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**EDUCATION**

ABD, 2008 Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

MA, 2005 Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH  
Area of Emphasis: Community Economic Development

MPA, 1996 Arkansas State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences/Political Science Department, State University, AR 72467  
Area of Emphasis: State and local governments, organizational management

BA, Geography 1993, Arkansas State University, College of Humanities and Social Science/CSG Department, State University, AR 72467  
Area of Emphasis: Redistricting and reapportionment issues

**AWARDS**

Arkansas City Managers Association, \$1,000 Scholarship Award **1995**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Geography**, Arkansas State University, CHSS/Criminology, Sociology, Geography Department, State University, AR 72467.  
August 1996- Present Courses taught: Introduction to Geography, World Regional Geography, Political Geography, Economic Geography, Cultural Geography, Urban Geography/Sociology, Geography of Africa. Lecture and online format, with average class size 50.  
[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

**Adjunct Instructor**, Arkansas State University, CHSS/Political Science Department, State University, AR 72467. January 1997 – 2002. Course taught: American Government  
[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

**Adjunct Instructor**, East Arkansas Community College, Social Science Department, Forrest City, AR 72335. August 1996- December 1997.  
Course taught: American Government  
[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

Delta Studies Center, Arkansas State University, State University, AR  
**Director** **January 1998 – Present**  
Responsible for development, implementation, management and coordination of center activities and projects related to Delta region initiatives through use of university resources.

Arkansas Delta Housing Development Corporation/Madison Township HIPPY Program, Madison, AR  
**Part-time HIPPY Coordinator** **August 1996 – December 1997**  
Responsible for overall supervision and management of program working with paraprofessionals teaching them to work with parents of preschool youth. Paraprofessionals work with parents to help them teach their children. Also, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the office. HIPPY (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youth) is a program started at Hebrew University in Israel.

Arkansas Development Finance Authority

**Student Intern**

January 1996- May 1997

Responsible for working with developer on an Intermediary Relending Program Loan Package to help 100 families forced to relocate due to flooding of homes; review tax credit applications and scoring; perform special assignments as requested by the President and Vice President of Housing.

Arkansas Delta Housing Development Corporation, Forrest City, AR

**LISC AmeriCorps Coordinator, Small Town Housing Design Center**

1995 - 1996

Responsible for implementation, coordination and administering of technical assistance housing market research; land use planning and design; house plans and design; subdivision and site design; acquisition and development; small town planning and technical assistance in municipal management and downtown infrastructure design. Also, responsible for coordination and linkage with university and other planning and design resources, student volunteers recruitment and supervision.

Arkansas Delta Self-Help Construction Corporation, Forrest City, AR

**Executive Director**

1983 - 1995

Responsible for the implementation, coordination and administering of multi-year technical assistance self-help housing program. Program assisted low income families to acquire land and build their own homes.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

*"Political Redistricting: The Impact on Blacks in St. Francis County, Arkansas"*

Award from the Arkansas Geographical Society

1993

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**CSG Advisor** to ASU Degree Centers 2012 - Present

Arkansas Northeastern College, Blytheville, AR, MidSouth Community College, West Memphis, AR, East Arkansas Community College, Forrest City, AR

**Committee Member.** Search Committee, Criminology and Sociology Faculty, Arkansas State University, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013

**Chair.** CSG Budget Committee, Arkansas State University, 2012, 2013

**Committee Member.** Search Committee, Chief Diversity Officer, Arkansas State University, 2013

**Board Member.** Lower Mississippi Delta Service Corps Board, Cleveland, MS 2005 - Present

**Board Member.** Housing Assistance Council, Washington, DC 1999- Present

**Advisory Committee Member.** Jonesboro 2030 Vision, Jonesboro, AR Chair of the Housing Committee 2011 - Present

**Board Member.** Arkansas State Alumni Association, State University, AR April 2013

**Executive Board Member.** Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter of the ASU Alumni Association, 2005 - Present