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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 21st 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, EKV, 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, EKV, 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, EKV, 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
27th 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
17th 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