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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Applied Language and Speech Sciences, (2007)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

Dissertation title: An Examination of the Critical Psycho-Social Factors that Differentiate Academically Successful First Generation College Students From Academically Unsuccessful First Generation College Students Based Upon Narrative Self-Descriptions: Spring 2007

Chair: Dr. Jack S. Damico

Committee: Dr. Nicole Mueller

Dr. Martin Ball

Dr. John Tetknowski

Research and Training:

- Psycho-Social Factors that predict success for first generation low income college students as it relates to retention and graduation;
- Poverty Issues and Interventions;
- Student advocacy and policy;
- Evaluation and research;
- Qualitative data analyses.

Master of Science, Interpersonal and Public Communication, (1988)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

Bachelor of Arts, Communications. (1986)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

1987-1988- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana

Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Job responsibilities included teaching Communication 100 classes.

1989-1990- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Instructor

Employed in the Communications Department. Job duties included teaching Communication 100, 270, and 334.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2016-Present University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Dean,
University College

2012-2016 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Interim Dean,
University College

2011-2012 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Associate Director
of Campus Trio Programs

Job responsibilities include coordination of 4 campus Trio Programs and direct administration of the Student Support Services Stem Program and co-coordination of the LS-LAMP Program, plus oversight of SSS (Teacher-Prep, Disabilities, Regular SSS, SSS-Veterans, and the Ronald McNair Program in regard to budgets and programmatic activities.

2008-2011-UL Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning, Director,
Children and Families Poverty Division

Job responsibilities include insuring the well being of children and families living in poverty by working with State and Local agencies through technical assistance, high quality research and public policy discussions. Collected and analyzed data on school and district performance to inform policy and promote student advocacy and partnered with other universities on collaborative projects that included:

- 2010-2011: Fatherhood Project funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Administration for Children and Families Division
- 2010-2011: Dr. Calvin Mackie, formerly of Tulane University; a project mandated by the state legislature that explored the social ills affecting Black men and boys.
- 2008-2011: Columbia University; National Center for Children in Poverty. Collaboration involved developing a profile of the 64 parishes in Louisiana that examined “work supports” for families living in poverty.
- 2008-2011: Harvard University; Tripod Project. Collaboration involved administering a survey to the 4 high poverty schools in Lafayette Parish and presenting the analyses to the Superintendent, district principals, and the school board.
- 2009-2010: Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Boys and Black Men

1992-2008- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Program Director
Job responsibilities include supervising a staff of professionals, secretaries and student workers; preparation of yearly budgets, grants and all annual reports to the U.S. Department of Education.

LS-LAMP Co-Coordinator: Provide resources for minority students matriculating in STEM areas: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This program is designed to help prepare minority students for graduate studies leading to the PhD.

1990-1992- University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, Louisiana, Coordinator/Academic Counselor

Provided academic and career counseling to 450 first generation and low income students at all levels of matriculation at the university. Preparation of quarterly and annual reports to the U.S. Department of Education

1978-1982- South Central Bell, Lafayette, Louisiana, Manager

Responsibilities included shared duties with (4) other Group Managers in running the Traffic Department. Individual responsibilities included supervising a group of (50) Long Distance Operators in regard to their overall job performance and continuous training.

1974-1978- South Central Bell, Lafayette, Louisiana, Manager

Trained new employees for Operator Services in Lake Charles, Louisiana

PUBLICATIONS:

- Blanchard, Troy C., Stokes, B., DeCuir, B., Bonhomme, G. and Forsyth, 2011. "Does Education Solve the Problem of Poverty? A Panel Analysis of Educational Attainment and Place Poverty in Louisiana Parishes, 1990-2000." *International Journal of Sociological Research* 4(1): 1-11.
- Blanchard, Troy C., DeCuir, B., Bonhomme, G., Stokes, B., and Forsyth C. 2012. "Do Changes in Educational Attainment Impact Rates of Poverty for Communities?: A Longitudinal Evaluation of the Viability of Policy Aimed at Reducing Poverty through Increasing Educational Attainment in Louisiana, 1970-2000." *Contemporary Journal of Anthropology and Sociology*.
- **Dissertation:** An Examination of the Critical Psycho-Social Factors that Differentiate Academically Successful First Generation College Students From Academically Unsuccessful First Generation College Students Based Upon Narrative Self-Descriptions-Spring 2007
- Flannery, G., & DeCuir, B., et al (1995). Commissioners of the FCC (1927-1994). United Press of America Publishers.
- Flannery, G. & DeCuir, B., et al (1994). FCC Commissioners. Journal of Broadcast Education.

TECHNICAL REPORTS: PICARD CENTER

- **Report Part 1:** Partnership to Strengthen Families: Fatherhood Initiative Program Assessment: Spring, 2011

- **Report Part 2:** Partnership to Strengthen Families: TANF Fatherhood Initiative Children's Well-Being: Fall, 2011
- **Family Resource Simulator:** Louisiana; 64 Parishes: 2008-2010 in collaboration with Columbia University and the National Center for Children in Poverty.
- **Tripod Report and Analysis:** Fall 2009 in conjunction with Harvard University
- **Report:** Louisiana Council on the Social Status of Black Boys and Black Men, Calvin Mackie, Ph.D.

GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Educational Talent Search I: Spring 2016: Pending
 Educational Talent Search II: Spring 2016: Pending
 Educational Talent Search III: Spring 2016: Pending
 Educational Opportunity Center: Spring 2016: Pending
 Student Support Services: Spring 2015:Funded: 3.2M
 Student Support Services STEM: Spring 2015: 1.1M
 Student Support Services Teacher Prep: Spring 2015: 1.1M
 Student Support Services SSD: Spring 2015: 1.1M
 Student Support Services Veterans: Spring 21015: 1.1 M
 LS-LAMP: Submitted: Fall 2015: 25K
 LS-LAMP: Submitted: Fall 2014: 50K
 LS-LAMP: Submitted: Fall 2013: 50K
 LS-LAMP: Submitted: Fall 2012: 50K
 LS-LAMP: Submitted: Fall, 2011: Funded: \$50k
 Student Support Services: Submitted Fall 2010, Funded: \$3.2M over 5 years
 Student Support Services STEM: Submitted Fall 2010, Funded: \$1.1M over 5 years
 Student Support Services Teacher-Prep: Submitted Fall 2010: Funded: \$1.1M over 5 yrs.
 Student Support Services-Disabilities: Submitted Fall 2010: Funded: \$1.1M over 5 yrs.
 Contract Pending 11/30/10: Department of Children and Families: \$150,000
 Contract Pending 12/1/10: Head Start Program: \$96,000
 Contract Pending12/8/10: FINS (Families in Need of Services)
 ACF Grant Co-PI: \$343,385: Funded Fall 2009
 Ronald E. McNair: Submitted Fall 2006, Funded: \$1.08M over 5 years
 Upward Bound I and II: Submitted Fall 2006, Funded: \$2.4M over 5 years
 Veteran's Upward Bound: Submitted Fall 2006, Funded: \$1.7M over 5 years
 Talent Search I and II: Submitted Fall 2005, Funded: \$2.3M over 5 years

PRESENTATIONS:

- Southwest Educational Research Association (SERA) Spring 2012
- Louisiana Education Research Assoc. (LERA) Fall 2010
- Developing Mentee Relationships (August, 2007) Office of Diversity

- Louisiana’s Promise (October, 2008) Drop-Out Summit
- A Snapshot of Poverty (November, 2008) Senator Ben Nevers
- “Defining Poverty” (December, 2008) Council on the Prevention of Children in Poverty
- St. Landry Parish Community Profile (December, 2008) Mayor Don Cravins
- St. Landry Parish Community Profile (January, 2009) Superintendent Nassif
- Understanding Drop-Out (January, 2009) Iberia Parish Strategic Planning
- “Pathway Schools: (January, 2009) North Carolina New Schools Project: St. Landry Parish
- Tripod Project Overview (February, 2009) J.W. Faulk Elementary School
- “What’s New in Poverty Research (February, 2009) Black Faculty Staff and Caucus
- Tripod Project Overview (March, 2009) Alice Boucher Elementary School
- “African American Males in Crisis” (March, 2009) Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys
- “Birth to Five Programs” (March, 2009) 100 Black Men
- Forum Presentation (March, 2009) The State of Blacks in Lafayette
- Tripod Project Overview (April, 2009) N.P. Moss Middle School
- “Poverty Defined” (April, 2009) United Way of Acadiana
- Tripod Project Overview (May, 2009) Northside High School
- Model Programs in Student Support (1995) Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs
- Comprehensive and Intrusive Advising (October, 1998) American Association of Colleges
- Understanding Trio (November, 1998) University of Louisiana at Lafayette

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards
- Financial Aid Appeals Committee
- University Retention Committee
- Admissions by Committee
- Undergraduate Research Committee
- Poverty, Equity and Gender Equity Scholar’s Committee
- Discipline Committee
- SACS 5TH Year Committee
- Union Program Council Committee
- Mentoring Committee
- Advisory Council for Diversity, Chair
- Black Faculty and Staff: Faculty and Study Issues Committee
- Delta Sigma Theta Campus Advisor
- Fee Appeals Committee

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Trainer: National Coalition Building Institute: Prejudice Reduction
- Trainer: Stephen Covey: The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People

- Consultant: Teacher In-Service
- Computer Skills: Microsoft Office, Excel, Access, Share-Point and Internet
- Trainer: Appreciative Advising

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND POSITIONS HELD

- The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Executive board, President Elect: 2016
- SACS 5th year Report: 2016
- Louisiana Association of Student Assistance Programs
- Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs
- Women in Communication
- Association of Curriculum and Development
- National Reading Association
- Diversity Advisory Committee: Co-Chair, 2008-2010
- Council for Opportunity in Education
- Black Faculty and Staff Association, President: 2010-2012
- UL Student Mentoring Program: Committee Member: 2006-Present
- Holy Rosary Foundation Board

HONORS/AWARDS

- Outstanding Educator: 2015, National Association of University Women, Lafayette
- Woman of the Year: 1994, Lafayette Chapter of Professional Women
- Outstanding University Professional: 1994m Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, UL
- Eucharistic Minister of the Year: 1993, St. Genevieve Catholic Church
- Lyceum Award: 1992, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Outstanding Graduate Student: 1988, Department of Communication, UL
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1988, UL Chapter

PUBLIC SERVICE:

- American Heart Association
- Diversity Advisor Council, UL
- Block Coordinator for March of Dimes
- Bishop Service Appeals Committee
- Diversity Advisory Committee Chair-person
- ALS Walk for Cure Committee
- Faculty Advisor: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Bridges Ministry Volunteer
- Neighborhood Place Strategic Planning Committee
- LAPEN: Louisiana Parent Education Network

REFERENCES:

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