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EDUCATION

2006 - 2008 Texas Southern University, School of Public Affairs, M.P.A., Public Policy, 2008

2002 - 2006 Texas Southern University, School of Public Affairs, B.A., Political Science, 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

2012 Feature, Marie Claire Magazine " a young woman changing the face of politics in Texas"

2010 Runner Up, Most Valuable Organizer in America, New Organizing Institute

2008 Young Champion of Justice Award, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law, National Bar Association National Convening

2008 Spirit of Democracy Award, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

2008 – 2016 State Director, Texas League of Young Voters Education Fund - Oversee the strategic direction of the organization. Coordinate electoral strategy. Train young voters on civic engagement. Organize young people and advocacy groups around policy initiatives.

2011-2012 Texas Lead Consultant, The White House Project, Washington, D.C. - Planned and executed statewide outreach and recruitment of women in Texas to attend Go, Run, Lead – the organization's leadership conference for women. Identify, vet, and assist requests to Texas speakers and panelists for the conference. Represented the organization in Texas to lay groundwork for longterm presence in the state.

2009 - 2010 District Aide/Policy Analyst, Office of State Senator Rodney Ellis, Austin, TX - Led district efforts for Civic Association engagement efforts in designated portions of the senate district. Led effort to coordinate groups for a Harris County Public Defender Office. Was responsible for election, Smoke-free and intergovernmental legislative bills and activities.

2009 - 2010 Policy Program Coordinator, Houston Communities for Safe Indoor Air - Spearheaded tobacco change and childhood obesity policies. Served on the steering committee of Smoke Free Texas. Partnered with local coalitions on the passage of smoke-free ordinances in Galveston, TX and Conroe, TX. Coordinate and built coalitions, specifically with communities of color, on the education effects of tobacco and childhood obesity.

2008 National Coordinator, Black Youth Vote, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Washington, D.C. - Developed voter participation strategies for 19 key states which targeted young people of color during the 2008 presidential election. Managed the 'Voices of the Electorate' program which monitors policy and policy objectives of Washington officials. Managed election protection efforts by building coalitions partners in targeted states.

2007 Policy Director, Texans Together Education Fund - Coordinated advocacy, issue-tracking, organizing constituent groups and identify community leaders. Develop a “civically-centered” community group to increase political participation amongst Aldine area residents. Host monthly community meetings and trainings for residents on how to get results from elected representatives.

2006 Texas State Coordinator, Black Youth Vote, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Austin, TX - Recruit and hire college students for the coordination of a statewide voter’s registration effort targeting young people in the state of Texas. Organize travel arrangements, recruiting, training, making presentations, reporting, and serving as the organization’s representative for numerous speaking engagements.

2005 Student Consultant - Intern, Outreach Strategies, Houston, TX - Research and define strategies to civically engage young people in the City of Houston. Coordinate community and youth speaking engagements for Houston Mayor Bill White. Create key strategies for Houston Mayor Bill White to recruit owners of barber and beauty shops in the city to participate in community initiatives.

2002 - 2005 Program Advisor , City of Houston – Mayor’s Office of Volunteer Initiatives - Advise and assist the Program Director with recruitment and selection of high school students to serve on the Mayor’s Youth Council and Teen Task Force. Coordinate town hall meetings and community forums to gather information on youth related issues for the Mayor’s Office; serve as a liaison to Mayor for advisement and recommendations. Establish ongoing relationships with national, state, and local agencies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems II: Section 01 - American Political Systems II: Section 02

2015 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems I: Section 01 - American Political Systems I: Section 07 - American Political Systems II: Section 05 - American Political Systems II: Section 04

2014 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems I: Section 06 - American Political Systems I: Section 07 - American Political Systems II: Section 03 - American Political Systems II: Section 04

2013 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems I: Section 02 - American Political Systems I: Section 07 - American Political Systems II: Section 08 - American Political Systems II: Section 09

2012 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems II: Section 08 - American Political Systems II: Section 09

2011 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems I: Section 06 - American Political Systems I: Section 07 - American Political Systems II: Section 03 - American Political Systems II: Section 04

2010 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems II: Section 10

2009 Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science Texas Southern University, Jordan-Leland School of Public Affairs Course(s) Taught: - American Political Systems II: Section 05 - American Political Systems II: Section 12

PUBLICATIONS/ABSTRACTS

Sanders, Christina, Green, Blake. From Block the Vote to Protect the Vote: Historically Black Student Voting Suppression in Texas. Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy. Volume XVI. 2008.

PANELS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Understanding Juneteenth as a Millennial” Guest Speaker, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Texas Southern University Student Chapter, Houston, Texas, June 2012

“Juneteenth’s Relevance for Young Americans in 2012” Keynote Speaker, Lone Star College, Houston, Texas, June 2012.

“The Need for Young Black Leaders”, Keynote Speaker, University of Houston, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Student Chapter Annual Gala, Houston, Texas, April 2012.

“Future of Education Policy in Texas for Diverse Young Texans”, Guest Presenter, Student Conference on Latino Affairs (SCOLA), Texas A&M University, College Station Texas, April 2012.

“Scholar’s Circle: Barbara Jordan American Hero, Mary Beth Rogers” Discussant and Sponsor, University of Houston, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Student Chapter. Houston, Texas, March 2012.

“The Need for Young Americans of Color in Public Policy” Guest Speaker, Texas Southern University, Public Affairs Club, Houston, Texas, November 2011.

“Truth About Voter ID Laws”, Panelist, Houston Area Urban League -Young Professionals Group and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Student Chapter, Houston, Texas, February 2012.

“Voter ID Discussion”, Panelist, Houston Area Urban – Young Professionals Group< General Body Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 2012

“Voter ID and College Texas Students “, Guest Lecturer, Public Affairs Department, Professor Lawrence Snowden, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, March 2012

“From “Block the Vote” to “Protect the Vote”: Historically Black Student Voting Suppression and Disenfranchisement in Texas.” Panelist, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL, February 2006.

“Organizing Boot Camp: Building Effective Teams” Presenter, New Organizing Institute, Washington, DC, October 2011.

“Black Organizing Summit”, Panelist, Open Society Foundations, Washington, DC, July 2011.

“Health Advocacy 102: How to Create a Proactive versus Reactive Policy Model” Presenter, Sisters Network, Houston, Texas, April 2012.

“Advocating for a Smoke Free Missouri City”, Smoke Free Missouri City, Missouri City, Texas. March 2009.

“Targeting and Microtargeting”, Presenter, People for the American Way, Frontline Leaders Program, Chicago, IL, July 2011.

“Implications of Voter ID, What we can do”, Webinar Presenter, Texas Civic Engagement Table, Austin Texas, September 2011.

“Voter ID and Texas Students”, Webinar Presenter, Texas Civic Engagement Table, Austin Texas, August 2011.

“Misplaced Priorities”, Panelist, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), University of Houston Chapter, Houston Texas, October 2011.

“Texas Elections 101: Voter ID and the Texas Elections Process”, Panelist, Council of Taiwanese Young Elected Officials Delegation, Austin Texas, August 2011.

“Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit”, Speaker, Vietnamese Culture and Society Association, Houston Texas, July 2010.

MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATIONS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

People for the American Way – Frontline Line Leaders Academy Alum