculty, March, 2018.

• Manhattan College, Facilitating Difficult Dialogues for Senior Administrative

Staff. Tarrytown, NY, January, 2018.

• New York University, Holistic Advising and Why it Matters. New York

University, University-Wide Advising staff., December, 2017.

• New York University Steinhardt Knowledge Partners, Teaching Inclusive Practice

Seminar (TIPS) for Faculty, NY, 2017-present.

• New York University, Steinhardt Knowledge Partner Member, Faculty Trainings

on Implicit Bias and Microaggressions for New York University Faculty, NY,

2016-Present.

• NASPA Conference 2017. Launching Your Faculty Career: Support, Advice, and

Resources for the Transition from NASPA’s Emerging Faculty Leader Academy

Inaugural Cohort. San Antonio, Texas.

• Diversity and Inclusion Training: NYC Electrical Construction Industry, Queens,

NY. December, 2016.

• Fashion Institute of Technology, Recruiting a Diverse Faculty. New York, NY.

September, 2016

• K.I.N.G.S on Campus: How Programmatic Support Provides Gentlemen

of Quality (GQ) Leadership Skills at a Predominately White Institution Program.

NASPA II Regional Conference Presentation, New York: NY. June, 2016.

• National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education

Creating a Counter-Story Telling Community for Racial Dialogue.

Pre-Conference Session. San Francisco: CA. May, 2016.

• NCORE Panelist: Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice: An Overview of the

Book. San Francisco, CA, May, 2016.

• New York University, Microaggressions 101: Center Multicultural Educational

Programs Ally Week Presentation. April 2016

• Syracuse University School of Environmental Science and Forestry, Cultivating

Inclusive Leadership: Frameworks and Practices for ESF, Syracuse, NY, January,

2016.

• New York University, Microaggressions: What are They and How Can We

Disrupt Them, New York University Faculty Fellows in Residence Team. Fall,

2015

• Humanities Preparatory Academy, Inclusive Education: Building a capacity for a

diverse and democratic community, NYC, 2015.

• The New School, Equity and Assessment Consultation, New York, NY, 2013.

• Wentworth Institute of Technology, World House MLK Weekend Retreat and

Training, Boston, MA, 2013.

• Smith College, Real Talk, Real Action: Interracial Dialogue Series, Northampton,

MA, 2013.

• New York University, NYU 10th Annual Student Affairs Conference, Presenter:

K.I.N.G.S. On Campus: Gentlemen of Quality (GQ) providing programmatic

support, leadership development, and academic achievement for Black males at a

PWI, New York, NY, 2013.

• Skidmore College, Student Affairs Staff, Social Justice Training, Skidmore, NY,

2012.

• Trinity College, Consortium on High Achievement and Success Conference,

Panelist, Hartford, CA, 2012.

• Leadership Atlanta, Anti-Racism Training Facilitator, Atlanta, GA, 2011.

• Amherst College, 5-College Service Learning Consortium Anti-Racism Dialogue,

Facilitator, Amherst, MA, 2011.

• A Healthy Living Conference Community Retreat, Curriculum Planner and Lead

Facilitator, (2010-2011).

• National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), POCC Conference,

Transracial Adoption Affinity Group External Facilitator (2010, 2011, 2012).

• New England Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Forum, Workshop Facilitator,

Northampton, MA, 2010.

• Pace University, Examining Issues of Diversity, Social Justice & Privilege,

Counseling Services, New York, NY, (2010, 2012).

• Cornell University School of Leadership and Hospitality Digesting Diversity:

Raising Awareness & Creating Community, Ithica, NY, (2009, 2010).

• Community Outreach Worker Network and Training Coalition Conference

Battling Bias: Exploring the Impact of Personal Bias in Our Professional Lives,

Bay State, (2009, 2010).

• Swarthmore College, Its Classified: An Activist Guide to Combating Classism on

Campus, Philadelphia, PA, 2009.

• Smith College School for Social Work, Examining Issues of Intersectionality,

Curriculum Day for students and faculty, 2009.

• Hampshire College, Reproductive Justice Conference Paradigms of Privilege:

Examining Race and Racism in the U.S., Amherst, MA, 2009.

• The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Digesting Diversity: Raising

Awareness & Creating Community., Romney Associates, Inc. 2009.

• Smith College School for Social Work, Transformation in Action: Liberating

Ourselves and Each Other, , 90th Anniversary, 2008.

• Film facilitation and dialogue, Banished, White Privilege Conference, Springfield,

MA, 2008.

• University of Massachusetts, School of Nursing, The Cultural of Humility:

Creating Cultural Awareness in the Nursing field, Amherst, MA, 2008.

• Culture Shock: Understanding Difference and Finding Commonality, Valley Head

Inc., Lee, MA, October, 2006.

• Pioneer Valley School of the Performing Arts Class Acts, Exploring classism

within a U.S. context; Diversity Day, South Hadley, MA, 2005.

• Facilitator for Anti-Racism Conference, Holyoke, MA, 2005.

• University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Contemporary Diversity Issues in the

Classroom: Four Steps to Creating an Inclusive Classroom, Graduate Student

Orientation, Center for Teaching and Development, Amherst, MA, 2005.

• Mt. Holyoke College, Invisible Inheritance: How U.S. Systems Invest Stolen

Resources in Whiteness. Understanding Whiteness Recognizing Privilege

Conference, South Hadley, MA, 2004.

• Stoneleigh-Burnham High School You are What You Eat: Deconstructing Hip-

Hop and how it impacts social justice, 1st Annual Social Justice Day, MA, 2004.

• New York University Civil Rights Movement: Students Building from the Bottom

Up, 1st Annual Black Solidarity Conference, New York, NY, 2003.

• Helping Our Kids Through Hip-Hop: Creating Positive Pedagogies that serve the

youth, K-8 Diversity Day, Atlantic City, NJ, 2003.

• New York University’s Student Affairs Conference, Adding Substance to

Diversity, New York, NY, 2002.

• Plenary session facilitator for the first annual “Black Solidarity Conference” at

New York University, 2001.

***SERVICE***

• Selected Member, Faculty Advisor Council on Digital Inclusion, 2020-Present

• Selected Member, MLK Scholars Working Group, 2020-Present

• Global Inclusion Faculty Mentor, New York University, 2019-Present

• Student Success Summit Advisory Committee, New York University, 2019-Present

• Steinhardt Committee on Course and Programs, 2019- Present

• Selected Member, Faculty Advisor Council on Digital Inclusion, 2020-Present

• Selected Member, Steinhardt Faculty Diversity Council 2019- Present.

• RA Working Group Co-Chair. Residence Life and Housing Services, New York University, 2019-Present.

• Selected Member, New York University Faculty Fellow in Resident (FFIR),

2016-Present.

• Elected Member, Continuing Contract Faculty Senate Council (C-FSC)

Alternative Senator, New York University, 2016-Present.

• Selected Member, Being @NYU Global Inclusion Advancement Committee,

2019-Present.

• Sub-Committee Member, Being @ NYU Global Inclusion Advancement for

Cross-School Inclusive Leadership Programing, 2019-Present.

• Selected Member, NYU LGBTQ Center Pronouns Committee Member, 2019-

Present.

• Selected Member, Steinhardt, Faculty Knowledge Partner-Campus-Wide Faculty

Engagement Initiative, 2016-Present.

• Member, New York University Office of Community Standards, Senate

Representative for the Judicial Committee, 2018-Present.

• Sub-Committee Member, C-FSC Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging,

New York University, 2016-Present.

• Search Committee Member, New York University Office of Global Inclusion,

Associate Vice President, Global Inclusive Faculty Engagement and Innovation.

December, 2018.

• Board Member, New York University Academic Achievement Program.

September 2014-August, 2018.

• Personnel Committee Member at Large, Steinhardt Administration Leadership

and Technology, 2019-Present.

• Steinhardt Valedictory Graduation Name Reader, 2014-2018.

• Steinhardt Faculty Ambassador for the University of the Free State, Global

Leadership Summit, Bloemfontein, South Africa, (2015).

Department

• Committee Chair, Steinhardt Higher Education and Student Affair, Internal

Student Recognition Awards, 2019-present.

• Faculty Advisor, Association of Student Affairs Professionals, 2014-present.

• Search Committee Member, Department of Administration, Leadership, and

Technology search committee for Educational Leadership, Associate Clinical

Professor.

• Monthly Facilitation of Diversity Issues for Steinhardt Department of

Administration, Leadership, and Technology. New York University, NY, Fall

2015.

**Dissertation Committee and Reader Support**

• Committee Member, Devon Pryor, Dissertation: Institutional responses to student activism related to racial injustice at two predominately white institutions: Administrator actions and student perceptions, April, 2020.

• Committee Member, Beth Markowitz, Dissertation: Building bridges: An interpretive cross case-study of community college STEM transfer students in a highly selective research university, April 2020.

• External Reader, Stina Dufour, Dissertation: Explore the meaning of education abroad to Americans: Long term personal development of heritage seekers, April 2020.

• External Reader, Sergio Saldivia, Dissertation: The micropolitics of educational reform: Principals and teachers political interactions under new managerialism, April 2020.

• External Reader, Erin Brent, Prospectus: Price sensitivity in dental education, December, 2018.

• Committee Member, Nikki Youngblood, Dissertation: Pathways to persistence:

Low-income first-generation students at an elite college. April, 2018.

• External Reader, Christina Muhammed, Dissertation: Professional socialization

for mid-level student affairs practitioners in small liberal arts colleges:

Understanding how organizational culture is shared. April, 2018.

• External Reader, Erika Bernabei-Middleton, Dissertation: Redefining

accountability in education reform through place-based strategies: Lessons

learned from promise neighborhoods. March, 2018.

• Committee Member, Devon Pryor, Prospectus: Institutional responses to student activism related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, December, 2018.

• External Reader, Christopher Stipeck, Disstertation: The effects of livinglearning

programs on persistence and behaviors of first-year, first-generation

college students. October 2017.

• Search Committee Member, Administration, Leadership, and Technology

Clinical Associate Professor, Educational Leadership. May, 2017.

• Committee Chair, Ethan Youngerman Ed.d Defense, May 2017.

• External Reader, Nupar Goyal, Dissertation: The impact of college Residence

Halls on the student learning experiences of international undergraduate students

from India, during their first year. May 2017.

• External Reader, Lilliana Donchik, Dissertation: Transition programs for

incarcerated youth back to school and the community. April, 2017.

• External Reader, Anna Schmidt, Dissertation: . December, 2016.

• External Reader, Marc Lo, Dissertation:. December, 2016.

***ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE***

• Member, NASPA Faculty, 2014-Present.

• Co-Organizer, White Privilege Conference Symposium Conference, Union

Theological Seminary, NY, 2016.

• Committee Board Member, Human Subject Review Board Committee Member,

Smith College, Northampton, MA, 2012-2014.

• Committee Member, Distinguished Teaching Award Selection Committee,

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2012-2013

• Committee Member, Chancellors Honorary Degree Advisory Board, University

of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2011-2013.

• Committee Member, Social Justice Education 20th Anniversary Conference,

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2012.

• Independent Educator, creator of Culture Shock Social Justice and Diversity,

New York City Tours. Clients include: Prudential Insurance Executives,

Kingsboro Community College, Brooklyn, NY, UMASS Residence Life, UMASS-

• Search Committee Member, The Office of Equal Opportunities and Diversity,

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2007. I

Community-Based Service

• Co-founder, Keep Inspiring and Nurturing a Gentlemen’s Spirit (K.I.N.G.S) men

of color social network, Amherst, MA & New York, NY, 2003-2015.

• Academic Mentor, A Better Chance Program (ABC House), Amherst, MA,

2010-2015.

• Planning and Curriculum Committee, Julius Ford/Harriet Tubman Healthy

Living Conference, Plainfield, MA, 2009-present.

• Director of Performances and Arts, The Great Holyoke Block Party, Holyoke,

2008-present.

• Member, Citizens for the Revitalization and Urban Success of Holyoke

(C.R.U.S.H), Holyoke, MA, 2007-2012.

• Co-founder and organizer, “Culture Shock,” Amherst, MA, 2003-2012.

• Board of Directors Member, Community Education Project, Holyoke, MA-

2005-2009.n

**INVITED CONSULTANT**

• MHTN Architect Racial Justice Organizational Support, Salt Lake City, Utah, September 2020-present.

• Cultural Competency & Cultural Humility. Baystate Medical Center, Springfield,

MA, August, 2018-present.

• Racial Equity Consultant. Queens Legal Services, Queens, NY, 2016-present.

• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, LaGuardia Community College, Queens, NY,

February, 2016-July, 2016.

• EdChange, Diversity Trainer and Consultant, 2006-2014.

• Romney Associates, Inc., Diversity Trainer and Organizational Consultant, 2006-

2012.

***MEDIA***

• https://soundcloud.com/wnyu/safe-spaces

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNUYZzZw0h8 (at 36:13)

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvZ\_lKHCBvE (at 34:55)

• https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/07/27/blacks-with-collegeexperience-

more-likely-to-say-they-faced-discrimination/

• https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/site/ataglance/2014/09/questions-for-sean-michaelfunk-

on-racism-diversity-and-tolerance-in-higher-education.html

• https://www.dropbox.com/s/3il1x1m7w2b747e/Faculty%20First%20Look%20Fal

l%202018%20in%20Diverse%20Magazine.pdf?dl=0

• https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/31/sports/stephon-marbury-stops-at-nyu-ashis-

story-continues.html

***ADDITIONAL***

Excellent communication, public speaking, organizational and interpersonal skills across

diverse professional, social, and cultural contexts; avid runner, cross trainer, and

community organizer