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Academic Appointments:

L. Herbert Ballou University Professor Africana Studies <i>Brown University</i>	2021-Present
W.E.B Du Bois Professor Africana Studies <i>Cornell University</i>	2018-2021
Associate Professor Africana Studies <i>Cornell University</i>	2012-2018
Associate Director and Lecturer African American Studies <i>Princeton University</i>	2000-2012
Visiting Scholar, African American Studies <i>Columbia University</i>	2003, 2007
Visiting Assistant Professor, History and African American Studies <i>Princeton University</i>	1997-1999
Assistant Professor, English and African American Studies <i>University of Missouri-Kansas City</i>	1994-1997

Academic Administration:

Chair, Africana Studies Brown University	2021-
Director, American Studies Cornell University	2017-2021
Interim Chair, Africana Studies Cornell University	2015-2017
Director of Graduate Studies, Africana Studies Cornell University	2013-2015

Associate Director, Center for African American Studies 2000-2012
Princeton University

Founding Coordinator, 2009-2012
Center for African American Studies' Civic Initiatives on
Environmental Justice, Urban Education Reform, Art & Social Justice
Princeton University

Founding Director 1994-1998
Black Studies Program
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Education

Ph.D. American Studies 1994
The University of Iowa

M.A. American Studies
The University of Iowa 1991

B.A. English
Spelman College 1987

Publications:

Monographs:

Integrated: How Schools in America Failed Black Children Pantheon, 2025
Publisher's Weekly, Starred Review; *Lit Hub*, spring 2025 Most Anticipated; *San Francisco Chronicle*, Must Read Books 2025; *Kirkus Review*, *Booklist Review*; *Read Between the Spines*, Most Anticipated 2025; *Paste Magazine*, Most Anticipated Books and Memoirs 2025; *The Atlantic*, "The Rise of the Brown v. Board Education Skeptics" March 2025.

A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit: The Vision of Mary McLeod Bethune Penguin Press, 2024 (nominated for a 2025 NAACP Image Award; *New Yorker Magazine*, Best Books of 2024; Books-A-Million, Most Anticipated Summer 2024, Ms. Magazine 2024 Most Anticipated Feminist Book; American Library Association, 2024 Editor's Choice Award; *College Transitions*, Best Books of 2024; *Publisher's Weekly*, Starred Review and Best Holiday Gift Book 2024; *Booklist*, starred review); National Archives, Longlisted, New Deal Book Awards.

Cutting School: Privatization, Segregation, and The End of Public Education, The New Press, 2017 (2019 *Patreon*, 10 Best Books of the Year; 2018 Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Non-Fiction)

White Money/Black Power: African American Studies and the Crisis of Race in Higher Education, Beacon Press, 2006.

Ladies' Pages: African American Women's Magazines and the Culture That Made Them, Rutgers University Press, 2004.

Hair Raising: Beauty, Culture and African American Women, Rutgers University Press, 1996. (Winner, *Choice* award for Outstanding Academic Book, 1997 and selected by the Public Library Association as an Outstanding University Press Book, 1997).

Edited Volumes:

Lead Editor, *Women's Magazines in Print and New Media*, (Research in Gender and Society Series, November 2016) New York and London: Routledge Press.

Editor, *Black Fashion: Art.Pleasure.Politics*, Special Issue of *NKA: Journal of Contemporary Art*, (November, 2015) Duke University Press: No. 37.

Associate Editor, *Paris Connections: African American Artists in Paris.1920-1975* San Francisco: Q.E.D. Press, 1992 (Winner,1993 American Book Award).

Book Chapters:

"Reading Race and Gender/Writing Identity and Culture," Introduction, *Women's Magazines in Print and New Media*, (Research in Gender and Society Series, October 2017) New York and London: Routledge Press: 1-8.

"Being the Lone Black Friend Did Not Protect Him," in *Our Black Sons Matter: Mothers Talk About Their Fears, Sorrows, and Hopes*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2016: 41-44.

"Black Women's Studies" *Ideology, Identity and Assumptions* (Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience), Howard Dodson and Colin Palmer eds, Michigan State University Press, 2007: 95-125.

"Wearing Your Race Wrong: Black Hair and the Contemporary History of African Americans at Play on a Battlefield," in *Recovering Black Female Body*, Michael Bennett ed. Rutgers University Press, 2001: 279-296.

"My Father's Whistle" *Father Songs: Testimonies By African American Sons and Daughters*. Gloria Wade-Gayles ed., Beacon Press, 1997: 98-101.

Journal Articles:

"Like Canaries in the Mines: Black Women's Studies at the Millennium" in *Signs* special issue *Feminisms at the Millennium*, Volume 25, Number 4 (Summer 2000): 1209-1211.

"Writing Themselves Into Existence: The Intersection of History and Literature in Writing about Black Women." *Iowa Journal of Cultural Studies*, (Spring 1989): 51-63.

"The Women Who Said I Am: Black Women and Activism, 1880-1960." *Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women*, (Winter 1988): 26-35.

"By Any Other Name: Cicely Tyson, *Sweet Justice* and Contemporary Visual Politics." *Camera Obscura: Journal of Feminism and Film Theory* 36 (Summer 1997): 49- 68.

Writing for the Popular Press (Selected):

Time Magazine:

"As Trump Moves to Dismantle the Department of Education, We Need a Constitutional Amendment," July 16, 2025

"The Statue That Taught Me About the Power of Black Women and Democracy" July 23, 2024

"Renisha McBride and Evolution of Black-Female Stereotype," Nov. 14, 2013
The Biggest Barrier to Elite Education Isn't Affordability. It's Accessibility, Feb. 27, 2013
"MLK Day: It's Time for a Second Emancipation Proclamation," Jan. 21, 2013

"Is Obama's Cabinet Too Male?" Jan. 16, 2013

"The Problem with Food-Stamp Challenges," Nov. 28, 2012

"What Would Lincoln Think About Laws That Deny Felons the Right To Vote?" Oct. 25, 2012

"Why It's Time to Get Rid of Standardized Tests," Oct. 11, 2012

"The Myth of Bootstrapping," Sept. 07, 2012

The Chronicle of Higher Education, "The Pendulum Has Swung Away from Social Justice -Trump is destroying the DEI regime using the same tools that built it." May 23, 2025

Medium Magazine, "HBCU Graduates are Finally Getting the Respect We Deserve: We've always been vanguards of excellence, and it didn't start with VP-elect Kamala Harris." November 13, 2020.

New York Times: "Cindy Hyde-Smith Is Teaching Us What Segregation Academies Taught Her: The campaign gaffes of Mississippi's newly elected senator reveal the way that the past is always present." Nov. 28, 2018

CityLab: “Are Cyber Elementary Schools Coming to New York? While these schools may be cheaper to run, they haven’t demonstrated a record of success.” March 2018

Washington Post: “How ‘segrenomics’ underpins the movement to privatize public education.” January

Selected Academic Panels and Conferences:

“Anti-Racism and Public Education in the United States,” Annual Anti-Racist Book Festival, Boston University, April 2021(Virtual)

“Activists and Academics” Teens Take Charge Youth Summit, The Civil Rights Project, University of California-Los Angeles, February 2021(Virtual)

“An Ethic of Care and Reimagining Higher Education” President’s Panel, Social Science Research Council, December 2020 (Virtual)

“An Election, The Aftermath,” Panel, The Association of Black Women Historians, November 2020 (ABWH-TV)

“Racism in America Webinar Series-Education and Housing-College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University (December 2020)

“Black Studies at 50” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, September 2020 (Virtual)

“From Slavery to Segrenomics” History of Capitalism, Faculty Panel, Cornell University, November 2018.

“Crisis of ConFORMity: The Material Dimensions of Race and the Built Environment,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 9, 2018

“Madam C.J Walker in Historical and Contemporary Perspective,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 4, 2018.

“Jim Crow as Friend and Foe,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 5, 2018.

“Race and Public Education in America,” Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Culture, November 18, 2017

“The Crisis in Black Education” Plenary Session Speaker, 102nd Annual ASALH Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept 28, 2017

Invited, Keynote, and Endowed Lectures on Race, Racism and Education:

Writing Black Women's Biographies, Schomburg Center-Conversations in Black Freedom Studies, Thursday, December 5, 2024

A New Education is Possible, Data for Black Lives III, Miami, Fla, November 19, 2024

A Passionate Mind, National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C. Thursday, November 14, 2024

Rosa Parks and Mary Mcleod Bethune, w/Jeanne Theoharis, Hunter College, Roosevelt House, October 30, 2024

I Leave You Love. I Leave You Hope. I Leave You Faith: Mary McLeod Bethune in Our Time Salve Regina University (Keynote) October 28, 2024

Black Educational Histories for Contemporary Action, Harvard University, October 21, 2024

McLeod Bethune: Growing a Global Heart-United Way Worldwide, Arlington, VA October 17, 2024

The Life and Legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune, African-American Research Library and Cultural Center Fort Lauderdale, FL, October 4, 2024

A Woman of Substance a Person of Consequence, ASALH National Convention, Blassingame Lunch, September 28, 2024, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Introducing Bethune, Roosevelt Reading Festival, Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives, June 22, 2024

"Racism, Teachers, and Public Education in America," Keynote, American Federation of Teachers-Massachusetts, Annual Conference, May 2021 (Virtual)

"You Tried to Kill US With Your Democracy, So We Fought You With Our Own," SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, March, 2021 (Virtual)

"Black Children, Courage, and Creating the Beloved Community in Schools," Keynote, University of Buffalo-Center for Diversity Innovation and the Graduate School of Education, March 2021 (Virtual)

"Litanies For Survival: Black Education in the Past, Present, and Future," Africana Studies, Brown University, February 2021 (Virtual)

"Racism in America," American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO Celebrates Black History Month, February 2021 (Virtual)

“Indigenous Nations, Apartheid, Education, and the Founding of the United States”
Black Studies Department, Amherst College, February 2021 (Virtual)

“A Killing Cure: Education, Segregation and the Meaning of Health When Black Communities Disappear,” The Ilene Katz Lowenthal and Edward Lowenthal Lecture,
Department of Education, Washington University, St. Louis, February 2021. (Virtual)

“Legalize It?”: A Story of Cannabis, Race, Global Capital and Civil Wrongs” Society
for The Humanities, Cornell University, December 2020. (Virtual)

“The Price of Integration: Toward a Fully Loaded Cost Accounting,” The
Goethe Institute-NYC, Fictive Witness Series, December 2020. (Virtual)

“We Have Full on Integration Fatigue: The Brewing Fight to Return to Separate but
Equal Schools,” Wesleyan University, College of Education Seminar Series,
(December 2020)

“In Support of Neighborhood Schools,” Keynote Address, Network for Public
Education Annual Conference, November 2020. (Virtual)

“Full on Integration Fatigue: The Resurrected Fight for Separate But Equal Schools”
Program in Education, Inquiry and Justice, Georgetown University, February, 2020.

“Pretty Politics: How Beauty Impacts Electoral Politics for Women” Cornell Club
of Boca Raton/Fort Lauderdale, Cornell University Office of Alumni Affairs and
Development, March 2019.

“Segrenomics and American Public Education,” The Kennedy School, Harvard
University, Graduate Student Conference on Poverty and Inequality, Cambridge,
MA, February 2019

“White Supremacy/Black Education,” Keynote. Randolph College Black Alliance
Conference on Social Justice in Education. Lynchburg, Virginia, February, 2019

“Black Students, Billionaires, and the End of Public Education,” The Impact
Empowerment Group, Inaugural Lecture, School Solutions Series, Denver, Colorado
January 2018.

“Why Segregated Schools Are Too Lucrative to Fail” Allison Davis Lecture,
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, October 2018.

“Segrenomics.Food.Cannabis.Justice” Fall Colloquium, Environmental and
Sustainability Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 2018

“Apartheid Education in America,” Keynote, Transfer Schools Annual Conference,
Dept. of Education, New York City, June 2018

“The Race for Beauty,” Distinguished Guest Lecturer-UC Consortium for Black Studies, UC-Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, Calif, May 2018

“Privatization, Segregation and Underfunding,” New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Albany, NY February 2018 (with Chancellor of the Board of Regents, Betty A. Rosa).

“Black Resistance in the Age of Trump: An Education Story” Conversations in Black Freedom Struggles, Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, February 1, 2018

Selected Grants, Honors and Awards:

2025	Morehouse College Society of Scholars and Laity, Inducted
2025	Society of American Historians, Inducted
2025	NAACP Image Award, Shortlisted
2022	Amistad Lifetime Achievement Award for Civil Rights and Social Justice
2021	Angela Davis Lifetime Achievement Award, American Studies Association
2018	Hurston/Wright Legacy Award Finalist, Non-Fiction