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EDUCATION: Ph.D., Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York (CUNY)
Department of Anthropology, 2002
Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Hunter College, CUNY G.P.A.: 4.0
Bachelor of Arts, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada Sociology, Honors

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY)

Department of Sociology

Substitute Assistant Professor

(Fall 2003)

Adjunct Assistant Professor

(2002-2003)

Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies Program

Adjunct Instructor for the Core Seminar on Human Nature (Social Sciences Component)

(2001-2002)

Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences

Adjunct Instructor for required course on Personal and Community Health

(1993-1994)

Maternal Health and Nutrition Research Project, Zimbabwe

(July 1993)

Research Assistant for a project in coordination with the Zimbabwean Ministry of Health, sponsored by Earthwatch. Conducted home visits, interviews and data collection in the province of Masvingo, Zimbabwe.

SELECT GRANT FUNDING

Citizens Committee of New York City, New Neighbors Weekend Grant: Learning to Learn: From Each Other, 2002 (\$500)

The City University of New York Dispute Resolution Consortium (CUNY DRC) and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Research Mini-Grant, 1999 (\$5000)

New York City Drug and Alcohol Consortia, Mini-Grant (\$500), 1994

Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) Grant Project Coordinator, Project PEP: A Personal Empowerment Program for Substance Abuse Prevention focused on Healthy Living, 1991-3 (\$83,835)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn College, City University of New York

(1990 - 2003)

Office of the Vice President for Student Life and College Relations / Office of the Dean

(1996 -2003)

Special Assistant to the Chief Student Affairs Officer. Responsible for the Community Building Initiative involving student facilitated dialogues, social justice forums and various diversity projects, divisional budget of \$1.2 million, personnel, administration, and a range of other duties such the CUNYCAP graduate internship.

Personal Counseling/Career Services/Health Programs

(1990 - 96)

Member of the Center management team supervising administrative, clerical, technical and reception personnel and payroll.

Hunter College President's Task Force on AIDS / HIV, New York, N.Y.

(1989 - 90)

Coordinator of the American Public Health Association/SOPHE Task Force and the Center for Community Action to Prevent AIDS. Organized events with international speakers; compiled survey of faculty involvement with research, teaching and community involvement around HIV/AIDS

Institute for the Study of Labor and Economic Crisis, San Francisco, California

(1976 - 86)

Assisted with urban policy research and grassroots community initiatives in the Bay Area and five regional offices around the U.S. Managed the national office and co-led a delegation of fifteen to Nicaragua in August 1983. Assisted in research for the journal Crime and Social Justice, published by the Institute.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Breaking the Code of Good Intentions: Everyday Forms of Whiteness.* Lanham: Maryland. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., Forthcoming Winter 2003-4.
- Encyclopedia Entry on "Aaron McGruder and 'The Boondocks.'" *African-American History Reference Series: The Contemporary World*, Edited by Gerald Horne. New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2004.
- "Cracks in the Wall of Whiteness: Desperately Seeking Agency and Optimism." *Dispute Resolution in Context: Cross-Cultural and Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives*. City University of New York Dispute Resolution Consortium (DRC) Working Papers Series: Third Compendium. Edited by Charlotte Graves Patton and Stacie Strobl. CUNY DRC at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. 2003.
- "American Identity and the Mechanisms of Everyday Whiteness." *Socialism and Democracy*. Journal of the Research Group on Socialism and Democracy. New York: Volume 17, Number 1. Spring 2003.
- Biographical Entry on Elizabeth "Betita" Martinez, in *Latinas in the United States: An Historical Encyclopedia*. Edited by Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sanchez Korrol, Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Forthcoming 2004.
- Everyday Whiteness." *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society*. Institute for Research in African American Studies at Columbia University. New York. Volume 4, # 4. Fall 2002.
- REMARKS*: Newsletter of the Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities of the American Sociological Association. Associate Editor, 2002 - present.
- Brooklyn Writes: An Anthology of Writing across the Curriculum*.
- Compiled student writings in poems entitled, "What Matters to Me Now and Why" and "Civic Responsibilities at a Time Like This", *Assignments and Outcomes: The Notebook*. Editor in chief Geraldine DeLuca. 2003; Contributed, edited and wrote Introduction for section "On Community Building." Volume edited by Geraldine DeLuca and Mark Patkowski, Brooklyn College, 2002.
- Healing and Rebuilding New York: Proceedings of the AAARI Leadership Conference*, CUNY Bulletin of Asian American/Asian Affairs. Transcript of paper delivered on panel: "Asian American Studies Development." Published by the Asian American/Asian Research Institute, Queens College, The City University of New York, Volume 1, No. 1, 2002.
- "Capturing It All!" in *The View From Here*. The International Library of Photography. October 2000.
- "I'm Dialoguing, Are You? The Week of Dialogue on Race at Brooklyn College, Fall 1999." *Bridging the Campus: The Student Life Newsletter*, January 2000.
- "Student Perceptions of Bias at Brooklyn College." *Graduate Student Organization Newsletter*, Winter 1999.
- "Wellness Programming for Diverse and Non-traditional Communities" published in *Wellness Connections*, The National Wellness Information Resource Center Newsletter, 1994, Volume, Number 4.
- "The Empowerment Curriculum, A Curriculum for Health Education Groups for Women at Rikers Island." Hunter College Center for Community Action to Prevent AIDS. Written by Beth Richie, Ph.D. Editorial and Production Assistant, 1990-1991.
- "101 Ways to Get Rid of Guilt: A Critique of Ralph Nader", "Women Confront Academia", "To Ride the Tempest: Women in the Leadership of the Vietnamese Liberation Struggle", "Women's Studies in the Works", *Women's Collective Press*. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 1975.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- *98th Annual Conference*: Presenter on Sociology of Education Refereed Roundtable (2003)
- *97th Annual Conference*: Presenter on panel "Race and Racism" (2002)
- *95th Annual Conference*: Panel organizer/presenter "Whiteness: Current Scholarship and Activism on Racial Privilege"; Poster session presenter "Inequalities: Race, Gender and Class" (2000)

- *94th Annual Conference*: Roundtable chair/presenter on "Racial Identity in Everyday Living" (1999)
 - *93rd Annual Conference*: Paper presented at the Race and Ethnicity Section Roundtable (1998)
- American Anthropological Association (AAA)*
- *102nd Annual Conference*, Paper accepted for panel on "Intersections of Poverty and Cultures: New Issues and Perspectives" (2003)
 - *101st Annual Meeting*: Presented paper "Desperately Seeking Optimism and Agency: The Mechanics of Everyday Whiteness" on panel "Race and the Public Sphere", (2002)
 - *99th Annual Meeting*: Posters included within session on "Making Changes in the City: Anthropologists Affect Social Policy" (2000)
 - *98th Annual Meeting*: Paper presented on panel "Upcoming Scholarship within North Americanist Anthropology"(1999).

Doctoral Workshop for Interested Graduate Students (Brooklyn College) March and April 2003

Women's Herstory Month Opening Ceremony 2003: Keynote presenter (Brooklyn College) March 2003

Asian American / Asian Research Institute of the City University of New York

- Second Annual Asian Leadership Conference, Presenter "Asian Students and Intergroup Relations in CUNY" (May 2003)
- Friday Lecture Series Panel co-organizer and presenter "The Rewards and Challenges of Community Building with Asian students on campus (March 2003)
- First Annual Asian Leadership Conference: Presenter on panel, "Establishing Asian Studies in CUNY," (2002). Text available at <http://www.aaari.org>.

Brooklyn College Faculty Day

- Symposium Co-Organizer, Global Wealth Disparity: Philosophies and Realities and Presenter "Dreaming of a Third Reconstruction: Students' Views about Today and Tomorrow (2003)
- Poster Sessions Organizer, "Everyday Understandings: The Role of Race in Public Higher Education" and "The Division of Student Life, Community Building and Leadership at Brooklyn College" (2000)
- Panel organizer and presenter, "Race to Identity: Reclamations and Reconstructions of Meaning in the Global Context" (1999)
- Poster session organizer "Community Building at Brooklyn College" and Poster session organizer "Research on Student Perceptions of Bias at BC: Initial Findings." (1999)

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting: Paper presented on panel "Responding to Student Diversity in the Social Problems Classroom: Issues of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Sexual Orientation" (2001).

American Ethnological Association, Canadian Anthropology Society and Society for Cultural Anthropology Conference: Paper presented as part of session on "Local Transformations and Global Forces: Reconfigurations of Identity, Reinventions of Culture and the Reassertion of Difference" (2001).

Borough of Manhattan Community College, Student Women's Leadership Conference. Led workshop on "What Do You Do When You Have to Do Something: Social Justice and Organizing" (2001, 2002).

Association of American Colleges and Universities: Network Meeting for 2000-2001: Diversity & Learning: Identity, Community and Intellectual Development. Panel organizer and presenter, "The Community Building and Diversity Awareness Initiative at Brooklyn College" (2000).

The 13th Annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: Panel Organizer and Presenter "Community Building and Leadership at Brooklyn College: Meeting the Challenges of Dialogue and Organizing" (2000).

"*Reaffirming Campus-Community Relations*", Panel organizer for an Inter-religious Examination of Police Brutality and Conference Steering Committee member (2000)

"*The Role of CUNY Students in Fostering Intergroup Relations in the New Millennium*", CUNY-wide Conference Steering Committee member, in collaboration with the CUNY DRC (1999, 2000)

Brooklyn College Student Life in the Urban Setting: Higher Education in the New Millennium: Steering Committee Member, Organizer and Presenter for workshops on "The Student Life Community Building Initiative", and "Social Justice: What Are the Issues, Is Now the Time?", (1999).

Women's Herstory Month, 1999: Steering Committee member.

"Diallo and Beyond: Isolated Incident or Systemic Racism" Forum Planning Committee 1999.

The Urban Political Agenda: Conference Steering Committee member, 1998.

NAACP/Hillel Trip to Washington, D.C.: Steering Committee member, 1998.

CUNY Student Personnel Conference: "College Preparatory Initiative: The Best or the Worst Thing That Ever Happened?" Panel Organizer & Moderator (1996).

New York City Public School 193 Classroom Presentations: "Competitive Individualism", "Being Left Out", (1998); "The African Burial Ground", (1997); "Life in Zimbabwe" (1996).

"Women in Zimbabwe": Presentation and slides describing 1993 visit, Women's History Month celebration, Brooklyn College (1994).

ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

Advisement

Faculty Advisor for Independent Study courses:

- Immigration Policy: A Case Study of the Haitian Experience, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, (MALS) Program, Brooklyn College (BC), Spring 2003
- The Experience of Indo-Caribbean Immigrants to the United States, MALS, (BC), Fall 2002
- Afro-Latino Identity in Peru, Ecuador, and Puerto Rico, BC Department of Sociology, 1998
- Health Care Administration, Empire State College, 1998
- Health Care Systems, Empire State College, 1997

Faculty Advisor for Special Projects:

- Brooklyn College "Student to Student" Opinion Survey on the General Education curriculum, intergroup relations on campus and the current-day political, economic and social environment, 2003
- Brooklyn College, Master in Public Health Internship, 2000
- Westinghouse Scholarship Advisor, Midwood High School student, Brooklyn, New York 1999
- Health Education Study Abroad Project in Haiti, Mentor for Brooklyn College student, 1998
- New York University, Public Health Internship, 1997

Faculty Advisor to Brooklyn College Student Organizations:

- Understanding and Appreciating Our Differences (UAD), 1999, 2000
- Coalition against Police Aggression (CAPA), (Co-Advisor), 1999
- World AIDS Day, Force for Social Change Committee, 1998-2002
- Multi-cultural Action Committee (MAC), 1998
- Coalition for Health Care, 1992-93

Committee Participation (Brooklyn College)

- The "Arts of Democracy" Core Group, Convened by the Provost as part of a grant from the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Liberal Education and Global Citizenship Project, Member, 2002 - present
- Community Building Initiative, Steering Committee, Chairperson, 1998 - present
- Advisory Committee to the Vice President on the BC Health Clinic, Chair, 2000 - present
- Information Power Task Force, A Collaboration between the BC Library and Student Affairs, Co-Convener, 2001-present
- Retention Task Force Sub-Committee on Diversity convened by the Provost, Member, 2002
- Student Data Committee, Convened by the Assistant Vice President of Institutional Research and Analysis, Member, 2002-present
- Outcomes Assessment Planning Task Force Subcommittee / BC as a Model Citizen, Member, 2001-2003

- Master Planning Subcommittee on Student Centered Programs and Policies, Member, 2000
- Center for Diversity Executive Committee, Member, 1998 - present
- Search Committee for Assistant Director of the Office of Affirmative Action, Compliance and Diversity, 1999, Chair; for Director of Public Relations, 2002; Scholarship Coordinator, 1997; Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Life and College Relations, 1997; Member
- Brooklyn College Association, Member, and Budget Committee, Member 1996 - 2002
- BA / MD Program Admissions Committee, Interviewer, 1999, 2000
- SGS Evening Student Scholarship Review Committee, Member, 1998 - present
- Web Page Advisory Committee, Member, 1998

Council and Committee Participation (City University of New York (CUNY))

- Advisory Council to the Vice Chancellor on Health Services, Chair, 1995-96; member 1993-present
- CUNY Dispute Resolution Consortium, 1999 - present
- Veterans Affairs Committee, Member, 1997 - 2001
- Student Activities Directors Council, Member, 1996 – present
- CUNY Student Personnel Conference Committee, Brooklyn College representative, 1994 - 96

SELECTED HONORS

Chinese Language and Culture Club, Award of Appreciation, for Contributions and Commitment, 2003

Borough of Manhattan Community College Sisterhood Society, Award for Outstanding Women's Leadership,
May 2002

Dominican Students' Movement (MEDo), Award for Dedication to the Latino Community, 2002

Graduate Student Organization, Awards in Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service, 1997 - 2001

Womyn's Herstory Month Collective, Award for Outstanding Commitment and Dedication, 2001

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program for Outstanding Service, May 2001, 2002

Asian Student Union, Award of Recognition and Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Contribution to Brooklyn College and its Asian American Community, June 2000, 2001

In Honor of Human Rights Week: For playing vital role in uplifting our community, Division of Student Life, 2000

World AIDS Day 2000, Certificate of Appreciation for Program Contributions

Golden Key National Honor Society, Honorary Membership Award, 2000

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), Appreciation Award 2000

Black Graduate and Professional Student Organization, In Appreciation for support, 2000

National Black Science Students Organization Awards for Enduring Support and Guidance, 1998-2002

Understanding & Appreciating Our Differences, For Dedication and Service, 2000

Black Family Organization Award for Outstanding Dedication, 2000; Black Family Women's History Month Award, 1998; Black Family Award of Excellence, 1998

Forensics Team Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service, 2000

Sociology/Social Work Club Award for Contributions to the Faculty Lecture Series 1999-2000

CUNY Counseling Assistantship Program (CUNYCAP) - Award of Recognition for years of caring, giving and teaching with patience and grace, 1999

Academic Club Association, For Outstanding Service to the Association, 1999

United Student Government of CLAS, In Appreciation for tireless support of student life and strong advocacy strengthening student leadership on campus, 1999

Veterans' Day Award of Recognition, 1998

Kingsman Student Newspaper, Faculty Spotlight, 1997

CUNY Office of Student Services Certificate of Appreciation, For Outstanding Participation and Successful Contribution to the CUNYCAP Program, 1997

United States Department of Education, Certification in education and training in alcohol and other drug prevention in higher education, FIPSE 1992

Partner in Education Award - New York City Public Schools 1991, 1992, 1993

New York City Training Opportunities Program, Certificate of Appreciation 1992

Brooklyn College Academy High School, Certificates of Appreciation 1991 – 1996; For Internship Supervision 1991 - 92

The Beatrice Konheim Memorial Award in the Life Sciences, Hunter College, CUNY 1991

Corporate Achievement Award for Outstanding Work Performance, SwissReinsurance 1989

PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST

Urban Studies

Global Studies

Social Inequality

Higher Education

Social Change and Social Movements

Applied Social Science

Race, Class and Gender

Medical Sociology/Anthropology

Political Economy

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association for Higher Education

American Sociological Association (ASA)

ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Associate Editor, Newsletter (2002-present)

Council Member – Student Representative (2000 – 2002)

ASA Section on the Sociology of Education

American Anthropological Association (AAA)

AAA Society for Urban, National, Transnational Anthropology

Council Member - Student Representative (1999 – 2001)

American Studies Association

AAA Society for the Anthropology of North America

Asian American Higher Education Council (AAHEC)

Association of Black Anthropologists

City University of New York (CUNY) Women's Coalition

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Flatbush Development Corporation, "Recognizing Our Youth" Advisory Committee, 2000

Flatbush Youth Initiative, Board member, 2000

Ifetayo Cultural Arts Facility, Parents' Association, 1999 - present

Intermediate School 240 - Andres Hudde Junior High School, Parents' Association, 2000 - present

Poverty and Race Research and Advocacy Center, 1996 - present

Labor/Community Strategy Center, National Friends of the Bus Riders Union, 1996 – present

The New Abolitionist, 1999 - present

Samora Machel Study Series on Political Economy, Community Self Defense Program, 1986

Jews for Racial and Economic Justice 1999 - present

Grass Roots Alliance (GRA) (San Francisco, California), 1979 - 1983

Peace & Justice / Full Employment Project (Oakland, California), member 1983 - 1984
U.S. Out of Central America and South Africa (USOCA/USOSA) (National) 1981 - 1985