

## **Frank X Walker**

1550 Trent Blvd. 1216, Lexington, KY 40515  
affrilachia@aol.com  
www.frankxwalker.com

### **Education**

Bachelors of Arts in English, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 1996  
Master of Fine Arts in Writing, Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2003

### **Employment History**

**University of Kentucky**, Lexington, KY, 2010-present  
Associate Professor, Department of English, Co-Chair, Africana Studies

Classes taught: *Introduction to Creative Writing: Poetry*

**Northern Kentucky University**, Highland Heights, KY, 2007-present  
Writer-In-Residence, Department of English

Classes taught: *Introduction to Creative Writing, Poetry Workshop, Advanced Poetry Workshop, The Manuscript, African American Literature: Harlem to Hip Hop & Graduate Poetry Workshop.*

**Transylvania University**, Lexington, KY, 2006-2007  
Visiting Professor, Writing, Rhetoric and Communication

Classes taught: *Publishing Workshop, Harlem to Hip Hop Travel Course*

**Eastern Kentucky University**, Richmond, KY, 2004-2006  
Interim Director, African/African American Studies Program  
Assistant Professor, Department of English & Theatre

Classes taught: *Advanced Freshman Composition, Introduction to Creative Writing (poetry, fiction & screenwriting), Advanced Creative Writing, Major Black Writers, African American Studies-History of African Americans in the United States*

**University of Louisville**, Louisville, KY, 2004-2005  
Visiting Professor, Pan African Studies,

Class taught: *Harlem to Hip Hop*

*Vice President, The Kentucky Center for the Arts*, 2000-2004  
*Executive Director, Governor's School for the Arts*, 1996-2004  
*Consultant, University of Kentucky*, Lexington, KY, 2002-2003  
*Assistant Director, Black Cultural Center, Purdue University*, West Lafayette, IN, 1995-

1996

*Program Director, Martin Luther King Jr., Cultural Center, University of Kentucky, 1985-1995*

*Founder/Executive Director, Bluegrass Black Arts Consortium, 1990-1995*

## **Publishing**

### **Books**

*Isaac Murphy: I Dedicate This Ride, Old Cove Press, 2010*

*When Winter Come: The Ascension of York, University Press of Kentucky, 2008*

*America! What's My Name, Editor, Wind Publications, 2007*

*Black Box, Old Cove Press, 2006*

*Buffalo Dance: the Journey of York, University Press of Kentucky, 2004*

*Affrilachia, Old Cove Press, 2000*

*Eclipsing a Nappy New Millennium, Haraka Press, 1997*

### **Chapbooks**

*Excerpts from the 21<sup>st</sup> Sentry, Affrilachian Poet Press, 1998*

*Mermaid, Affrilachian Poet Press, 1997*

*No More Snow White Cinderella Stories, Affrilachian Poet Press, 1997*

*A Queen's Rain, Affrilachian Poet Press, 1995*

### **Book entries**

*Poetry, 44 On 44, 2010*

*Poetry, Discover Art in Kentucky, Kentucky Arts Council, 2010*

*Poetry, Black Nature, 2010*

*Poetry, What Democracy Looks Like, Rutgers University Press, 2005*

*Poetry, The Kentucky Anthology: Two Hundred Years of Writing in the Bluegrass, University Press of Kentucky, 2005*

*Poetry, Cornbread Nation III, University of North Carolina Press, 2005*

*Poetry, Tobacco: A Literary Anthology, Wind, 2004*

*Poetry, A Kentucky Christmas, University Press of Kentucky, 2003*

### **Journal/Magazine entries, articles, essays**

*Poetry, The Journey of Kentucky Studies, 2010*

*Poetry, The Southern Anthology, Volume III, Contemporary Appalachia, 2010*

*Poetry, Appalachian Heritage, Winter, 2010*

*Poetry, Motif 2: Change, 2010*

*Poetry, Red Mountain Review, 2010*

*Poetry, Appalachian Heritage, Spring, 2010*

*Essay, Isaac Murphy, Herald Leader, 2010*

*Poetry, Fishhousepoems.org, 2010*

*Poetry, Cream City Review, 2010*

*Essay, The Courier Journal, 2009*  
*Poetry, Louisville Review, 2009*  
*Poetry, Obsidian, 2009*  
*Poetry, Weave Magazine, 2009*  
*Poetry, Appalachian Heritage, 2009*  
*Poetry, 95 Notes Literary Magazine, 2009*  
*Poetry, Appalachian Journal, 2009*  
*Poetry, Reverie, 2009*  
*Poetry, Tuesday Journal, 2009*  
*Poetry, Iron Mountain Review, 2009*  
*Poetry, Motif: Writing By Ear, 2009*  
*Poetry, Artist In Revolution, 2009*

*Poetry, The Journal of Kentucky Studies, 2008*  
*Poetry, The Ninth Letter, 2008*  
*Poetry, Eco-tone, 2008*  
*Poetry, Alca-lines, 2008*  
*Poetry, Huffington Post, 2008*  
*Poetry, Appalachian Heritage, 2008*  
*Poetry, Black Magnolia Literary Journal, 2008*  
*Essay, Blue Ridge Country Magazine, 2008*  
*Poetry, Crab Orchard Review, 2008*  
*Poetry, Huffington Post, 2008*  
*Poetry, Kentucky Quilt Trails: Views and Voices, 2008*  
*Poetry, Reverie, 2008*  
*Poetry, The River Styx, 2008*  
*Poetry, Weave Magazine, 2008*

*Poetry, Ringing Ear, Black Poets Lean South, 2007*  
*Poetry, Louisville Review, 2006*  
*Essay, This I Believe, National Public Radio's Morning Edition, 2006*  
*Poetry, Wind: The Hindman Issue, Wind Press, 2005*  
*Poetry, Kudzu, Hazard Community College, 2005*  
*Poetry, Chrysanthemum Magazine, 2005*  
*Poetry, SNReview, 2005*  
*Poetry, Role Call: A Generational Anthology of Social and Political Black Literature and Art, Third World Press, 2002*  
*Poetry, Appalachian Culture, Appalachian Literature: Multidisciplinary, Cross-Curricular Resource Guide for Middle and High School Classrooms, Jesse Stuart Foundation, 2001*  
*Poetry, Mischief, Caprice & Other Strategies, Little Red Hen Press, 2002*  
*Poetry, Round Table, Hopkinsville Community College, 2002*  
*Poetry, Kentucky Humanities, Kentucky Humanities Council, 2002*  
*Poetry, 25 Voices for a New Millennium, 2001*  
*Poetry, Time All Over: Kentucky Folk Art and Writing in Kentucky at the End of a Millennium, Kentucky Folk Art Center, 2000*

Poetry, *Voice Literary Magazine*, Ace Weekly, 2000  
Poetry, Limestone, University of Kentucky Dept. of English, 2000  
Poetry, *Java House Anthology Volume II*, 1999  
*Editing Exercise*, "Editing", *Curriculum Guide*, Alabama Writers' Forum & Alabama Department of Youth Services, 2002  
Essay, "Ed Hamilton", *Place Gives Rise to Spirit: Writers on Louisville*, Fleur-de-Lis Press, 2001

### **Television, Media and Film Projects**

Interview with Bob Edwards on XM radio, 2011  
Interview, Accents with Katerina, UK radio, 2010  
Interview, Connections with Renee Shaw, KET, 2010  
Interview, Bob Edwards on XM satellite radio, 2005  
Interview with Bob Edwards on XM Satellite radio, 2004  
Poet/Writer, *James Still's Legacy*, Kentucky Educational Television, 2003  
Writer/Producer, *KY2NYC: Art, Life & 911*, 2002  
Poet, *Living the Story: the Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky*, produced by KET, 2002  
Narrator, *a Passion for the Arts*, Kentucky Educational Television, 2001  
Poet/Teacher, *GED Connection Series: Writing-Getting Ideas on Paper*, PBS, 2001  
Poet/Producer, *Coal Black Voices*, Media Working Group, 2001  
Poet, *In Performance at the Governor's Mansion*, KET, 2000  
Narrator, *Artshow: Youth and Community Development*, Partners for Livable Communities, 1999

### **Readings/workshops/panels/keynotes**

Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA, 2011  
Eastern Kentucky University MFA program, Lexington, KY, 2011  
  
Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN, 2010  
How Poets See the World, Carnegie Center, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Governor's Scholars, Murray State University, Murray, KY, 2010  
Tennessee Writers Workshop, Austin Peay, TN, 2010  
Governor's School for the Arts, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Grailville Poetry Series, Cincinnati, OH, 2010  
Bourbon County Public Library, Paris, KY, 2010  
West Virginia State University, Morgantown, WV, 2010  
Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, 2010  
Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Tates Creek Middle School, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Association of Writers and Writing Programs, Chicago, IL, 2010  
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, 2010  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Split This Rock Conference, Washington, D.C., 2010

Kentucky State Reformatory, Lagrange, KY, 2010  
University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC, 2010  
West Virginia Center for the Book, Charleston, WV, 2010  
Cave Canem South, Charleston, SC, 2010  
Kentucky Craft and Art Museum, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Henry Clay High School, Lexington, KY, 2010  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2010  
The Morris Bookshop, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Headley-Whitney Museum, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Cynthiana Writers Festival, Cynthiana, KY, 2010  
Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, 2010  
Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY, 2010  
Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Edith Hayes Middle School, Lexington, KY, 2010  
UK Art Museum, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Carmichael's Books, Louisville, KY, 2010  
University of New Haven, New Haven, CT, 2010  
Centre College, Danville, KY, 2010  
Summit Country Day, Cincinnati, OH, 2010  
Lexington Traditional Middle School, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Kentucky Reading Association Conference, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Governor's EEO Conference, Frankfort, KY, 2010  
Montgomery County High School, Mt. Sterling, KY, 2010  
International Book Project Fund Raiser, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY, 2010  
Kentucky Book Fair, Frankfort, KY, 2010  
Etheridge Knight Project, WKY, Bowling Green, KY, 2010  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, 2010  
YMCA Black Achievers, Lexington, KY, 2010  
Jackson County High School, McKee, KY, 2010  
Centre College, Danville, KY, 2010

Central State University, Wilberforce, OH, 2009  
Christian Church, Portsmouth, OH, 2009  
Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, 2009  
Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, IL, 2009  
Imani Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, 2009  
Ashland Community and Technical College, Ashland, KY, 2009  
East Jessamine High, Nicholasville, KY, 2009  
Family Care Center, Lexington, KY, 2009  
Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, 2009  
Public Library, Jackson, TN, 2009  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 2009  
G. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, VA, 2009  
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, 2009

Bluegrass Kitchen, Charleston, WV, 2009  
Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 2009  
Berea College, Berea, KY, 2009  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2009  
Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2009  
Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH, 2009  
Public Library, Earlarger, KY, 2009  
Etheridge Knight Festival, Indianapolis, IN, 2009  
Gateway Community College, Covington, KY, 2009  
Kentucky Center, Louisville, KY, 2009  
Jackson County High, McKee, KY, 2009  
Ashville Wordfest, Ashville, NC, 2009  
Spalding MFA Alumni Reading, Louisville, KY, 2009  
Carmichael's Bookstore, Louisville, KY, 2009  
Governor's School for the Arts, Lexington, KY, 2009  
Kentucky Literature Academy, Lexington, KY, 2009  
Upward Bound, MSU, Morehead, KY, 2009  
Carmichael's Books, Louisville, KY, 2009  
Hazard Community and Technical College, Hazard, KY, 2009  
Voices From the Hills, NKU, Highland Heights, KY, 2009  
Maysville Community College, Cynthiana, KY, 2009  
Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, 2009  
West Virginia Book Festival, Charleston, WV, 2009  
Kentucky State Poetry Society

Rudyard Kipling InKY Reading, Louisville, KY, 2008  
United States Department of Interior, Atlanta, GA  
Macon State College, Macon, GA, 2008  
Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN, 2008  
Radford University, Radford, VA, 2008  
Stone Soup Books, Roanoke, WV, 2008  
Maysville Community College, Maysville, KY, 2008  
McCracken County Public Library, 2008  
River Styx, St. Louis, MO, 2008  
Conjoso Studio, Louisville, KY, 2008  
Poor Richard's Books, Frankfort, KY, 2008  
Ferrum College NEH Institute, Ferrum, VA, 2008  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2008  
Jazz Factory, Louisville, KY, 2008  
Owensboro Community and Technical College, Owensboro, KY, 2008  
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, 2008  
University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, 2008  
Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, IL, 2008  
Tulisoma South Dallas Bookfair, Dallas, TX, 2008  
Bowling Green Public Library, Bowling Green, KY, 2008  
Lincoln Bicentennial Weekend, Lexington, KY, 2008

Art Academy, Cincinnati, OH, 2008  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, 2008  
Campbell County Public Library, Ft. Thomas, KY, 2008  
Central KY Council on Peace and Justice, Lexington, KY, 2008  
Bluegrass Festival of the Book, Lexington, KY, 2008  
Al's Bar, Lexington, KY, 2008  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2008  
Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO, 2008  
Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA, 2008  
Kentucky Museum of Craft and Art, Louisville, KY, 2008  
Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Lexington, KY, 2008  
Honeybean Café, Lexington, KY, 2008  
Royal Springs Middle School, Georgetown, KY, 2008  
Bohannon's Books, Georgetown, KY, 2008  
Alabama School for Fine Arts, Birmingham, AL, 2008  
Chelsea High School, Columbiana, AL, 2008  
Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, MT, 2008  
Bradley University, Peoria, IL, 2008  
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2008

Lewis & Clark Currents of Change National Signature Event, St. Louis, MO, 2006  
Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2006  
Governor's School for the Arts, 2006  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2006  
Lillian Smith Arts Center, Clayton, GA, 2006  
Clarksville Writers Conference, Clarksville, TN, 2006  
Book Expo, Washington, DC, 2006  
Newsome House, Newport News, VA, 2006  
Southeastern Library Network, Atlanta, GA, 2006  
Bluegrass Festival of the Book, Lexington, KY, 2006  
Alabama Book Festival, Montgomery, AL, 2006  
Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest Judge, 2006  
Jazz Factory, Louisville, KY, 2006  
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL, 2006  
Chicago State University, Chicago, IL, 2006  
Academy of American Poets Breakfast, NYC, 2006  
Harriet Arnow Writers Conference, Somerset, KY, 2006  
Middlesboro Independent Schools, Middlesboro, KY, 2006  
Sayre School, Lexington, KY, 2006  
St. Edwards University, Austin, TX, 2006  
Gallery Hop at Kentucky Center, Louisville, KY, 2006  
University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, 2006  
Nez Perce Reservation High School, Lapwai, ID, 2006  
REACH Conference, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, OH, 2006  
Midway College, Midway KY, 2006  
InkTank, Cincinnati, OH, 2006

Joseph-Beths Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH, 2006  
Taste of Africa, Opera House, Winchester, KY, 2006  
Middlesboro High School, Middlesboro, KY, 2006  
Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, 2006  
East Second Street Christian Church, Lexington, KY, 2006  
AAUW Authors Brunch, Boone Tavern, Berea, KY, 2006  
Canaan Christian Church Reading with Ron Whitehead, Louisville, KY, 2006  
Western Kentucky University, Glasgow Campus, 2006  
Bowling Green Public Library, Bowling Green, KY 2006  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 2006  
Zora Neale Hurston Arts Festival, Louisville, KY 2006  
Farristown Baptist Church, Berea, KY 2006  
Joseph-Beths Booksellers, Lexington, KY 2006  
Downtown Community Arts Center, Danville, KY 2006

Kwanzaa Celebration Reading, Lexington, KY 2005  
Cumberland County High School, Williamsburg, KY, 2005  
American Institute of Architecture Students National Forum, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
Carmichael's Books, Louisville, KY 2005  
African American Literary Conference, Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, 2005  
Kentucky Book Fair, Frankfort, KY 2005  
The Nature of Writing, Bend, OR, 2005  
Berea College, Berea, KY 2005  
National Association of Black Cultural Centers Conference, Lexington, KY, 2005  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2005  
Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY, 2005  
West Virginia Book Festival, Charleston, WV, 2005  
Maryville College, Maryville, TN, 2005  
Beck Cultural Exchange, Knoxville, TN, 2005  
Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
Kentucky Library Association/Kentucky School Media Association Conference, 2005  
Jazz Factory Reading, Louisville, KY, 2005  
Kentucky Artisan Center, Berea, KY, 2005  
Fishtrap Writers Workshop, Wallawa Lake, OR, 2005  
Louisville Convention Center, Louisville, KY, 2005  
Robinson Scholars, University of KY, Lexington, KY, 2005  
Kentucky History Center, Frankfort, KY, 2005  
Idaho African American History Museum, Boise, ID, 2005  
Governor's School for the Arts, Lexington, KY, 2005  
Tsunami Reading, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY, 2005  
Cave Canem, University of Pittsburg at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 2005  
Whittenberger Summer Writing Workshops, Caldwell, ID, 2005  
Public Library, Kentucky Theater Lexington, KY, 2005  
Tsunami Reading with DAPP, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
Ballard High School, Louisville, KY, 2005  
Richlands High School, Richlands, VA, 2005



Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, VA, 2005  
Southern Kentucky Book Festival, Bowling Green, KY, 2005  
Highlands High School, Highlands, KY, 2005  
Beatnik Café at Public County Library, Whitesburg, KY, 2005  
Kentucky Education Association, Louisville, KY, 2005  
Kentucky Writers Workshop, Pine Mountain State Park, Pineville, KY, 2005  
Chautauqua Reading with Silas House, ECU, Richmond, KY, 2005  
Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, KY, 2005  
University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 2005  
Mayfield High School, Mayfield, KY, 2005  
Reading with Diane Glancy, ECU, Richmond, KY, 2005  
Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY, 2005  
Tsunami Reading, Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, KY, 2005  
East End Community School, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
Highlands Museum, Ashland, KY, 2005  
Kentucky Association of Gifted Education Conference, Lexington, KY, 2005  
College of Education Diversity Symposium, ECU, Richmond, KY, 2005  
Great Falls University, Great Falls, MT, 2005  
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, Great Falls, MT, 2005  
Tsunami of Compassion with Harry Pickens, University of Louisville, 2005  
West Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY, 2005  
Urban Appalachian Council, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
School for Creative and Performance Arts, Cincinnati, OH, 2005  
1st Unitarian Church, Lexington, KY, 2005  
Jazz Factory Reading, Louisville, KY, 2005  
McGoffin County High School, Salyersville, KY, 2005  
Hazard Writers Workshop, Hazard Community and Technical College, Hazard, KY, 2005

Green River Correctional Facility, 2004  
Hughes High School, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
Madison Central High School, Richmond, KY, 2004  
Iroquois High School, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Ohio County High School, 2004  
Kentucky Book Fair, Frankfort, KY, 2004  
West Jessamine Middle School, Nicholasville, KY, 2004  
McConnell Springs History to Chew On, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Kentucky Association for School Councils Conference, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Lillian Smith Book Awards, Athens, GA, 2004  
Southern Festival of the Book, Memphis, TN, 2004  
UK, Office of Multicultural Affairs Student Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Kentucky School Media Association, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Harrodsburg High School, Harrodsburg, KY, 2004  
Kentucky School Library Association, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Moveable Feast, Southeastern Booksellers Association, Atlanta, GA, 2004

Kenton County Professional Growth Academy III, Independence, KY, 2004  
Locust Grove Lecture Series, Louisville, KY, 2004  
27<sup>th</sup> Annual Appalachian Writers Workshop, Hindman, KY, 2004  
Governor's Scholars, ECU campus, Richmond, KY, 2004  
Governor's Scholars, Centre College campus, Danville, KY, 2004  
Robinson Scholars, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, Lexington, KY, 2004  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fishtrap Writers Conference, Wallawa Lake, OR, 2004  
Somerset High School, Somerset, KY, 2004  
Southern Kentucky Book Fair, Bowling Green, KY, 2004  
Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY, 2004  
Highlands High School, Fort Thomas, KY, 2004  
Carroll County Public Library, Carrollton, KY, 2004  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, 2004  
Kentucky Junior Historical Society conference, Frankfort, KY, 2004  
Filson on Main, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, 2004  
Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, 2004  
Africa Effect Film & Poetry Festival, Santa Fe, NM, 2004  
Christian Teachers conference, Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY, 2004  
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, 2004  
Kappa House, Martinsville, VA, 2004  
Winburn Middle School, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, KY, 2004  
Department of Corrections, Mt. Meigs Campus, Montgomery, AL, 2004  
Rosa Parks Museum, Montgomery, AL, 2004  
Department of Corrections, Vacca Campus, Birmingham, AL, 2004  
Department of Corrections, Chalkville Campus, Birmingham, AL, 2004  
Joseph Beth's Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
Westward Expansion Museum, St. Louis, MO, 2004  
National Association for Developmental Education Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2004  
Shelby County High School, Shelbyville, KY, 2004  
Crawford Middle School, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Kentucky School for the Deaf, Danville, KY, 2004  
Danville Heritage Festival, Danville, KY, 2004  
Green River Correctional Complex, 2004  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Burgin Independent School, Burgin, KY, 2004  
Barnes & Nobles, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Anderson University, Anderson, IN, 2004  
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2004  
Transylvania University, Lexington, KY, 2004  
East Connecticut State University, 2004  
West Virginia State University, 2004  
Lexington Community College, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, KY, 2004

Danville Public Library, Danville, KY, 2004  
Administrative Office of the Courts, Frankfort, KY, 2004  
River Styx Reading, St. Louis, MO, 2004  
InKY Reading, Rudyard Kipling, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Sodexo Marriott African American History Month Reading, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, Ashland, KY, 2004  
East Price Hill Adult Education Program, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
Northside Community School, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
East End Community School, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
Purcell Marian High School, Cincinnati, OH, 2004  
Borders Books, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Kentucky Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts, Louisville, KY, 2004  
Centre College, Danville, KY, 2004  
Berea College, Berea, KY, 2004  
Boyle County High School, Danville, KY, 2004  
Boyle County Middle School, Danville, KY, 2004  
South Oldham County High School, Crestwood, KY, 2004  
Oldham County Public Library, Crestwood, KY, 2004  
Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Carnegie Center for Literacy, Lexington, KY, 2004  
Danville Authors Forum, Danville, KY, 2004

Zeta Phi Beta Zora Neal Hurston Festival, Louisville, KY, 2003  
Lincoln Center La Casita Festival, New York, NY, 2003  
Karma in the Café, Lexington, KY, 2003  
Frankfort High School, Frankfort, KY, 2003  
Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 2003  
International Education Summit, Frankfort, KY, 2003  
Antioch College, Antioch, Ohio, 2003  
Soujourner's Art, Faith & Social Justice Roundtable, Washington, D.C., 2003  
Kentucky Association of Gifted Education Conference, Lexington, KY, 2003  
Transylvania University Leadership Conference, Lexington, KY, 2003  
International Architecture Program, Santiago, Cuba, 2003  
Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, 2003  
Kentucky Teachers of English & Language Arts Conference, Lexington, KY, 2003  
Western Kentucky Technical College, Paducah, KY, 2003  
Arna Bontemps African American Museum, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
Reed Avenue Elementary, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
Central Louisiana State Hospital Special School District #1, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
Rotary Club International Luncheon, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
LSUA Ebony Scholarship Benefit Luncheon, Alexandria, LA, 2003  
Zora Neale Hurston Festival, Louisville, KY, 2003  
Berea College, Berea, KY, 2003

Rotary Club International Luncheon, Danville, KY, 2002

School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, 2002  
Radford University, Radford, VA, 2002  
Christian County High School, Hopkinsville, KY, 2002  
The Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation, Louisville, KY, 2002  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Tates Creek High School, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY, 2002  
Kentucky School Media Association Conference, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Miami University, Hamilton, Ohio, 2002  
WAVE-TV, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Hawley-Cooke Booksellers, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Urban Appalachian Council, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2002  
Indaba Conference, Covington, KY, 2002  
Hughes High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2002  
Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, KY, 2002  
Verbal Arts Center, Derry, Northern Ireland, 2002  
Poetry In the Park, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Robinson Scholars, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, 2002  
School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Lexington, KY., 2002  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 2002  
Pendleton Heritage Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2002  
School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2002  
Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2002  
Public Library of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, 2002  
Alternate Roots Conference, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 2002  
Lexington Children's Theater, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Kentucky Center for the Arts, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Joseph Beth's Booksellers, Lexington, KY, 2002  
Kentucky Theater, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Murray State University, Murray, KY, 2002  
Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Alexandria, LA, 2002  
Reed Elementary, Alexandria, LA., 2002  
Atherton High School, Louisville, KY, 2002  
Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY, 2002  
Kentucky History Center, Frankfort, KY, 2002  
African American Ball, Lexington, KY, 2002

Kentucky Educational Television, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, KY, 2001  
Mayor Armstrong's M. L. King Jr., Celebration, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Hawley-Cooke Bookstore, Louisville, KY, 2001

Louisiana Association for Developmental Ed. Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, 2001  
National Association for Developmental Ed. Conference, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Southern Arts Federation Conference, Louisville, KY, 2001  
School for the Creative and Performing Arts, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Appalachian Teachers Network, Radford, VA, 2001  
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 2001  
Harrison African American Museum of Culture, Roanoke, VA, 2001  
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA., 2001  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Lexington Public Library, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Ballard High School, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Scott County High School, Georgetown, KY, 2001  
Woodford County High School, Versailles, KY, 2001  
Mercy Academy, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Butler Traditional High School, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Kentucky Country Day School, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Oldham County High School, Lagrange, KY, 2001  
South Oldham High School, Crestwood, KY, 2001  
Christian County High School, Hopkinsville, KY, 2001  
Hopkinsville High School, Hopkinsville, KY, 2001  
Danville High School, Danville, KY, 2001  
Harrodsburg High School, Harrodsburg, KY, 2001  
Brown School, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Sayre School, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Henry Clay High School, Lexington, KY, 2001  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2001  
Martin Luther King Academy, Lexington, KY, 2001

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 2000  
Joseph-Beth's Booksellers, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2000  
In Performance at the Governor's Mansion, Frankfort, KY, 2000  
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, 2000  
Elizabethtown Community College, Elizabethtown, KY, 2000  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2000  
Centre College, Danville, KY, 2000  
Barnes & Nobles, Louisville, KY, 2000  
Murray State University, Murray, KY, 2000  
Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, 2000  
Midway College, Midway, KY, 2000  
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, 2000  
Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY, 2000  
Scott County History Museum, Georgetown, KY, 2000  
Berea College, Berea, KY, 2000  
Madison County Public Library, Richmond, KY, 2000  
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 2000  
Spalding University, Louisville, KY, 2000

National Civil Rights Institute, Birmingham, AL, 2000  
Men's Federal Prison, Lexington, KY, 2000  
West Virginia Teachers of English Conference, Canaan, WV, 2000  
Radford University, Radford, VA, 2000  
Old Capital Citizens Reading, Frankfort, KY, 2000  
Hanover College, Hanover, IN, 2000  
Jefferson Community College, Louisville, KY, 2000  
Martin Luther King Academy, Lexington, KY, 2000

**Awards and Honors**

Denny C. Plattner Award for Outstanding Poetry in Appalachian Heritage, 2010  
Denny C. Plattner Award for Outstanding Poetry in Appalachian Heritage, 2008  
Keeping the Chronicle Award, Actors Theatre, 2006  
Distinguished Alumni Award, Danville Public Schools, 2006  
Thomas D. Clark Award for Literary Excellence, 2006  
Lannan Literary Fellowship in Poetry, 2005  
Lillian Smith Book Award, 2004  
Education Award, Zeta Phi Beta Zora Neal Hurston Festival, 2004  
Jesse Stuart Award, Kentucky School Media Association, 2003  
Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, Transylvania University, 2002  
Honorary Doctor of Humanities, University of Kentucky, 2001  
Graduate Student Presidential Scholarship, Spalding University, 2001  
Al Smith Fellowship, Kentucky Arts Council, 2001  
ACE Magazine Renaissance Man of the Year Award, 2000  
Technical Assistance Fellowship, Kentucky Arts Council, 2000  
Distinguished Citizen Award, City of Louisville, 2000  
Mary Magdalene Award for Excellence, African American Literary Forum, 1999  
Mahogany Literary Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 1999