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**Education:**

Graduate Certificate, Digital Public Humanities, George Mason University, 2018-Present  
Project: *Sugar Land 95: Convict Leasing*

Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Sam Houston State University, 2015  
Dissertation: *Perceptions of Postsecondary Education Among Select African-American Men From One Texas Community*

Dissertation Committee: Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie, Ph.D. (Director), Rebecca M. Bustamante, Ph.D., and Julie P. Combs, Ed.D.

Certificate - Higher Education Leadership, Houston Community College Leadership Excellence Institute, 2013

Certificate - Strategic Grant Development, Institute for Strategic Funding Development, 2011

Certificate - College Leadership, Houston Community College Leadership Program, 2009

MLA (English), University of St. Thomas, 2003  
Masters Project: *Tribute* (Collection of Poetry)

Committee: Janet Lowry, Ph.D. (Advisor), Clinton Brand, Ph.D., and Romanus Muoneke, Ph.D. (Readers)

BA (Humanities), University of Houston Clear Lake, 2001

Non-commissioned Officer Professional Military Graduate, U.S. Air Force, 1988

**Research Interests:**

African Diaspora, African-American Males in Higher Education, Digital Public Humanities, Educational Research: Qualitative, Ethnography, Higher Education for Underrepresented Groups (Racially and Culturally), Slave Narratives

**Teaching/Administrative Experience:**

Houston Community College

Chair, Philosophy, Humanities, and Library Sciences (2017-present)

Chair, All Faculty Retreat (2017-present)

Professor of English and Literature (2004-2017)

Professor of Humanities (2016-present)

P-16 Director (2009-2010)

University of Houston, Victoria

Adjunct professor of English, Department of Arts and Sciences (2007-2010)

Wharton County Junior College

Adjunct professor of English (2004-2005)

**Corporate/Military Experience:**

Campbell, George, and Strong: Paralegal (2003-2004),

Texas Instruments: Administrative Assistant (2001-2003), Marketing Programs  
Coordinator (1995-2001)

Haskins Law Firm, Paralegal (1994-1995)

Cable & Wireless, Assistant Branch Administrator (1993-1994)

Arnold, White, & Durkee, Legal Assistant (1992-1993)

United States Air Force, Office of Special Investigations, Administrative Specialist  
(1985-1992)

**Awards/Honors:**

Innovation of the Year (Zero Textbook (Z-Degree) Program), League for Innovation in the  
Community College, 2019

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Teaching  
Excellence Award (2014)

Dean's Award for research on the *Hidden curriculum in the SAT exam*. Presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association. New Orleans, LA. (2012)

International Poet of Merit

National Defense Service Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

**Publications:**

Graham, H. E. (2015). Perceptions of postsecondary education among select african american men from one texas community (Order No. 10044372). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (1774580875). Retrieved from <https://ezproxy.shsu.edu/login?url=https://search-proquest-com.ezproxy.shsu.edu/docview/1774580875?accountid=7065> (Contains in-depth review of the education of African Americans from the beginning of slavery in the United States until 2015).

Jackson, H. (2013, July). FERPA privacy protection, campus safety, and student psychological instability. In R. M. Bustamante (Ed.), *Collection of Case Studies in Higher Education Leadership* (pp.57-60). Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishers (ISBN: 978-1-4652-2606-8).

Jackson, H., LaSalle, H., & Bustamante, R. (2013). Hidden curriculum in the SAT exam. In S. Harris & S. Edmonson (Eds.), *Critical Social Justice Issues for Educators Today* (pp. 232-43). Ypsilanti, MI: NCPEA Publications.

Jackson, H. (2003). Death expiates beauty. *Laurels*. Houston, TX: University of St. Thomas Press.

Jackson, H. (2003). Big momma's place. *Laurels*. Houston, TX: University of St. Thomas Press.

Jackson, H. (Unpublished). *Huckleberry Finn: Mark Twain's exploitation of romanticism*.

Jackson, H. (Unpublished). *Tribute*.

**Workshops/Panel Discussions:**

“Perspectives on Student Success.” Panelist – Texas Community College Teachers Association, *2018 Faculty Leader Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, September 29, 2018.

“Effective Communication.” Panelist - Houston Community College *Instructional Leader’s Day*, Houston, Texas, August 15, 2018.

“Oh Happy Day Gospel Concert and Freedmen’s Bureau Indexing.” Instructor, Sugar Land, Texas, April 24, 2016.

Family History Indexing – Freedmen’s Bureau Records, Instructor, Sugar Land, Texas, November 13, 2015

“Young Women Career Panel.” Panelist - Sugar Land, Texas, April 2015.

Family History Indexing Workshop, Instructor, Missouri City, Texas, April 16, 2015.

Family History Indexing Workshop, Instructor, Missouri City, Texas, March 12, 2015.

Family History Indexing Workshop, Instructor, Houston, Texas, March 5, 2015.

Family History Genealogy Workshops each Saturday in January, Instructor, Houston, Texas, 2006-2012.

**Interviews/Podcasts/Published Discussions:**

“Perspectives on Student Success.” Panelist – Texas Community College Teachers Association, *2018 Faculty Leader Conference*, San Antonio, Texas, September 29, 2018.

“Helen Learns to Trust Her Intuition.” *The Archive Channel*, March 2018.  
<http://thearchivechannel.com/rootstech-2018/>

“Juneteenth: Celebrating 150 Years of Freedom.” *Houston Matters*. June 2015.  
<https://soundcloud.com/houstonmatters/juneteenth-celebrating-150-years-of-freedom>

**Oral Histories/Digital Public Humanities:**

Convict Leasing, Ongoing

African-American Firsts, Ongoing

Kashmere Gardens Oral History Project, 2018

Mary Jennie (Barry) Williams, 1998

Sidney Newsome Houston Williams, 1984

**Selected Press Coverage:**

“Freedmen’s Bureau Freed Slave Records Indexing Kicks Off.” *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church News*, August 10, 2015.  
<https://www.lds.org/church/news/freedmens-bureau-freed-slave-records-indexing-kicks-off-in-houston?lang=eng>

“Genealogy.” *Spokane Cares*, 2018. <http://spokanecares.org/geneology-spokane.php>

“Reuniting the Black Family One Record at a Time.” *Deseret News*, October 29, 2015.  
<https://www.ldschurchnews.com/archive/2015-10-29/reuniting-the-black-family-one-record-at-a-time-43370>

“Reuniting the Black Family: Volunteers Index Freedmen’s Bureau Records.” *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church News*, November 4, 2015.  
<https://www.lds.org/church/news/reuniting-the-black-family-volunteers-index-freedmens-bureau-records?lang=eng>

**Presentations:**

“Perceptions of Postsecondary Education Among Select African-American Men.”  
Research presented at *Houston Community College’s All Faculty Conference*, Houston, TX, February 10, 2018.

“Family History: Stories and Journaling. Learn from the Past. Prepare for the Future. Live in the Present.” *Relief Society Women’s Conference*, Sugar Land, Texas, February 10, 2018.

“Pedagogy or Andragogy: Best Teaching Practices for Adult Learners.” Research presented at *Houston Community College’s All Faculty Conference*, Houston, TX, February 2017.

“Family History: The Value of Knowing One’s Ancestors.” *Star Spencer High School*, Spencer, OK, May 6, 2016.

“Freedmen’s Bureau Project: Reuniting the Black Family.” *Family Discovery Day*, Houston, Texas, November 21, 2015.

“Family History: Freedmen’s Bureau Indexing Project.” *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, Oklahoma City, OK, November 8, 2015.

“Freedmen’s Bureau Indexing Project.” *Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, Houston, Texas, October 29, 2015.

“African-American Digital Records: The Freedmen’s Bureau Project.” *Prairie View A&M University*, Prairie View, TX, October 22, 2015.

“Hidden curriculum in the SAT exam.” Paper presented at the *Southwest Educational Research Association*, New Orleans, LA, 2012.

“The State of Developmental Education.” Research presented at the *ISupportFBISD community meeting*, Sugar Land, TX 2011.

“College Now.” Research presented at the *ISupportFBISD roundtable* for Texas state representative candidates and Fort Bend ISD board members, Sugar Land, TX, 2011.

“College Enrollment Rates for African-American Students.” Paper presented at the *Southwest Educational Research Association*, San Antonio, TX, 2011.

“Something Extraordinary: The Power of Womanhood.” *Relief Society Women’s Conference*, Sugar Land, Texas, October 29, 2005.

“Rhetorical Situation: Audience awareness.” *Texas Community College Teachers Association Great Teaching Roundup*, Wimberly, TX 2005.

**Professional Associations and Service:**

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (National)

American Educational Research Association

Oral History Association

Southwest Educational Research Association

Texas Community College Teachers Association

Chair, Professional Development Committee, 2018-2019

Foundation Board Member, 2018-2019

Facilitator, Texas Community College Teacher’s Association’s *Great Teaching Roundup*, 2008

Lead Facilitator, Texas Community College Teacher’s Association’s *Great Teaching Roundup*, 2009-2014

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development

**Editorial and Advisory Positions:**

Editorial Review Board member of the Sam Houston State University *Graduate Journal* (2010-2011)

Editor, *The New McGraw-Hill Handbook*. ISBN-13 9780077295400 (2009)

Reviewer of proposals to the Southwest Educational Research Association, 2011-2012

Advisory Board, Advocacy Now Institute, Missouri City, Texas, 2018

“Establishing a Family History Course at Langston University.” Consultation with Dr. Clyde Montgomery, Vice President Academic Affairs, Oklahoma City, OK, November 8, 2015.

**Genealogy:**

Lead Genealogist, Sugar Land 95 Project, 2018-present

Genealogist, 1990-present

Indexed Freedmen’s Bureau Records, 2015-2016

Indexing Facilitator, Freedmen’s Bureau Records (Texas and Oklahoma), 2015-2016

Family History Consultant, 1994-1996; 2015-present

Indexed European Census Records, 1990

**College Service:**

Master Scheduling Team, 2018

Chair Caucus Steering Committee, 2018-present

Chair Caucus, 2017-present

Committee member, HCC All Faculty Conference, 2017

Chaired English department colloquium, 2017

Established and chair HCC All Faculty Retreat, 2016-present

Co-chaired English department adjunct colloquium, 2016

Committee member of department adjunct retreat, 2016

Chair, Bedichek-Orman auction, 2016 (professional development fundraiser for adjuncts)

Co-chaired professional development faculty conference, 2011

Department representative for curriculum alignment with ISDs, 2009

Faculty senator, 2011-2013; 2016-present

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2017-present

Policies and Procedures Committee, 2017-2018

Chair, Faculty Senate Professional Development Committee, 2009; 2016-2017

Collaborated on content for Just In Time Orientation (JITO) for new and adjunct faculty

Grade appeal committees

Search committees

Student club advisor (Southwest Writers), 2006-2007

**Community Service:**

Lead Genealogist, Sugar Land 95 Project, Sugar Land, TX (2018-present)

Advocacy Now Institute Advisory Board, Missouri City, TX (2018)

Presenter/Facilitator, Genealogy Symposiums, Texas and Oklahoma (2004-2005; 2015-2018)

Freedmen's Bureau Indexing Project Specialist – Houston, Texas (2015-2016)

Consultant to education reform group, ISD board members, literacy council, and state representative on matters related to issues in higher education (2011 to 2015)

Steering Committee member, I Support FBISD (education reform group) (2011-2012)

Director, Houston, TX South Area Single Adults (2008-2013)

Board of Directors, Literacy Council of Fort Bend County (2006-2010)

Volunteer, College Nights, Houston Community College (2008-2009)

Speaker, Single Adult Conferences, Houston and Katy, TX (2007-2009)

Volunteer, Recruitment Nights, Houston Community College (2008-2009)



Tutor (ESL), Literacy Council of Fort Bend County (2006)

Tutor (English) (2008-present)

Presenter, Student Success Seminar, Houston Community College (2009)

Persian Gulf War Veteran, United States Air Force

Board Member, Leadership\*Advocacy\*Service\*Outreach, University of Houston System  
at Sugar Land (2002)

Ambassador, University of Houston System at Sugar Land (2001)

Member, Fort Bend Regional P-16 Council (2009)

Member, Relief Society, (1989-Present)