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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Mass Communication, 1996, University of Maryland.

Master of Arts, Deaf Education, 1979, Gallaudet University, Washington, D. C

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies, 1976, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

SELECTED UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Associate Professor: Communication Studies. Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C. 20002. August 2004 – present. Teach a variety of undergraduate Communication Courses including, but not limited to, Public Speaking, Intercultural Communication, Gender and Communication, Introduction to Mass Communication, Independent Studies and the Senior Seminar. Also teaching an interdisciplinary Honors course on Multiculturalism. Integrate service-learning projects within several of my courses; develop and participate in relevant research activities, and perform numerous service functions for the department, campus and community, e.g. instrumental in revising the Academic Integrity policy, undergraduate curriculum and developing student leadership skills and opportunities for Lambda Pi Eta officers, and students enrolled in my courses who request assistance or demonstrate outstanding aptitudes for presenting papers or participating in professional conferences.

Faculty Co-Director/Lecturer: College Park Scholars-American Cultures. University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742. Summer 1998 – Fall 2004. Taught American Cultures using media analyses techniques with an emphasis on gender, racial, disability and social class issues. Academically advised, and developed programming for forty-five to seventy academically talented freshmen/sophomore students each year. Facilitated placements and graded American Culture students on service-learning projects in their second semester of the program, and again in their fourth semester when they choose the service-learning option. Provide the same facilitation and guidance for fourth semester students choosing Discovery Projects, undergraduate research, or internships. Participated regularly in faculty director meetings and CPS activities throughout the year, e.g. Scholars Citation Ceremonies, UM Family Days, Orientations, Open Houses, etcetera. Faculty-Leader for Service Learning Days in August 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. Supervised graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants and a student advisory board.

SELECTED UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Interim Executive Director/Assistant Dean: College Park Scholars, University of Maryland College Park. January – August 2003. Appointed to these positions by Associate Provost/Dean of Undergraduate Studies. Supervised seven employees, managed budget, and facilitated staff meetings, Faculty Advisory Council, Faculty Director and Scholars Community meetings. Drafted speeches, correspondence and organized Employee Recognition Award Selection Process and Ceremony, Commencement Speaker Selection Process, Kirwan Outstanding Faculty Award and Maryland Association of Higher Education Award Nominations Process.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS PRESENTED

Ransom, L.S. (2007) “Deaf Students and Service-Learning” (*in review by the Education, Citizenship and Social Justice Journal*)

Ransom, L.S. Book and DVD Review: (*in progress*) Baynton D.C., et. al. “*Through Deaf Eyes: A Photographic History of an American Community in Clifton C.*, (Editor) Deaf History International Newsletter

Ransom, L.S. Presenter and Chair: Service-Learning: The Intersection of Communication Studies and Community, Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Conference, Providence RI, April 2007

Ransom, L.S. “Selected Communication Topics: Effective Communication, Gender Differences in Communication, Negotiating, and Public Speaking” Deaf Women’s Leadership Institute, July 2006

Ransom, L.S. “Introduction to Service-Learning and Community Based Learning”, Gallaudet Summer Teaching and Learning Institute, May 2006

Book Review: Brueggemann, B.J. (Editor) *Literacy and Deaf People: Cultural and Contextual Perspectives*. In Disability Studies Quarterly Fall 2005, Volume 25, No.4

“Ready or Not, Here We Come: Including Deaf Studies and Deaf Cultural Perspectives in Professional Organizations.” National Communication Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2005

COM 495 Guest Speaker: “Gender and Leadership Styles” November 2005

“Women in a Multicultural Society” Women’s Leadership Training Institute, Gallaudet University, September 2005

“Negotiating Sex, Sexuality, and Christian Values.” Sexuality and Culture, Summer 2000, 4, No. 3, 65-79.

Reprinted in Sexualities: Identities, Behaviors, and Society. Michael S. Kimmel and Rebecca F. Plante, editors. Oxford University Press. 2004

“Alternative Voices in the 21st Century: The Disability Press in America.” Panel at AEJMC, August 1998.

New Media: Recycling or Challenging Stereotypes?” Panel at AEJMC, August 1998.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC)

Eastern Communication Association (ECA)

National Association of the Deaf

National Communication Association (NCA)

Potomac Chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Paper reviewer for Media and Disability Journal (Fall 2007)

Research Chair, Media and Disability Interest Group, Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 2006-2008

Academic Rigor Working Group, Summer 2007

Co-Coordinator of Service-Learning Workshop for Gallaudet University faculty and staff. May 2007

Gallaudet Summer Teaching and Learning Institute Planner and Coordinator of Service-Learning/Community Based Research Segment, Spring 2006

Co-coordinator for Student Organization Roundtable at Eastern Communication Association (ECA) Spring 2006 Conference

Enrichment Day Planning Committee, Fall 2006

Council of Undergraduate Education, Gallaudet University, 2005- 2007

Deaf Abused Women’s Network (DAWN) Board, August 2005- August 2008; member-at-large on Executive Board and member of Board Operations Committee.

Lambda Pi Eta (Communication Studies Honor Society) Faculty Advisor.

Donor, Gallaudet Campus Community Campaign