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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Eager to share with undergraduate, graduate students, and fellow researchers my training and experience in multiple types of qualitative research, coupled with a background in Media Studies and interest in arts.

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D in Educational Policy Studies** **2012**
Dissertation: "A Mirror Image: African-American Student Reflections"
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Ed.M. in Educational Policy Studies** **2006**
Research: "Adolescent HIV Education: KIDS"
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

**B.S. in Media Studies** **2005**
Areas of Concentration: Advertising, Film, and Television
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

## AWARDS

- Big Six Accountabilities **2006**
- Dean's List **2005**
  *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant** (Supervised by Professor Kevin Kumashiro) **2011**
Compiled data on colleges of education across the nation and assisted with the help of development of diversity initiative at university. Collaborated with educational scholars across the nation in brainstorming/developing task forces to address concerns in public education sector.
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Research Assistant** (Supervised by Professor Steve Tozer) **2007-2008**
Conducted personal interviews, compiled and consolidated data on UIC principals in the Chicago area
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Research Assistant** (Supervised by Professor Christopher Span) **2006**
Collected historical data on African-American elementary schools
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

**Research Assistant** (Supervised by Professor Bernice Barnett) **2005**
Assembled graphs based on data on the population of students across Illinois and their educational progress
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant & Guest Lecturer** **2008**
Co-developed syllabus and course structure for Educational Law course, guest lectured on desegregation topic
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Special Education Teaching Assistant II** **2007-2008**
Developed curriculum for after-school tutoring, assisted Head Start teacher with daily classroom activities & substitute teacher for grades K-8 Chicago Public Schools
*Amos Alonzo Stagg Elementary School*

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

**Writer** **2012**
Write educational articles for an adult all-inclusive magazine
*Ambition Magazine, Dayton*

**Admissions Advisor** **2009-2011**
Recruit incoming freshman and transfer students for the University and assist them through the admissions process
*DeVry University, Chicago*

**Graduate Assistant, African American Academic Network** **2008-2009**
Recruit and recommend students for admissions to the university and host numerous visits and presentations for incoming freshman
*University of Illinois at Chicago*

**Graduate Counselor, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences** **2005-2006**
Counsel freshman and probationary students academically and providing access to different resources (on & off campus)
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

**Promotions/Public Affairs Intern** **2005**
Write Ad Copy and Counter talk Beauty advisor articles for Fashion Fair Cosmetics, write press releases for EBONY and JET Magazines & organize and collaborate with promotion managers for Great Black Americans & JET Swimsuit Calendars
*Johnson Publishing Company, Chicago*

**Co-Editor** **2002-2006**
Provide as needed editorial support, co-developed lay-out, assigned topics and/or events to be covered & contributed articles & poetry
*Griot Literary Magazine, Urbana-Champaign*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Dawson, C. 2011 "A Mirror Image: African-American Student Reflections"**
Presented at National Association for Multicultural Education
Chicago, November 2011

**Dawson, C. 2010 "Scholars at Work: Establishing a Community of Practice in Graduate School"**
Presented at Midwest Educational Research Association
Columbus, March 2010

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

**CIDI Training** **2006, re-certified 2011**

**Free Application for Student Aid Trained** **2008**
Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Chicago

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

**Active Member** — **2011-present**
National Association for Multicultural Education

**Active Member** — **2010-present**
American Educational Research Association

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Co-Chair, Social Action Committee** — **2010**
Assist the chair and present reports or lead meetings in chairs absence concerning the committee's focus: Political Awareness and Involvement Voter Registration, Delta Days at the Nation's Capital, Health Reform, Anti-bullying campaigns

**Mentor, Jabberwock Cotillion** — **2010**

**Member** — **2005-present**
*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., New Orleans*

## REFERENCES

Available upon request