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Crystal L. Edwards, PhD.

CURRICULM VITAE

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee May 2017

Africology (African, African American, and African Diaspora Studies)

Dissertation: *HER-Story: Black, Middle-School Girls Exploring their Intersectional Identities*

Committee: Dr. Erin Winkler (*Chair*), Dr. Doreatha Mbalia, Dr. George Bargainer, Dr. James Conyers, Dr. Raquel Farmer-Hinton

Graduate Certificate, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee December 2015
Educational Policy

Bachelor of Science, University of Houston December 2009
Major: Political Science
Minor: African American Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-present University of Houston
Lecturer, African American Studies

2017-2020 University of Houston
Visiting Scholar, African American Studies

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING

2019-present Prairie View A&M University
Consultant, Student Affairs

- Develop and implement Social Justice curriculum, programming, and extracurricular material, within Phase IX thematic housing.
- Guide the development and implementation of the Honors, Global and STEM curriculum, programming, and extracurricular material, within Phase IX thematic housing.
- Create an operational model that increases PVAMU's capacity for addressing student support needs as it relates to Title IX mandates.
- Evaluate and redesign the existing programmatic structure, access, practicality and value of the PVAMU Women's Center.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Lived experiences of Black women and girls
- Intersectional Microaggressions
- Intersectionality
- Construction of Racialized and gendered identities
- Black Feminisms
- African American History and Culture
- Decolonial and Africana Theories and Methodologies

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

National Council of Black Studies Community Initiative Grant, 2018

Global Faculty Development Fund, University of Houston, 2018

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Community and University Partnership (CUP) Grant, 2014

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Student Association Grant, 2012-2014

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2013-2014

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Chancellor Graduate Student Award (CGSA), 2011-2013.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

Discussant, 43rd Annual National Council of Black Studies National Conference (March 2019)

New Orleans, Louisiana

“Africology”

Panelist, Black Communities: A Conference for Collaboration, (April 2018)

Durham, North Carolina

“‘Fleek’ versus ‘Ugly’: Black, Middle School Girls Experience with Beauty Standards”

Panelist, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Annual Meeting and Conference, (September 2017)

Cincinnati, Ohio

“Intersectional Microaggressions in Middle Schools: The Experience of Black Girls”

Invited Scholar/Panelist, UW-Milwaukee Educational Talent Search Girls Workshop (March 2014)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

“Successful Female Professionals in Milwaukee”

Panelist, 38th Annual National Council of Black Studies National Conference (March 2014)

Miami, Florida

“Prescribed Identities and the Resulting Shame: Realities of African American Women”

Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer, AAS Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series (February 2014)

Houston, Texas

“On Becoming an Africologist”

Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer, Truth Search Forum (December 2013)

Distance Learning Forum (Online)

“Hip-Hop Reconsidered: Visibilizing the Invisible”

Panelist, R³: Race, Religion and Representation Symposium (March 2012)

Madison, Wisconsin

“Africological Approaches to Race and Religions: Spiritual Possessions”

PUBLICATIONS

Edwards, C. L. (n.d). Critical Approaches to Approaches to Urban Education: Shifting Culturally Dominant Understandings of Teaching, Learning and the Purpose of Schooling. In J. L. Conyers Jr. & A. Pitre (Eds.), *Africana Urban Education*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company. (*Forthcoming*).

Edwards, C.L (2020). “Can’t we all just get along?” Black Women Navigating the Academy. In Conyers, J.L, Edwards, C.L, and Thompson, K. (Eds.), *African Americans in Higher Education: A Critical Study of Social and Philosophical Foundations of Africana Culture*. Myers Publishing, ME.

Edwards, C.L. (2019). *HER-Story: Black girls experiencing their intersectional identities in schools*. Maryland: Lexington Books.

Edwards, C. L., & Scott, A. J. (2018). *Why Decoloniality?* In J. L. Conyers (Ed.), *Africana Methodologies*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, TX.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Houston, African American Studies Program

Faculty

- Fall 2020
 - African American Oral History and Field Research (Practicum)
- Summer 2020
 - Seminar in African American Studies
 - Africana Philosophy
- Winter-Mini 2019
 - Black Leaders of the 20th Century
- Fall 2019
 - African American Oral History and Field Research (Practicum)
- Summer 2019, Fall 2018
 - Introduction to African American Studies
- Winter-Mini 2018
 - Towards a United Africa

- Fall 2018
 - Introduction to African American Studies
- Spring 2018
 - Black Women in Contemporary U.S Society

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Africology

Graduate Student Instructor (sole instructor)

- Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015
 - Afri 112: African American History from 1865 to the Present

Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2012, Spring 2013
 - Afri 112: African American History from 1865 to the Present
- Fall 2011, Spring 2012
 - Afri 100: Black Reality
- Fall 2014
 - Afri 111: African and African American History to 1865

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Invited Reviewer, Lexington Press	2018
Humanities Consultant, <i>“One False Step: The Muhammad Ali Project”</i>	2013-2015
GEAR UP Lecturer, <i>“On Becoming an Africologists”</i>	2014-2015
Co-organizer, Africology NOW Youth Initiative (ANYI)	2014
Co-organizer, My Sistas KeepHer: Girls Empowerment Summit	2014

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Dear Daughters Student Organization, Faculty Advisor University of Houston	2019
African American Studies 50 th Anniversary banquet, Committee University of Houston	2019
Model African Union, Faculty Advisor University of Houston	2017- present
The Cradle of Humanity Study Abroad, Faculty Organizer	2017
Black Student Union Conference, Faculty Advisor University of Houston	2017-2018
Black History and Liberation Month Planning Committee (Member) University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee	2013, 2014, 2015
Africology NOW, Student Organization, Officer University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee	2011-2015

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CLASS Online Teaching (2019)

University of Houston

Course Design Institute (2014)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Keys to Successful Grant Writing (2014)

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Community/University Partnership (CUP) Grant Information Session (2014)

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Africology Funding Workshop (2013)

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Pathways to Academic and Scholarly Leadership (2013)

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Community/University Partnership (CUP) Grant Information Session (2013)

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Council for Black Studies (NCBS)

2012-2019

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

2017-2018

INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH

Afro Caribbean Roots: African Religious Influence in Cuba

Habana, Cuba

Decolonizing Knowledge and Power: Decolonial Summer School

Barcelona, Spain

African American Studies Study Abroad

Ghana, West Africa