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### **Earned Degrees**

- 2019 American History, Ph.D., Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY.  
Concentration: Nineteenth Century U.S. History and African American History  
Dissertation: “Black Trojans: The Free Black Community’s Grassroots Abolition Campaign in Troy, New York before 1861.” Amy Murrell Taylor (chair), Richard Hamm, Oscar R. Williams.  
Awarded the University at Albany 2019 Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award.
- 2005 M.A., American History, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2000 B.A., Africana Studies (Minor in English), Department of Africana Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 1997 A.A., Liberal Arts and Science: Humanities & Social Sciences, Hudson Valley Community College.

### **Educational Employment**

- 2023-Present Lecturer, Department of Africana, Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2019-2023 Lecturer, Department of Africana Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2016-2019 Adjunct, Department of Africana Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2013-2014 Adjunct, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2011-2019 Adjunct, Hudson Valley Community College.
- 2008-2011 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2006-2007 Instructor, GED preparation, Troy CEO, YouthBuild, Troy, NY.
- 2000-2007 Counselor, Collegiate Academic Support Program (CASP) & Minority Orientation Program (MOP), Student Services Division, Hudson Valley Community College.

### ***Scholarly Activity***

#### **Research Interests**

Slavery and Abolition, Nineteenth Century and Twentieth Century African American History, Black Atlantic History, American Race and Ethnic Relations, Black Migration Studies, and Local New York State History.

## **Research in Progress**

African American women's organizations and community-based clubs New York's Capital Region, 1900-1950s.

African American soldiers from Troy, NY, who served in the American Civil War.

Genealogical work on the Afro-Caribbean family ties of individuals living in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy, New York, before 1860.

## **Publications**

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2022 Burns, Jennifer J. Thompson, "Leaving Her Mark: Black Women's Banking at Troy Savings Bank and Their Pursuit of Financial Stability, 1823-1865." *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History* 43, no. 1 (2022): 1-22.

### **Book and Exhibit Reviews**

2023 Burns, Jennifer J. Thompson, *Making long Island: A History of the Grown of the American Dream* by Lawrence R. Samuel (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2023.) Book review and testimonial (2023).

2022 Burns, Jennifer J. Thompson, "Borderland Blacks: Two Cities in the Niagara Region during the Final Decades of Slavery," *Civil War Book Review*. Vol. 24: Iss. 3. DOI: 10.31390/cwbr.24.3.13

2022 Burns, Jennifer J. Thompson. Exhibition Review, "Black Experience in Saratoga County, 1750-1950." *New York History*, 103.2 (Winter 2022): 431-434.

### **Other Publications**

2023 Burns, Jennifer J. Thompson. "The Kelley's of Troy: How the Underground Railroad Impacted Twentieth Century Racial Justice Activism in One Northern City." *The Freedom Seeker* vol. XX, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 1 & 4.

### **Articles In Progress**

2024 "What's a Black Woman's Life Worth? The Murder of Emma Letcher and the Pardon of Private Benjamin Lee of the Twenty-First USCT in Oswego, New York, during the Progressive Era."

## **Prior Research**

2011 *Slavery by Another Name* (PBS 2012), Historical Fact Checker (Sheila Curran Bernard (writer)). Executive produced by Twin Cities Public Television based on the 2009 Pulitzer Prize winning book by Douglas A. Blackmon and 2012 Sundance Film Festival selection.

2011-2012 Civil War Slave Database in Virginia. State University of New York Research Foundation. Senior Research Assistant under Dr. Amy Murrell Taylor for *Embattled Freedom: Journeys through the Civil War's Slave Refugee Camps* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018) recipient of the 2019 Frederick Douglass Book Prize.

## **External Grant Funding**

2003-2006 Co-PI for Grant Proposal "A Multidisciplinary Approach for the Progress and

Growth of the Field of Africana Studies.” Mellon Foundation: Affirming Multivocal Humanities. Funded grant of \$100,000 for the grant period 2023-2026.

**Media Appearances (Documentary, Television, Radio, and Newspaper)**

- 2024 Interview, “From Slavery to Freedom in New York State,” Online Education Video and Resources Project, PBS LearningMedia, wmht Public Media, Troy, NY, April 26, 2024. (Invited)
- 2023 Co-Panelist, “The Roundtable Panel – Live at the Linda – 2023 in Review,” WAMC Northeast Public Radio, The Linda, WAMC Performing Arts Center, Albany, NY, December 15, 2023. (Invited)  
[cpa.ds.npr.org/s297/audio/2023/12/rtpanel121523.mp3?sc=siteplayer&aw\\_0\\_1st.playerid=siteplayer](https://cpa.ds.npr.org/s297/audio/2023/12/rtpanel121523.mp3?sc=siteplayer&aw_0_1st.playerid=siteplayer)
- 2023 Live Radio Interview, Gabe Ortis, *Two Way Talk or The Morgan News Hour*, WEAA Morgan State University Radio 88.9, Baltimore, MD, June 19, 2023. Part 1:  
<https://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL21lZGhhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXllcy5jb20vZG93bmxvYWRnYXRld2F5LmFzcHg%2FVFXNlcklEPTQxNjYyOSZNRlEPTe5NzUwMTI5Jk1EU2VlZD0xNTM5JIR5cGU9TWVkaWE%3D>  
Part 2:  
<https://mms.tveyes.com/MediaCenterPlayer.aspx?u=aHR0cDovL21lZGhhY2VudGVyLnR2ZXllcy5jb20vZG93bmxvYWRnYXRld2F5LmFzcHg%2FVFXNlcklEPTQxNjYyOSZNRlEPTe5NzUwMTkyJk1EU2VlZD0zMzE4JIR5cGU9TWVkaWE%3D>
- 2023 Documentary Interview, *Reframing an Empire Series: Discovering the Legacy of Thomas Cole*, six-part series, episode 5, wmht, Albany, NY, 2023.  
<https://www.wmht.org/nys-public-media/reframing-an-empire/>
- 2022 Television Interview, feature story by Rachel Tiede, “Juneteenth holiday comes with vast history behind it,” News Channel 13, WNYT, Albany, NY, aired June 16-19, 2022. <https://wnyt.com/news/celebrating-the-history-of-juneteenth/6502201/>
- 2022 Documentary Interview, *Searching for Timbuctoo* (Executive producer Paul A. Miller 2021), Aired dates: wmht Mountain Lake PBS, WSKG, WNED (Buffalo, NY-Toronto, Canada), June 19-23, 2022, and wmht PBS, May 18, 2022-June 19, 2024. <https://www.pbs.org/video/searching-for-timbuctoo-6fzspp/>
- 2022 Newspaper Interview, “Historians show how economic freedom birthed Albany’s early Black community,” *Albany Times Union*, February 21, 2022.  
<https://www.timesunion.com/business/article/How-economic-freedom-birthed-much-of-Albany-s-16927677.php>
- 2022 Newspaper Interview, “The long overdue task of uncovering Albany’s Black History,” *Albany Times Union*, February 6, 2022.  
<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Historic-sites-have-begun-uncovering-Black-16823229.php>
- 2021 Radio Interview, “New York State Writers Institute presents screening of new

- documentary Searching for Timbuctoo,” WAMC National Public Radio, Albany, NY, aired November 11, 2021.  
<https://www.wamc.org/podcast/the-roundtable/2021-11-11/new-york-state-writers-institute-presents-screening-of-new-documentary-searching-for-timbuctoo>
- 2021 Television Interview, “Why Black Americans Distrust the COVID-19 Vaccine and What City Leaders Are Doing About it,” CBS News, Albany, NY, aired February 11, 2021.
- 2020-present Regular Panelist, *The Roundtable*, WAMC National Public Radio, Albany, NY.
- 2020 Radio Interview, “Troy’s Black Community,” Sanctuary for Independent Media Radio, Troy, NY, Parts I and II aired March 4, 5, 2020.
- 2020 Newspaper Interview, “Juneteenth celebrations, now as ever, celebrate freedom and push for more,” *Albany Times Union*, June 17, 19, 2020.  
<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Juneteenth-celebrations-now-as-ever-celebrate-15347297.php>
- 2019 Podcast Interview, “Slavery in New York And Resistance To It / A NY Minute in History,” WAMC National Public Radio Podcasts, Albany, NY, January 2, 2020. <https://wamcpodcasts.org/podcast/slavery-in-new-york-and-resistance-to-it-a-new-york-minute-in-history/>

### **Conferences, Panels, and Presentations**

- 2024 Co-Panelist, “And Equity for All: Building Diverse and Inclusive Archives,” New York History Conference, New York State Museum, Albany, NY, June 21, 2024.
- 2024 Guest Speaker, “Juneteenth Reception Honoring Our Troy Students Participation In the Essay and Art Contest,” sponsored by Troy Teachers Association; Together We Rise Committee and CSEA, Troy Middle School, Troy, NY, June 13, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Keynote Speaker, “Striving For Excellence, Staying Faithful,” Commencement Address, Capital City Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Albany, NY, June 2, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Presentation, “Unsung Voices: Women’s Role in the Black Liberation Movement,” Xi Pi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, NY, February 29, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Keynote Speaker, “Look Within,” Tenth Anniversary Banquet of the University at Albany (SUNY) Student Association National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter of the NAACP, Inc., 677 Prime, Albany, NY, February 17, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Co-Panelist, “The Moral Arc Toward Freedom: Lincoln, King, and the Emancipation Proclamation,” Readings & Conversation with Patricia Spears Jones and Jennifer Lemak, New York State Writers Institute, New York State Museum, New York State Education Department, and the Archives Partnership Trust. New York State Museum, Albany, NY, February 15, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Presentation, “Black Trojans in Blue,” “Capital District Civil War Roundtable,

- Watervliet Community Senior Center, Watervliet Public Library, Watervliet, NY, February 9, 2024. (Invited)
- 2024 Presentation, "The History of African American Suffrage Activism in Troy and Rensselaer County during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries," League of Women Voters of Rensselaer County, NY, Hart Cluett Museum, Troy, NY, January 21, 2024. (Invited)
- 2023 Featured Co-Panelist, "Toward Racial Justice: What Role Can We Play?" with Dorcey Applrys, moderated by Gwen Wright, CapitalWomen Speaker Series, The Linda, WAMC Performing Arts Studio, Albany, NY, December 6, 2023. (Invited)
- 2023 Honored Guest Speaker, "Empowering Me," Troy NAACP Branch #2182 Annual Breakfast. Italian Community Center, Troy, NY, October 7, 2023. (Invited)
- 2023 Presentation, "Juneteenth: Freedom Day, an American Origin Story History," New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS), 10 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY, June 15, 2023. (Invited)
- 2023 Moderator, *The Third Reconstruction* in conversation with author Peniel Joseph, Rensselaer County Racial Justice, Troy Music Hall, Troy, NY, April 19, 2023. (Invited)
- 2023 Campus Coordinator and Panel Moderator, "Highlighting Black Women Engagement in Our Democracy and Society," with Hazel Dukes and Jennifer Jones Austin, New York State Commission on African American History (NYSCAAH) Forum, University at Albany, SUNY, Ballroom, Albany, NY, March 28, 2023.
- 2022 Featured Co-Panelist, "Lighting the Fire of the Black Lives Matter Movement." A discussion of *The New Jim Crow* with Michelle Alexander, Alice Green, Risa Faussette, and Angela Ledford, NYS Writers Institute in partnership UAlbany's Office of Diversity & Inclusion and The College of St. Rose. The College of St. Rose, Massry Center for the Arts, Picotte Recital Hall, Albany, NY, October 11, 2022. (Invited)
- 2022 Featured Co-Panelist, "Waging a War at Home: High School Education for Black Girls in Troy, NY," in New York State Archives Magazine *Online* Speaker Series: "Hidden in the Archives: Stories of New York's Forgotten Female Figures," Albany, NY, March 15, 2022. (Invited)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHr5\\_fSPZR0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHr5_fSPZR0)
- 2022 Keynote Speaker, "Inheritance & Legacy: What Will Your Legacy Be?" Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society 2022 New York Regional Conference, Albany, NY, March 11, 2022. (Invited)
- 2022 Presentation, "Timbuctoo and Black Male Suffrage in New York State," Adult Education Program, United Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY, February 27, 2022. (Invited)
- 2021 Featured Co-Panelist, "Searching for Timbuctoo" Film screening with panel discussion, NYS Writers Institute, Page Hall, University at Albany, NY, November 12, 2021. (Invited)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgjH48gO07s>
- 2021 Presentation, "Building Community through Free Black Migration before the

- Civil War,” FreedomCon 2021 Annual Conference, Underground Railroad Education Center (UREC), Albany, NY, October 23, 2021.
- 2021 Presentation, “Reparations in Albany; Why Here, Why Now?” Universalist Unitarian Church, Albany, NY, August 29, 2021. (Invited)
- 2021 Presentation, “Celebrations & Commemoration: A dialogue on the ways African Americans integrated domestic and international emancipation milestones into their freedom celebrations in the tri-city area,” University at Albany, Inaugural Capital Region Juneteenth Conference, Albany, NY, June 17-19, 2021. (Invited)
- 2021 Panelist, “A Conversation About Reparations,” Capital District Showing Up For Racial Justice (CD SURJ), Albany, NY, April 13, 2021. (Invited)
- 2021 Keynote Speaker, “Say Their Name, Say Your Name,” First Annual Black Graduation Commencement Event – Sigma Gamma Rho, University at Albany, Albany, NY, May 7, 2021. (Invited)
- 2020 Presentation, “Black Woman’s Activism in Troy, New York before the Civil War,” New York State Library, Albany, NY, December 3, 2020. (Invited)
- 2020 Conference Presentation, “Self-Care When (Re)Working through New Diversity and Inclusion Expectations,” Model Schools Retreat Webinar Series Capital Region BOCES, Northern Regional Information Center (BOCESNERIC), Albany, NY, August 6, 2020. (Invited)
- 2020 Lecture, “Troy’s African American Community: Its Quest for Freedom and Equality before the Civil War,” *VOICES!* A Library Lecture Series, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY, March 11, 2020. (Invited) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YjT7KBssxU>
- 2020 Presentation, “A ‘Forwarding Agent,’ ‘Libeler,’ and an ‘Unimpeachable’ Man: The Abolition Movement Told Through the Life of Rev. Abel Brown,” Sand Lake Historical Society, West Sand Lake, NY, February 11, 2020. (Invited)
- 2019 Conference Panelist, “Researching African Americans in New York State,” Researching New York Conference, University at Albany, Albany, NY, November 21-23, 2019.
- 2019 Presentation, “Black Trojans,” Hart Cluett Museum, Historic Rensselaer County, Troy, NY., June 26, 2019. (Invited)
- 2018-2019 Panel Moderator, *American Creed* (PBS) documentary screening, Book and Panel Discussion, American Library Association American Creed and Community Conversations Grant (awarded to only 50 libraries in the United States by the America Library Association), Troy Public Library, Troy, NY, April 22 and May 21, 2019. (Invited)
- 2018 Conference Presentation, “Black Trojans in the Global Community before the Civil War,” Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region Annual Conference, Albany, NY, March 9-11, 2018.
- 2018 Presentation, “African American Boxers: The Deeper Meaning of Punches,” (U) Albany Underground, University at Albany, April 17, 2017. (Invited)
- 2017 Presentation, “Abolition and Suffrage in Troy, New York before the Civil War,” History Talks Series, Troy Public Library, Troy, NY, March 2017. (Invited)

- 2017 Presentation, “Gendered Racism,” LibertyCon Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region Annual Conference, Schenectady, NY, March 24-25, 2017.
- 2016 Presentation, “Acting Local, Thinking Global; The Grassroots Formation of the Abolition Campaign by the Free Black Community in Troy, New York,” 2016 Department of Africana Studies Annual Graduate Symposium, University at Albany, Albany, NY.
- 2016 Moderator, “The Elephant in the Room,” *VOICES!* A Library Lecture Series Committee, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY.
- 2012 Presentation, “Black Abolition in Troy, New York,” Black History Month Event, Doyle Middle School, Troy, NY.
- 2009 Presentation, “Sex, Power, and Poverty,” Sanctuary for Independent Media, Troy, NY.

### Service

#### University at Albany, Institutional

- 2023-2024 The Honors College, Thesis Supervisor, 1 student, Department of Africana Studies. Thesis Reader, 1 student, Department of English.
- 2023 University at Albany, Department of Africana Studies Representative, University Senate, Fall 2023.
- 2021-Present Department of Africana Studies Liaison, University in the High School (UHS).

#### University at Albany Departmental Service - Africana Studies Department

- 2024 Advisor, University at Albany Showcase – 8 Student Projects.
- 2023-Present Co-Creator, Umoja Village  
Spring 2024 “No Cap They Wrote That!” Literary Society Event  
Spring 2023 Soft Launch
- 2023 Advisor, University at Albany, Showcase –3 Student Projects.
- 2021-2023 Chair, Undergraduate Committee.
- 2020-Present Supervisor, Social Media accounts.
- 2020-Present Supervisor, Undergraduate Independent Research Projects.  
2024 - 2 students.  
2023 - 4 students.  
2020 - 3 students.
- 2018-2021 Editor/Advisor, *The Habari*, Africana Studies Department publication.

#### University at Albany Departmental Service - History Department

- 2009 Coordinating Committee, Annual Researching New York Conference
- 2008 Volunteer, Annual Researching New York Conference

#### Hudson Valley Community College – Collegiate Academic Support Program, Student Services

- 2001-2007 Coordinator and Facilitator, Instructional Support Services & Student Retention Workshop Series. Workshops in community conversations and best practices for student, faculty, and community stakeholders. Topics included:  
“Working Through Geographic Change with Student Athletes”  
“Student Athletes in the Classroom”  
“Diversity in the Classroom”

“Student Engagement, Unengaged Topics”  
 “What Students Teach Faculty”  
 “Faculty Openness to Student Curiosity”  
 “The Subject Outside the Course”  
 “Inclusivity in the Classroom”

**Community Engagement and Public Service**

- 2024 Co-Creator and Co-Facilitator, “‘Strategies and Comfortability:’ Anti-Racist Workshop Series” Police Officer Training, Schenectady Police Department (SPD). In partnership with the Underground Railroad Education Center (UREC), Albany, NY. Four (4) Training Sessions with thirty officers, twelve-hours each session conducted at the Schenectady Police Department and Training Academy, Schenectady, NY. Session 1 held January 8-12, 2024. Session 2 held March 18-22, 2024. Session 3 held May 13-17, 2024. Session 4 to be held August 12-16, 2024.
- 2023-2025 Academic Consultant, “The World of James Knapp,” Institute of Museum & Library Science (IMLS) *Inspire!* grant, Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, NY.
- 2023 Exhibition Coordinator, Repositories of African American History in the Capital Region area of New York State. Featured Historic Cherry Hill, New York State Archives, Albany Institute of History and Art, Rapp Road Historical Association, and Underground Railroad Education Center (Albany County, NY), Hart Cluett Museum (Rensselaer County, NY), and Schenectady County Historical Society (Schenectady County, NY). Exhibition preceded the New York State Commission on African American History (NYSCAAH) third forum meeting. University at Albany, SUNY, Ballroom, Albany, NY, March 28, 2023.
- 2022-2023 Academic Panelist, “We Carry it Within Us: Reinterpretation at Historic Cherry Hill,” National Endowment for the Humanities Museum grant, Project Interpretive Team revisioning Schematic Design and the examination of local history. Historic Cherry Hill, Albany, N.Y.
- 2022-2024 Academic Consultant, National Endowment for the Humanities SHARP grant. Development of collaborative integrated local museum and site curriculum for specific K-12 immersion experiences with Ten Brook Mansion, Underground Railroad Education Center and Historic Cherry Hill in Albany, NY.
- 2021 Co-Creator and Co-Facilitator, “‘Strategies and Comfortability:’ Anti-Racist Teachers Workshop Series” Teacher Training, Schenectady School District. In partnership with the Underground Railroad Education Center (UREC). Training sessions with K-12 Teachers, twelve-hours per session. New York state approved to fulfill New York State Continuing Teacher and Leader Education (CTLE) credit hours. Session 1 held Spring 2021 synchronous. Session 2 held Summer 2021 in-person.
- 2019 Exhibit Consultant, “Rensselaer County’s Black History,” Hart Cluett Museum, Library Gallery Exhibit ran October 25, 2019- December 18, 2021, Troy, NY.

- 2018- 2022 Creator and Facilitator, “Uncovering and Recovering Race in America,” Troy Public Library Reading Series, funded by New York Council of The Humanities Community Talks Library Reading Grant. Renewed 5 times. Grant supported sessions breakdown: First and second granted sessions held fall 2018 and spring 2019. Third and fourth grant funded sessions held fall 2020 and spring 2021. Fifth session held fall 2021 and spring 2022.
- 2020-2021 Academic Consultant, Regional African American History Archives, Research and Site Collaborative Project, New York State Mountain Top Historical Society.
- 2017 Facilitator, “Votes For Women” and “Citizenship,” Community Library Reading Series, Troy Public Library, funded by the New York Council of The Humanities Grant Community Talks Library Reading Grant.

### **Service - Professional Affiliations and Memberships**

- 2022-Present Member, Advisory Board, *New York History Journal*, New York State Museum, Albany, NY.
- 2019-2022 Member, Executive Board, Hart Cluett Museum, Historic Rensselaer County (Formerly Rensselaer County Historic Society), Troy, NY.
- 2017-Present Member, Executive Board, Underground Railroad Education Center (UREC). Albany, NY.
- Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History.
- Member, Organization of American Historians.
- Member, United Sisters of New York, Inc. (USNY), Rensselaer, NY.

### **Awards, Fellowships, and Recognitions**

- 2019 Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2017 Women of Empowerment Award, ALANA & Multicultural Resource Center, University at Albany.
- 2012 Initiatives for Women (IFW) Award, University at Albany.
- 2007-2011 Diversity Fellowship, Carson Carr, Jr. Scholar, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2006 Women’s Enterprise Scholarship, WE@HVCC, Hudson Valley Community College.
- 2004 NCBI Certificate of Recognition Award (National Coalition Building Institute), Hudson Valley Community College.

### **Teaching (\*indicates in-person and on-line modality courses)**

#### University at Albany, Department of Africana Studies

- AAFS 612 Race Theory and Social Thought
- AAFS 490 Senior Seminar
- AAFS 435 Blacks and the American Political Process
- AAFS 432 African American Women: Contemporary Issues
- AAFS 401 Seminar in African American History I
- AAFS 345 The Black Novel: Black Perspectives\*
- AAFS 325 Research Methods
- AAFS 220 Black and White in America \*

AAFS 219 Introduction to African/African American History  
AAFS 213 Civil Rights Movement\*

University at Albany, History Department

AHIS 101 American Political and Social History II  
AHIS 100 American Political and Social History I

Hudson Valley Community College, Humanities and Social Sciences Department

HIST 120 History of Africa I  
HIST 115 Introduction of African American History  
HIST 111 Interpretations of American History II  
HIST 110 Interpretations of American History I\*

**Other Professional Experience**

2000-2007 Counselor, Collegiate Academic Support Program (CASP) & Minority Orientation Program (MOP), Hudson Valley Community College Student Services Division.

- Prepared New York state grant applications annually.
- Developed best practices retention strategies workshops.
- Implemented individual and group retention programs.
- Compiled and completed Middle States assessments.
- Implemented student and faculty workshops.
- Maintained all program and student records.
- Tutored underprepared students in writing and research.
- Planned annual minority student orientation program for freshman.
- Coordinator and Facilitator, Instructional Support Services & Student Retention Workshop Series, Workshops in Community Conversations and Best Practices. 2001-2007.
- VOICES!* A Library Lecture Series Committee.