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Chief of Staff to the Provost & Interim Executive Director of Academic Initiatives, Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tennessee State University

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Education

- 2011** **University of Delaware**
Ph.D., Urban Affairs and Public Policy
Concentration: Governance, Planning, and Management
Dissertation: *Informing Democracy?: Election Coverage by Cable News Networks in the 2008 Presidential Election*
- 2004** **University of Delaware**
Master of Arts, Urban Affairs and Public Policy
Concentration: Community Development and Nonprofit Leadership
Analytical Paper: *The Progression of Community Organizing in Central Appalachia: 1929 - Present*
- 2002** **Concord College**
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*
Minor: Business Administration

Professional Certifications / Credentials

- 2017** NASPAA NEXT Scholar, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration
- 2015** Academic Advising Consortium, Institutional Research and Title III, Tennessee State University
- 2014** Faculty Cultural Roadmap Certificate, Institutional Research and Title III, Tennessee State University
- 2010** Higher Education Teaching and Learning Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Delaware
- 2005** Nonprofit Management Certificate, Center for Community Research and Service, University of Delaware

Professional Experience

2011-Present Tennessee State University

Chief of Staff to the Provost (2020 – Present)
Interim Executive Director of Academic Initiatives, Office of the Provost (2020 – Present)
Acting Director, Center for Aging Research and Education Services (2018- Present)
Associate Professor of Urban Studies, Department of Social Work and Urban Studies (2017- Present)
Department Chair, Department of Social Work and Urban Studies (2015 – 2020)
Assistant Professor of Urban Studies, Department of Social Work and Urban Studies (2011 – 2017)

2007-2011 University of Delaware

Instructor, Public Policy Program (2010-2011)
Teaching Assistant, Leadership Program (2009-2010)
Senior Graduate Research Assistant, Blueprint Communities Delaware (2009-2011)
Academic Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences (summer 2009, summer 2010)
Graduate Research Assistant, Blueprint Communities Delaware (2007-2009)

2004-2007 Homeless Planning Council of Delaware

Executive Director (2005-2007)
DE-HMIS Program Manager (2004-2005)

Various Consultant/Contractor

Researcher, Metropolitan Housing and Development Agency, (2021 – Present)
Campus Lead, Association of College and University Educators, (2021 – Present)
Advisory Board, COMPASS, Emory University, (2019-Present)
Evaluator, MARC Program, Tennessee State University, (2016-Present)
Grantwriter, Providence Center, (2010)
Technical Assistance Provider, Cloudburst Consulting (2009)
Grantwriter, Gateway House, (2007-2008)

Professional Skills

- QUALITATIVE RESEARCH
- PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- POLICY ANALYSIS
- TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
- CURRICULUM DESIGN
- ASSESSMENT
- PROGRAM EVALUATION
- EVENT PLANNING
- STRATEGIC PLANNING
- REPORT and RESEARCH WRITING
- FUNDRAISING
- COMMUNITY OUTREACH and ENGAGEMENT

Research and Policy Expertise

- Higher Education
- Media
- Homelessness and Housing
- Community Engagement