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EDUCATION

Ph.D., African-American Studies
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

MBA, (*Beta Gama Sigma Honor Society*)
Howard University, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science
Howard University, Washington, DC

TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

Holistic Nutrition, Penn Foster, 2013

Energy Healing Reiki Training, 2012-present

Life and Relationships Coach, Institute of Life Coach Training, 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University Instruction

9/94-12/2016 ***Associate Professor***; Georgia State University, African American Studies Department, Atlanta, GA. Developed and taught the following courses: African American Male-Female Relationships, African American Family, Introduction to African American Studies, Issues in the African American Community, African American Woman Activism, African-American Women in the U.S., Research Methods and Seminar and Practicum in African American Studies.

9/93-9/94 ***Visiting Professor***; University of Massachusetts at Boston, Black Studies Department, Boston, MA. Developed and taught the following courses in African Americans Studies: Black Intellectual Thought, History of Black Education, Blacks on Stage, Screen and Television, Introduction to Black Studies, Black Religion, the Civil Rights Movement and Black History.

Consulting

Project Evaluation Consultant, American Heart Association

Program Evaluation Consultant, Healthy Marriage Project, Northwood Appold United Methodist Church

Technical Assistant Consultant, National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, the Lewin Group

Consultant, MDRC Supporting Healthy Marriage Research Demonstration project

Research

1/91-8/93 **Research Assistant** on a multi-million dollar project funded by the National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA) to investigate the efficacy of several drug treatment programs. Interviewed homeless, primarily crack-addicted African American males who resided in a homeless shelter using various assessment and psychometric instruments. Also assisted in the design of the ethnographic research component of the study.

7/87-8/90 **Grant Manager** for the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB), Wash, DC. Responsible for daily operations of a nationwide economic research and development grant funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). Key assignments included: Writing proposals, performance and research reports, interfacing with grant administrators, inspector general, and housing officials, contract administration, and budget management. Also collected data from various federal, state and local governmental housing agencies to be used in the development of strategies to assist minorities in purchasing homes and to increase their participation with public firms such as HUD and Fannie Mae and private real estate enterprises.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Heter, R. & Aakhu, M. S. (2017). *Your Soul's Partner: Seven Steps to Attract Love and a Relationship of Bliss*. Decatur, GA: Universal Consciousness Publications.

Dixon, P. (2017). *African American Relationships, Marriages and Families: An Introduction*. 2nd Edition, Routledge: New York.

Dixon, P. (2013). *African American Male/Female Relationships: A Reader*. California: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Dixon, P. (2009). *We Want for Our Sisters What We Want for Ourselves*. Black Classic Press: Baltimore, MD.

Dixon, P. (2007). *African American Relationships, Marriages and Families: An Introduction*. Routledge: New York.

Dixon, P. & Osiris, K. (2002). *TLC—Talking and Listening with Care: A Communication Guide for Singles and Couples*. Oji Publication: Decatur, GA

Referred Journal Articles

Dixon, P. (2016). *Murdered and Missing African American Women: The Case of Ametra Bryant*. Journal of Africana Studies, 17, 1-2, 110-124.

Dixon, P. (2013). *AARMS: The African American Relationships and Marriage Strengthening Curriculum for African American Relationships Courses and Programs*. Journal of African American Studies.

Dixon, P. (2008). *Marriage Among African Americans: What does the research reveal?* Journal of African American Studies 1 (3), 29-46.

Jones, C., Dixon, P. Umoja, A.O. (2004). *Return to the Source: The Role of Service-Learning in Recapturing the Empowerment Mission of African American Studies*, The Black Scholar, 35 (2), 25-36. Reprinted from Western Journal of Black Studies, 27 (3), 205-214.

Jones, C., Dixon, P. Umoja, A.O. (2004). *Return to the Source: The Role of Service-Learning in Recapturing the Empowerment Mission of African American Studies*, Western Journal of Black Studies, 27 (3), 205-214.

Dixon, P. (1999). *Divine Marriage*. International Journal of Africana Studies, 5, 95-116.

Dixon, P. (1998). *"Employment Factors in Conflict in African American Heterosexual Relationships: Some Perceptions of Women,"* Journal of Black Studies, 28 (4), 491-505.

Dixon, P. (1998). *"Familial Factors in Early Life Experiences Among a Population of African American Male Crack-Cocaine Users: The Father Link? Challenge: Journal for Research on African American Men*, 9 (1) 63-79.

Azibo, D. & Dixon, P. (1998). *"The Relationship between Depression and Materialistic Depression: Azibo Nosology"* Journal of Black Psychology, 24 (2), 211-225.

Dixon, P. & Azibo, D. (1998). *"African Self Consciousness, Misorientation Behavior, and a Self-Destructive Disorder: African American Male Crack-Cocaine Users"* Journal of Black Psychology, 24 (2), 226-247.

Dixon, P. (1997). *"Death of Significant Others and Unresolved Grief among a Population of African American Male Crack-Cocaine Users,"* Journal of African American Men, 3 (2), 33-47.

Dixon, P. (1996). "In Search of the "Black Man's Blond?: Physical Beauty and the Caucasian Standard in African American Heterosexual Relationships," Griot, 15 (2), 33-40.

Book Chapter

Dixon, P. (2013). *The Love of Isis and Osiris*. In P. Dixon (Ed.), *African American Male/Female Relationships: A Reader* (pp. 3-14). United States: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Film

Eligible Men of Atlanta Reality Pilot Film (Exploring options for full production)

PRESENTATIONS

Dixon, P. *Community Gun: African American Youth and Community Violence*. **National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA 3/2014, Miami, FL**

Dixon, P. *The Love of Isis and Osiris*. **National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA 3/2013, Indiannapolis, IN**

Dixon, P. *To Leanita, Phyllis, Deneene, and Diane: For Colored Girls Who Have Committed Suicide and Those who Have Considered It*. **Africana Women's Research Symposium, 3/3.2012**

Dixon, P. *To Leanita, Phyllis, Deneene, and Diane: For Colored Girls Who Have Committed Suicide and Those who Have Considered It*. **National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA 3/2012**

Evaluation of the Marriage Education Servant and Leadership Development (MESLD) Healthy Marriage Project, **National Council for Black Studies, Cincinnati, OH 3/2011**

Evaluation of the Marriage Education Servant and Leadership Development (MESLD) Healthy Marriage Project, **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Washington, DC, 5/2011.**

Evaluation of the Marriage Education Servant and Leadership Development (MESLD) Healthy Marriage Project, **National Council for Black Studies, New Orleans, LA 3/2010.**

African American Women who Practice Polygyny by Consent, **National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA 3/19, 2009.**

Evaluation of the Marriage Education Servant and Leadership Development (MESLD) Healthy Marriage Project, **Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Family Assistance, Washington, DC, 8/2008**

African American Marriage: A Review of the Literature, **National Council for Black Studies, Houston, TX, 3/2006**

Incorporating Relationships and Marriage into Black Studies Classes, National Council for Black Studies, New Orleans, LA 3/2005

Invited Presenter, TLC-Talking & Listening With Care, Smart Marriages Conference, Dallas, TX 7/2004

Invited Presenter, Empowering & Embracing a Healthy Spirit of Man and Woman, Interfaith Health & Human Service Conference, Atlanta, GA, 10/2004

Invited Plenary Speaker, TLC-Talking & Listening With Care, Supporting Healthy Marriage Conference, Department of Children and Family Services Conference, Washington, D.C. 5/2004

Incorporating African American Male Female Relationships into Black Studies, National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA 3/2004

We Want for Our Sisters What We Want for Ourselves, Sisters Defining Sisters Conference, Temple, University, Philadelphia, PA, University, 2/2004

Invited Speaker, African American Healthy Marriage Initiative Forum, Department of Family & Children Forum Dallas, TX, 1/2004

Invited Presenter, TLC-Talking and Listening With Care, Smart Marriages Conference, Reno, NV, 7/2003

TLC-Talking & Listening With Care, National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA, 3/2003

Marriage in Ausar Auset Society, National Council for Black Studies, San Diego, CA, 3/2002

Critical Issues in Africana Women Studies, Plenary Session, National Council for Black Studies, Charlotte, NC, 3/2001

We Want For Our Sisters What We Want for Ourselves: Divine Marriage in the African Hebrew Israelite Community, National Council of Black Studies, Atlanta, 3/2000

Invited Presentation - Monogamy Only: The Trappings of Eurocentrism? 10th Annual Cheikh Anta Diop Conference, Temple University, 10/98

African Self Consciousness, Misorientation Behavior, and a Self-Destructive Disorder: African American Male Crack-Cocaine Users, Association of Black Psychologist, 8/98

Sharing Men: Perspectives from African American Women, National Council of Black Studies, Los Angeles CA, 3/98

Employment Factors in Heterosexual Relationships: Some Views from Women, Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, 2/96

Performing African-American Women's Voice/s: The Conceptualizing Rhetoric of Mary Church Terrell, Sadie Tanner Moss Alexander and Mary McLeod Bethune, In Their Own Right Conference, Georgia State University, 11/95

Crack and Oppression Among African American Males, **National Council of African American Men**, Indianapolis, 10/95

Defining Notions of Treatment Success For Homeless Poly-drug Users, **American Psychological Association Annual Meeting**, 8/93

An Examination of Monogamy and Polygamy, and the Implications of Mansharing in the African American Community, African Female-Male Relationships: A Critical Dialogue, **Temple University**, 5/93

SERVICE

University/Department

Executive Director, National Council of Black Studies, 2002-2004

Committee Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2012-2013

Director, Service Learning, Department of African American Studies, Fall, 2009-2016

Executive Committee, Department of African American Studies, Fall, 2011-2016

Panelist, Sigma Gamma Sorority, Georgia State University, Fall 2010

Advisor, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Fall, Georgia State University, Fall, 2009

Panelist, Kappa Alpha Psi, Men Chase Women Choose, Georgia State University, Oct., 2008

Tenure Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2008

Tenure Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2005

Executive Director, National Council for Black Studies—2002-2004

Panelist, Daughters; Georgia State University, Nov., 2002

Panelist, Diversity & Dating in the New Millennium, Georgia State University, Oct., 2002

Panelist, Graduate School Workshop, Georgia State University, April, 2002

Panelist, Raising Our Sons and Daughters, Black Herstory Task Force, Emory University, March, 2002

Panelist, What's Love Got to Do With It? International Theological Center, February 2002

Panelist, NAACP, Reflective Imaging Series—Sister to Brother, Nov. 2000

Development & Coordination, Service Learning Initiative, Summer, 1999-2002

Presenter, Student Appreciation Day, African American Studies Department, Spring, 1997, 1998, 1999

Panel Member, Love and Relationships, Eta Mu Chapter, Mind, Body & Soul Week, Fall, 1998

Chair, Chair Evaluation Committee, African American Studies Department, Spring, 1997

Member, Dissertation Committee, Psychology Department, Winter, 1997

Member, Specialty Examination Committee, Sociology Department, Summer, Fall, 1997

Member, Committee on Service Learning, African American Studies Department, 1997

Member, Search Committee, African American Studies Department, Spring, 1996, 1997

Panel Chair, Black Panther Conference, African American Studies Department, Fall, 1996

Initiated, Organized and Facilitated, African American Male/Female Relationships forum, African American Studies Department Spring, 1996

Initiated, Organized and Facilitated, Community Service Learning forum, African American Studies Department, Spring 1996

Presentation, Socio-Environmental Factors in Addiction in among a Population of African America Males: "An Ethnographic Performance, Black History Month Georgia State University, Feb., 1996

Presentation, A Historical Analysis of Monogamy and the Implications of Polygamous Arrangements or "Mansharing" as an Alternative in the African-American Community, Black History Month, Georgia State University, Feb., 1995

Invited Presentation - The Black man's Responsibility to Black Women, Kappa Alpha Psi Week, Boston College, Oct., 1993

Organized and Facilitated, Conference, "Behind the Eurocentric Veils," University of Massachusetts, Spring, 1993

Professional

Advisory, Board, Imhotep—An African Americans Studies Journal, 2002

Editorial Board, Encyclopedia of Black Studies, 2002

Reviewer, Erasing Racism: The Survival of the American Nation, Molefi Asante, 2002

Member, Collegiate Press Editorial Advisory Board, A Turbulent Voyage, Spring, 1998

Reviewer, The Womanist, Fall/Winter 1996-97

Reviewer, Staples, R. The Black Family, 5th edition, 1995

Program Participants sub-committee, Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, Inc.

Community

Discussant, Communication is Key, Guerilla Republik, Atlanta, GA, October 26, 2014

Partnership, Atlanta Housing Authority, provided facilitators to teach AARMS to Choice (Section 8 residents)

Trainer—20 facilitators 40 hours in African American Relationships and Marriage Strengthening (AARMS) curriculum, National African American Relationships Institute, Summer 2010

Tip Sheet--Making Your Marriage Education Curriculum Appropriate for African American Couples, National Healthy Marriage Resource Center, Summer, 2008

Interviewed and Cited, Upscale Magazine, Fall, 2008

Interviewed on ABC, 20/20, Winter , 2008

Interviewed and Cited in Black Enterprise, Winter, 2008

Interviewed and Cited in Body and Soul, Spring , 2007

Featured in Who's Who in Black Atlanta, January 2006

Interviewed and Cited in Ebony Magazine, November 2005 60th Anniversary Edition

Featured Guest, Signs of the Times, AT&T Community Television, Male-Female Relationships, 3/5/04

Invited Presenter, African American Relationships, Marriages and Families, Department of Children & Family Services, 10/2003

Workshop, African American Healthy Marriage Initiative Forum, TLC—Talking and Listening With Care, 11/2003

Featured Guest, AM (WOLB 1010) radio, Baltimore, MD, We Want for Our Sisters What We Want for Ourselves, 9/2003

Interview, FM (89.3) radio, Atlanta, GA Dating & Diversity

Invited Panelist, Signs of the Times, AT&T Community Television, Family Matters, 10/14/01

Invited Panelist, The Relationships Forum, Atlanta, Pleasing Your Partner, 3/2/01

Invited Panelist, Signs of the Times, AT&T Community Television, Male-Female Relationships, 3/5/01

Invited Panelist, Signs of the Times, AT&T Community Television, Women and Health, 3/19/01

Featured Guest, Signs of the Times, AT&T Community Television, Male-Female Relationship, 1/8/01

Invited Panelist, "What the Sister Want in the ATL," forum on Male-Female Relationships, 11/2000

Invited Panelist, A New Direction in Male/female Relationships, African Hebrew Israelites, 10/2000

Invited Panelist, Race Gender & Ethnicity in Society, Symposium, 1997

Featured Guest, African American Relationships, WRFG FM (89.3), Atlanta, GA 1995

Paper Presentation, African Culture, at Downtown Atlanta Senior Services, Atlanta, GA 1/95

Presentation, African American History and Culture, Ridge Avenue Shelter and Diagnostic Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia, PA. 9/91-8/93

GRANTS

Georgia State University

Internal

GSU African American Faculty Development Grants, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998: \$14,992

GSU Strategic Initiatives in African American Studies, 1998, \$2,482

External

Community House Recourse Center, Neighborhood Development Internship Partnership Inc., "Service Learning Initiative," Summer/fall, 2000, \$6000

Community

Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2008/2009, NAARI Housing Counseling Agency, \$129,000

NID-Housing Counseling Agency/NAARI 2005/2006, \$11,700

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Universal Consciousness, Inc. *Founding President*, 2012-Present

AmeriKind, Inc., *Founding President*, 2012-Present

National African American Relationships Institute –*Founding President*, 2002-2011

National Council for Black Studies - *Executive Director*, 2002-2004, *Board of Directors*, 2002-2010, *Member*, 1998-2016

NID/HCA, *Branch Manager*, 2005-2008

Sisterlove, HIV/AIDS prevention, *Board of Directors*, 2003-2005

National Alliance for Radical Prison Reform, *Board of Directors*, 2003-2004

Saving the Family Foundation - *Board of Directors*, 2002

Womanist Consortium - *Member*, 1999

Aid to Mothers and Children in Prison - *Board of Directors*, 1996-1998

Southern Conference on Afro-American Studies, Inc. - *Member*, 1994–1996

Council of Family Relations - *Member*, 1994-1996

APPRECIATIONS/HONORS/AWARDS

Interfaith Health and Human Services Conference, *Certificate of Appreciation*, 2004

Sankofa Society, *Certificate of Appreciation*, 2004

African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem, *Certificate of Appreciation* 2004

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Letter of Appreciation*, 2003

Georgia State University, Diversity of Education Programs, *Certificate of Appreciation*, 2002

Nat'l Assoc. of Real Estate Brokers - *Dedication and Distinguished Services Award*, 1989

Howard University - *Beta Gamma Sigma Award*, 1986

COMPUTER SKILLS

SPSSPC-statistical software, Quickbooks—business software, Microsoft Office –Word, Excel, Publisher, Access—Database management software; Powerpoint, Word Press