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EDUCATION

University of Delaware

Masters in English, June 2020

Princeton University

Bachelors in English, Certificate in African American Studies, June 2013

Awards and Fellowships

- University Graduate Scholar: 2019, 2020
- African American Public Humanities Initiative Fellowship

Research and Teaching Interests:

19th Century African American Literature, 19th and Early 20th Century Black Women's Social Movement, African American Arts and Culture, 19th Century Black Atlantic/Black Travel

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Voices of Change* podcast guest, Episode 6, The Rosenbach Museum and Library, October 9, 2020
- TEDxWilmingtonED speaker, "How to Uncover Hidden Voices in the Archive," "The Princeton You Won't See in the Brochure," November 2019
- Moderator, University of Delaware Bibliographia Conference, Fall 2019

TEACHING

Delaware Art Museum

Museum Educator, September 2021-Present

University of Delaware

English Composition (ENGL 110) Instructor, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

UD Scholars Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019

Delaware Technical Community College, Stanton Campus (DTCC)

Educational Laboratory Specialist, January 2014-September 2016

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2014 & Fall 2015

TeenSHARP Delaware

Academic Advisor, July 2016-August 2018

Instructor, January 2016-June 2016

Princeton University Preparatory Program

Teaching Assistant, June 2011-August 2011

PUBLIC ART AND HUMANITIES

Artist Instructor

True Essence: Discovering Your Inner (g), May 2021

Designer and Painter

United Neighbors 2020 Community Mural @ 6th street, October 2020

Lead Artist, Culture Restoration Project

Kuumba Art Kits Project, December 2020

Colored Conventions Project

Fall 2018, Spring 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AmeriCorps: Public Allies Delaware

Apprentice & Public Ally, September 2013-June 2014

City of Rochester; The Mayor's Office, Rochester, NY

Communications Bureau Paid Intern; Summer 2009-Summer 2010

PAETEC Communications, Fairport, NY

Information Technology Paid Intern; July 2008–August 2008

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Delaware Division of the Visually Impaired, New Castle, Delaware

Certificate of Appreciation; May 2014