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EDUCATION

Ph.D.:

Political Science
Clark Atlanta University, 2002

M.A.:

African & African American Studies
Clark Atlanta University, 1994

B.A.:

History
University of Florida, 1991

Doctoral Dissertation:

“Pan-African Nationalism in the Post-Cold War Era: A Grassroots-Based Analysis of the State of Pan-Africanism”

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Mack H. Jones, Committee, Distinguished Professor Emeritus,
Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science

Master’s Thesis:

“Institutional Racism, Redlining & the Decline of Six Atlanta Communities”

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Leadership:

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Political Science,
Department Chair, Summer 2013 – Summer 2016

Appointments:

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Political Science,
Associate Professor, Summer 2013 – Present

University of Central Florida, Political Science Department, African American Studies
Program, Associate Professor, Spring 2004 – Spring 2013

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Political Science, African & African American
Studies Program, Adjunct Professor, Fall 1995 – Fall 2003

Morehouse College, Department of History, African American Studies Program,
Adjunct Professor, Fall 1995 - Spring 2002

Spelman College, Department of Political Science,
Adjunct Professor, Spring 1997

Morris Brown College, Department of Social Science,
Adjunct Professor, Fall 1996

Clark Atlanta University, African & African American Studies Program,
Graduate Counselor, Sept. 1992 - May 1993.

Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta, GA,
Substitute Teacher, Jan. 1994 - June 1995

Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, FL,
Substitute Teacher, Aug. 1991 - June 1992

Teaching Specializations:

African Politics
International Politics
Pan-Africanism
Political Theory

Selected Courses:

African American Political Thought
African Political Ideas
International Relations
International Organizations

RESEARCH

Research Specializations:

Africana Political Thought
Africana Political Movements
Black Politics/Political Science
Pan-Africanism

Peer-review Journal Articles:

2011

“Untrapping the Soul of Fanon: Culture, Consciousness and the Future of Pan-Africanism.” *Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol. 4, no. 7 (November 2011): pp. 135-159.

“Towards an 8th Pan-African Congress: The Evolution of the Race – Class Debate.” *Journal of Political Ideologies*, vol. 16.2 (June 2011): pp. 145-167.

“Walter Rodney and the Politics of the Haitian Ruling Class: Rethinking the State in Haiti.” *Journal of Third World Studies*, vol. 28.1 (Spring 2011): pp. 61-81.

2010

“Africa Must Unite Revisited: Continuity and Change in the Case for African Unity.” *Africa Today*, vol. 57.1 (Fall 2010): pp. 43-63.

“Towards a Holistic Review of Pan-Africanism: Linking the Idea and the Movement.” *Journal of Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, vol. 16.2 (2010): pp. 141-163.

2009

“Pan-African Nationalism in Theory and Practice.” *The International Journal of Africana Studies*, vol. 15.1 (Spring 2009): pp. 31-56.

“Walter Rodney’s Pan-African Nationalism.” *Peace Review*, vol. 20 (Spring 2009): pp. 487-495.

2008

“The Case for a Belizean Pan-Africanism.” *Journal of Pan African Studies*, vol. 2, no. 9 (March 2009): pp. 4-26.

1998

“Integration V. Revolution: A Political Leadership Comparison of Nelson Mandela and Amilcar Cabral.” *Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research*.

Edited Works:

2011

Veneration and Struggle: Commemorating Frantz Fanon. *Journal of Pan African Studies*, Special Commemorative Edition on Frantz Fanon, vol. 4, no. 7 (November 2011).

Book Chapters:

2001

“Legitimizing Nationalism in the African-American Empowerment Dialog: In Search of Balance.” Chapter in *Creating & Defining The African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture*, eds. Augustine Konneh and Michelle Brown Douglass. A publication of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Tapestry Press, 2001.

2000

“African-American Legacies and Challenges in the African Diaspora.” Chapter in *Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21st Century*, eds. Alexa Benson Henderson and Augustine Konneh. A publication of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Tapestry Press, 2000.

Book Review Articles:

1998

“‘Africa & Africans in the Diaspora’: A Critical Review.” *Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research*.

Sponsored Research:

2013

Florida State House of Representatives District 59 Study. Sponsored by the University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc., Coordinated Community Anti-Crime Initiative, Tampa, FL., 2010-2013.

2010

Florida Communities Assessment & Economic Development Study. Sponsored by the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, Tampa, FL., 2008-2010.

2006

Central Park/Downtown Tampa Redevelopment Project. A Better Place Group / The Central Park Group, Tampa, FL, 2005-2006.

Conference Presentations:

2018

“A Political Philosophy of Pan-Africanism: Elements & Implications.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March, 2018.

2016

“Relevancy Dilemma in Black Political Science, 1972-2012.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Jackson, MS. March, 2016.

2013

“Relevancy and Empowerment: The Evolution of the Atlanta School of Black Political Science, 1972-2012.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March, 2013.

2012

“Malcolm X and the New Politics of Pan-African Nationalism.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV. March, 2012.

“African-Centered Thought and Movement in Atlanta, Georgia, 1992-2002.” The National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, GA. March, 2012.

2011

“‘The (Re)Groundings with My Brothers’: Black Political Science, Black Political Struggle and the HBCU.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC. March, 2011.

2010

“Linking Aristide, Katrina & Obama: Epistemology & the Black Empowerment Imperative.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. March, 2010.

“Black Political Science & the Teaching of Black Political Struggle.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. March, 2010.

2009

“The Epistemic Vocation of the Black Political Scientist.” The Association for the Study of African American Life and History National Convention, Cincinnati, OH. October, 2009.

“Malcolm X & the Emerging Politics of African Diaspora Unity.” The National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. March, 2009.

2008

“‘Return to the Source’: Pan-Africanism from the Ground.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. March, 2008.

2007

“Walter Rodney, Neo-Colonialism & the Crisis of the Haitian State.” The Florida Political Science Association. March 2007.

“From Garvey to Amandala!: Locating Belize in the Pan-African Movement.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. March, 2007.

2006

“Critical Discourse on the Political Economy of Underdevelopment in Belize.” The Meeting of the International Studies Association – Southern Region, Birmingham, AL.

“Walter Rodney & the Haitian Paradox: *The Politics of the African Ruling Class* Revisited.” The 31st Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago.

“The Epistemic Vocation of the African-Centered Scholar.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

2005

“The Demise of Jean Bertrand Aristide & the Politics of African (dis)Unity.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

2004

“A Closer Look: The Life, Times and Works of Jacob Carruthers.” Panel presentation at the 27th Annual Olive-Harvey College Black Studies Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Towards A Theory of Progressive Pan-African Nationalism.” The National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

1997

“Pan-Africanism & Black Political Thought: The Importance of Worldview.” The National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Unpublished Manuscripts & Works-In-Progress:

“Pan-African Nationalism.” Book manuscript in progress, 2017.

“Pan-Africanism & the Belizean State.” Journal manuscript in progress, 2017.

“Pan-African Dimensions of National Liberation.” Book manuscript in progress, 2018.

“The Atlanta School of Black Political Science.” Book manuscript in progress, 2019.

**KEYNOTES,
LECTURES &
PANELS**

International:

2016

“Pan-Africanism & the Belizean State: Some Preliminary Notes.” Keynote presentation delivered at the Third Annual UBAD Educational Foundation Emancipation Day Commemorations, Belize City, Belize.

2014

“Colonialism...” Keynote presentation delivered at the Conscious Lyrics Foundation 23rd Annual Black History Lecture, Marigot, St. Martin.

2008

“Locating Belize in the Pan-African Movement.” Panel presentation at the 2008 Annual Emancipation Day Celebration, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago.

National:

2018

Panelist, “Black Radicalism, Black Power & the Presidency.” *Race, the Presidency & Public Policy Symposium*, Co-Sponsored by the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science, Atlanta NAACP, & the Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, Atlanta, GA.

Panelist, “Black Studies at 50.” *Fifteenth Annual Walter Rodney Symposium*, Atlanta, GA.

2017

Panelist, “Community Discussion on the Decatur Confederate Monument.” Co-Sponsored by the Beacon Hill, DeKalb, Atlanta, and Agnes Scott NAACP chapters; Hate Free Decatur; and the Georgia Alliance for Social Justice, Atlanta, GA.

2016

“‘The House that DuBois Built’.” Lecture, *Center for Civil & Human Rights and the 2016 Congressman John Lewis Fellowship*, Atlanta, GA.

Panelist, “[A National Conversation on Civil Rights and Individual Freedom](#)” (1:51:00). *Amending America Initiative*. Sponsored by the National Archives and Records Administration in partnership with the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Atlanta, GA.

2015

Panelist, “Remembering Malcolm: A Commemorative Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Malcolm X.” *Philander Smith College Social Justice Institute*, Little Rock, AR.

“From National Liberation to Pan-Africanism... and Back.” Lecture, *Third Annual Walter Rodney Public Speaker Series*, Atlanta, GA.

2014

“From Black Power Victories to Black Vote Defeats.” Panel paper delivered at the Clark Atlanta University 2014 Symposium - The Voting Rights Act of 1965: After Shelby What’s Next. Atlanta, GA.

2013

“Parasitic Imperialism & the Recolonization of Africa.” Panel paper delivered at the Tenth Annual Walter Rodney Symposium, Atlanta, GA.

2012

[“Atlanta University & the “Black Predicament: DuBoisian Intellectualism as Praxis.”](#)

Panel presentation delivered at The W. E. B. Du Bois Major Works Seminars: A Year-Long Journey into the Soul of Dr. Du Bois, Atlanta, GA.

2011

Panelist, Aim First Collective 2011 Carter G. Woodson Community Film Series, Tampa, FL.

Panelist, Hillsborough Community College HOPE Scholars/Collegiate 100 Joint Seminar, Tampa, FL.

2009

“From Aristide to Katrina to Obama: Triple Crisis in the Epistemics of Black Political Science.” Lecture presented at the University of Florida African American Studies Program Brown Bag Series, Gainesville, FL.

“Fred Hampton in the 21st Century: A Pan-African Perspective.” Panel presentation delivered at the Commemorative Symposium on the 40th Anniversary of the Assassination of Fred Hampton, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC.

“Hopes of a New Black Politics: Symbolism Versus Substance in 21st Century Black Empowerment.” Lecture presented at the James Weldon Johnson Lecture Series, Orlando, FL.

“Some Notes on Contemporary Multi-level Race Discourse.” Panel presentation at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Forum, Orlando FL.

2008

“Pan African Organizations: Focus on Darfur.” Guest Lecture presented at the Learning Institute for Elders at UCF Africa Series, Orlando FL.

“From Civil Rights Victories to ‘Black Vote’ Defeats.” Keynote address given at the Orlando Museum of Art Symposium, *American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell*, Orlando, FL.

“Walter Rodney, Pan-Africanism & the Race-Class Debate.” Panel presentation at the 5th Annual Walter Rodney Symposium, Atlanta, GA.

“40 Years in the Wilderness’ 1968-2008: How Far Have We Come?” Lecture presented at the UCF Martin Luther King/Caesar Chavez Remembrance Forum, Atlanta, GA.

“Know Your Identity.” Panel presentation at the UCF Office of Diversity Initiatives LEGACY Leadership and Mentoring Program.

2007

Keynote speaker, Florida Department of Transportation Annual Black History Month Program, Bartow, FL.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Guy S. Notice Scholarship Fund, Inc. Annual Fund Raising Banquet, Orlando, FL.

2006

Keynote speaker, Lakeland Housing Authority Resident Advisory Association Annual Banquet, Lakeland, FL.

“The Covenant *Without* Black America: Sloganeering in the Face of Crisis.” Panel presentation at the Clark Atlanta University Mack H. Jones Lecture Series, Atlanta, GA.

“The African Union & the State in Post-Cold War Africa.” Lecture presented at the Lou Frey Institute Summer Civic Education Conference, Orlando, FL.

“Contemporary Research on Walter Rodney.” Panel chairperson at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

“To Help Bear the Burden of Africa’: Race, Class & Cultural Identity in the Pan-African Congress Movement.” Lecture presented at the James Weldon Johnson Lecture Series, Orlando, FL.

2003

“Pan-Africanism and the International Reparations Movement.” Lecture presented at the Ujamaa Society 1st Annual Reparations Conference, Atlanta, GA.

2002

“Cultural Identity and African Political Movements in the Caribbean.” Lecture presented at the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science Seminar, Atlanta, GA.

2001

“Race and Class in the Pan-African Congress Movement: The North American Delegation.” Paper presented for African Awareness Week, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA.

2000

“Redefining The Pan-African Concept and Movement.” Lecture presented at the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science Seminar, Atlanta, GA.

“John Henrik Clarke’s Contribution to Pan-Africanism.” Lecture presented at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library Black History Month Program, *A Tribute to John Henrik Clarke (1915-1998)*, Atlanta, GA.

1999

“Pan-Africanism at the Crossroads of the 21st Century.” Lecture presented at the Morris Brown College Africana Studies Department Lecture Series, Atlanta, GA.

1996

“*The Sudanese Civil War & the Politics of Culture.*” Lecture presented for the Morris Brown College Society of Maat, Atlanta, GA.

1995

“Institutional Racism, Redlining & the Decline of Six Atlanta Communities.” Lecture presented at the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science Seminar, Atlanta, GA.

SELECTED INTERVIEWS

2017

Radio Interview, AM1150 WTMP - Tampa, FL, *Let's Talk About It - with Pete Edwards & Albert Lee*, "Community Impacts of the TBX Project," July 8, 2017.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Radioactivity with Rob Lorei*, "Tampa's Central Avenue: Central to Tampa's History, Central to Tampa's Transportation Future," June 9, 2017.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, "It's Not Okay - Discussion on Lynching," May 28, 2017.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, "TBX Project Update," May 14, 2017.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, "Pan-Africanism," May 14, 2017.

2016

Radio Interview, WABE 90.1 - Atlanta, GA, "Election Night Coverage," November 8, 2016.

Print Interview, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, "Atlanta-based app connects people to their politicians," Thursday, September 15, 2016.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, June 13, 2016.

2012

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, "[Frantz Fanon, The Neo-colonial Freedom Fighter - Part II](#)," April 22, 2012.

Radio Interview, 88.5 WMNF Community Radio - Tampa, FL, *Sunday Forum*, "[Frantz Fanon, The Neo-colonial Freedom Fighter - Part I](#)," April 1, 2012.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT

Research Experience:

Institute for Research, Evaluation & Policy Analysis, Tampa, Florida,
Principal, Aug. 2006 - Present.

A family-based provider of consulting, research and technical assistance services to governmental, non-profit, community and private sector entities.

Clark Atlanta University, Department of Political Science,
Research Assistant, Jan. 1995 - Jan. 2003.

African Political Systems / Pan-Africanism Research Project. Walter Rodney Collection Project. Study of black elected officials, elite leadership, and African American political attitudes in Atlanta, GA.

The Journal of Negro History, Morehouse College,
Editorial Assistant & Office Manager, May 2000 - Nov. 2001.

Manuscript review and editing, editorial staff supervision, and general office management.

City of Atlanta, The Atlanta Olympic Park Bombing Blue Ribbon Commission,
Research Analyst, Sept. 1996 - Jan. 1997.

Quantitative and qualitative investigation into the 1996 Olympic Park bombing
and the Atlanta Police Department 911 Center.

Fair Employment Council of Greater Washington, Washington D.C.,
Research Analyst, May 1991 - Aug. 1991.

Study of hiring patterns and labor discrimination in metropolitan Washington
D.C.

Community Experience & Activities:

Orange County Chapter of the National Achievers Society, University of Central Florida,
Parent's Alliance President, Fall 2006-2007.

Project Upward Bound, Morehouse College Trio Program,
Cultural Awareness Counselor, Summer 1998.

TCC Summer Youth Camp, Marietta, GA,
Assistant Director, Summers 1994 - 1997.

**SELECTED
AWARDS**

**Outstanding Achievement Faculty Award, University of Central Florida College of
Arts & Humanities, 2008.**

Teaching Assistant Award,
Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science, 1995 - 1996.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Award,
Clark Atlanta University Political Science Department, 1994 - 1995.

African & African-American Studies Graduate Award,
Clark Atlanta University African & African-American Studies Program, 1992 - 1994.

**SUPERVISED
RESEARCH**

Graduate Theses & Dissertations:

"Non-State Actors in Jamaican Economic Policy," Master's thesis committee chair, 2011.

"The Impact of Political Corruption on Social Welfare in the Federal Republic Of
Nigeria," Master's thesis committee member, 2011.

"A United African NGO: Possibilities for Reducing Corruption and Foreign Aid,"
Master's thesis committee chair, 2010.

"The Effects of Foreign Aid on Political Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa," Master's
thesis committee member, 2008.

Honors in the Major Senior Theses:

"I Am Because We Are: A Study of the Principles of Ubuntu and the Calling of Black
Political Science." H.I.M. committee chair, 2012-2013.

"A Case of Double Consciousness: Americo-Liberians and Indigenous Liberian Relations
1840-1930." H.I.M. committee chair, 2011.

"Neocolonialism: Construction and Solutions," H.I.M. committee member, 2011.

“Body and Country Exploited: How Structural Adjustment Programs Impact Human Trafficking in Developing Countries.” H.I.M. committee chair, 2010.

“The Impact of French Colonialism in North Africa: Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco.” H.I.M. committee member, 2010.

“The Doctrine of Colorblind Justice in American Jurisprudence,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2009.

“A United African NGO: Possibilities for Reducing Corruption and Foreign Aid,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2008.

“The Politics of Religious Black Nationalism: A Chronicle of the Missing Years, 1930-1950,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2007.

“Voudou, Gender and Sustainability: Critical Factors in Haitian Development,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2006.

“The Doctrine of Odious Debt: A Solution for Post-Apartheid South Africa,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2006.

“CARICOM: The Need for Caribbean Regional Integration,” H.I.M. committee chair, 2005.

McNair & RAMP Scholars Research:

“Computer-Mediated Communication and Interracial Social Interaction: Racial Perceptions in a Digital World,” RAMP mentor, 2011.

“United Struggle: The Involvement of Youth in Resistance Movements against Jim Crow Segregation and Apartheid,” McNair committee chair, 2009.

“I Put A Spell On You...’: Voodoo & Female Agency in 19th Century African-American Literature,” McNair committee chair, 2008.

“Before it was History Someone Had To Live It’: An Assessment of Malcolm X’s Impact on Today’s College Students,” McNair committee chair, 2008.

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life & History,

<http://www.asalh.org/index.html>

Caribbean Studies Association,

<http://www.caribbean-studies.org>

National Conference of Black Political Scientists,

<http://www.ncobps.org/>

National Council for Black Studies,

<http://www.ncbsonline.org/>

REFERENCES

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President
Arkansas Baptist College
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Mack H. Jones, Ph.D.
Distinguished Professor of Political Science (retired)
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mackhjones@bellsouth.net