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Curriculum Vita

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EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Dr. Shuana K. Tucker is an experienced education administrator with nearly a decade of public sector experience in the Connecticut education system. She currently serves as the Interim Director of Education Personnel, Talent and Professional Development for the Waterbury Public schools, a Cabinet-Level position reporting directly to that school system's Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer. Prior to assuming her current position, Dr. Tucker was the Director of Adult and Continuing Education in Danbury Public Schools. She's held a number of leadership, research, and teaching positions on the Storrs campus of the University of Connecticut, including Director of UCONN's Administrator Preparation Program. Dr. Tucker's private sector experience spans nearly a decade and includes positions with the College Fund/UNCF; the U.S. Department of Education; the McKenzie Group, a major education consulting firm in Washington, D.C.; and Texas Instruments, Inc.,. With specializations in education administration, education policy and history, and educational leadership, Dr. Tucker holds an active O92 Certification in Intermediate Administration & Supervision. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 1997
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
School of Education
Department of Educational Policy Studies
Champaign, Illinois
Major: Educational Policy & History
Dissertation Title: *Struggling For Survival: The United Negro College Fund and Private Black Colleges, 1960-1970*

University of Connecticut

- 2010 – 2011 Director, University of Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program
Neag School of Education, UCONN
- 2008 – 2011 Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, Lead Instructor
University of Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program
Neag College of Education, Storrs, CT
- 2008 – 2009 Researcher & Evaluator, CommPact Schools
Neag College of Education, Storrs, CT
- 2006 – 2008 Assistant Professor in Residence, Department of Educational Leadership & Asst.
Director of Administration Accelerated Schools Plus
Neag College of Education, Storrs, CT

Hartford, CT Public Schools

- 2004 – 2006 FACILITATOR OF STRATEGIC ALLIANCES, OFFICE OF CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION
HARTFORD, CT

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC.

- 2000 – 2004 MANAGER, OFFICE OF EDUCATION POLICY
WASHINGTON, DC

THE MCKENZIE GROUP, INC.

- 1999 – 2000 ASSOCIATE & ASSISTANT SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES PROJECT MANAGER
WASHINGTON, DC

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 1997 – 2000 EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST, K-12
OFFICE OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
WASHINGTON, DC

THE COLLEGE FUND/UNCF

- 1996 RESEARCH ANALYST
FREDERICK D. PATTERSON RESEARCH INSTITUTE/UNCF
FAIRFAX, VA

AWARDS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

AWARDS

- 2012 Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. – Outstanding Educator Award, North Atlantic Region, Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.
- 2009 Nominee, 9th Annual Women of Color Awards, University of Connecticut
- 2006 Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. – The Dr. Caroline Lattimore Award, Outstanding Educator
- 2001 Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. – Outstanding Service Award in Corporate America
- 1997 Nominee - Education Alumni Association Awards, Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Illinois, at Urbana-Champaign

- 1990 Xavier University Senior Leadership Award
1990 Xavier University Outstanding Student Award for Academic Achievement
1990 Xavier University Department of Psychology Outstanding Senior

HONORS

- 1999 Commissioner – National Commission on African-American Education
1998 *Ebony Magazine*, “30 Leaders, 30 and Under,” November
1995 Kappa Delta Pi, Education Honor Society Inductee
1994 Phi Delta Kappa Education Society Inductee
1994 National Association of University Women Fellowship
1993 University of Illinois Graduate College Fellowship
1988 Psi Chi Honor Society Charter Member, Xavier University

Fellowships

2004 – 2006 Scott-Hawkins Fellow, 2 year leadership development, The Links, Incorporated, funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

1999 – 2001 Education Policy Fellow, Institute for Educational Leadership, 1999-2001

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED CHAPTERS, JOURNAL ARTICLES AND SUBMISSIONS

Tucker, Shuana K. & Loury-Lomas, Lisa. (2013). Super Sisters: Daring to say it...Depression. *African American Women’s Life Issues Today: Vital Health and Social matters*, Chapter 6, ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, CA.

Tucker, Shuana K. (2010). Links to Success: Children Achieving Excellence. *Linked for Friendship & Service: The History of the Links, Inc.*, (p. 204-206) Washington, DC: The Links, Incorporated.

Mayer, A., & **Tucker, S.**, (2010). Cultivating Students of Color: Strategies for Ensuring High Academic Achievement in Middle & Secondary Schools. *Journal of School Leadership*, 20 (4).

Tucker-Battiste, Shuana. (2002). The Presidential Freedom Scholarship. *The Ivy Leaf*, Volume 81, No. 4, Winter 2002, p.13.

Tucker, Shuana. (2001). The Early Years: The United Negro College Fund, 1943-1960. *Journal of African American History*, Volume 87, Fall 2002, p. 416.

OTHER ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS

Tucker, Shuana. (2011). Commentary, African American Fraternities & Sororities: Critical & Empirical Perspectives.

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Yakimowski, M., Alfano, M., Fagella-Luby, M., Johnson, A., & **Tucker, S.** (2010). Extreme Assessment: Going Beyond the Classroom. NEEAN Fall Forum on Assessment, November, Amherst, Massachusetts.

Femc-Bagwell, M. & **Tucker, S.** (2010). Cultivating Teacher Trust with First Year Urban Principals, 2nd International Conference on Economics & Education, Paris, France, July, Invited.

Tucker, S. & Perkins, L. (2010). Panel Session: Shattering the Racial and Gender Barriers in Law and Medicine in the mid-20th Century: Constance Baker Motley and Mae Edward Chinn. 19th Annual Southern CT State University (SCSU) Women's Studies Conference "Women & Girls of Color: History, Heritage, and Heterogeneity." April Invited.

Tucker, S., & Femc-Bagwell, M., James, M. (2010). Building Bridges: Partnering for a Successful Leadership Preparation Program. UCEA Annual Meeting. October, Invited.

2009 "Partnering for Success: A University/Principal Mentorship Model," Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA, April.

2000 "Graduate School and Mentoring," Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, April.

1996 "Rendering 50 Years of Service to All Mankind: The New Orleans Black Female Middle Class Club Women." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Charleston, SC, October.

1995 "African American Higher Education and the Politics of Empowerment." Annual Meeting of the Society for Women Sociologists, Washington, DC, August.

1994 "The United Negro College Fund and its Effects on Historically Black Colleges and Universities During the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1970." Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Atlanta, GA, October.

1991 "COMPA: A Resource for Minority Public Administration Students." The Conference of Minority Public Administrators, Baton Rouge, LA, Spring.

GRANTS SUBMITTED

DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (**TUCKER, S. DIRECTOR**) – ADULT EDUCATION STATE FUNDING FOR MANDATED PROGRAMS, PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR TRANSITIONS AND FAMILY LITERACY, AND EXPANSION OF FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS (2012-2013) - \$500K

James, Marlon (PI), & **Tucker, Shuana (Co-PI)**, Excellence for All in Stratford Elementary Schools, Consulting and Research Contract, Supported by CEA Funds. 2010-2011

Wade, Kathy (PI), & **Tucker, Shuana (Co-PI)**, Learning Through Art, Inc., Books Alive for Kids! Pitney-Bowes Foundation, Inc., funds requested \$25,000, two year duration minimum. Focus on expansion and assessment of "Healthy Minds" reading program. 2011-2012

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MEMBER

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)
Phi Delta Kappa

Southern Association of Women Historians
University of Illinois Alumni Association
Xavier University Alumni Association
Ursuline Academy Alumnae Association

CONFERENCE PROPOSAL REVIEWER

2009 – University Council for Education Administration (UCEA)
2007 – American Educational Research Association (AERA)
2006 – American Educational Research Association (AERA)

BOOK REVIEWER

2007 – JOURNAL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
2010-PRESENT - JOURNAL OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEWER& CONSULTANCIES

2010-PRESENT	STATE OF CT –STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS COMMITTEE
2010 – 2011	STRATFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS –ADDRESSING DIVERSE LEARNERS
2008 – Present	Westbury Public Schools – Principals Leadership Academy/AIS
2008 – Present	State of Connecticut – CT Administrator Preparation Test Scorer
2002 – Present	Proposal Chair & Reviewer – National Science Foundation
2003 – Present	Proposal Chair & Reviewer – U.S. Department of Education

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SERVICE

UNIVERSITY

2008 Dean’s Search Committee

COLLEGE

2011	NCATE COORDINATOR / UCAPP PROGRAM
2009 – 2011	Leadership Development Committee
2006 - 2011	Diversity Committee
2007 – 2011	Assessment Committee
2007 – 2011	Phi Delta Kappa, Faculty Advisor & Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee

DEPARTMENT

2007 – 2011 UCAPP Admissions Committee

COURSES TAUGHT AND DEVELOPED

2006-Present	Course Title: EDLR 365: Program Evaluation for School Improvement
	Course Title: EDLR 378: Contemporary Educational Policy Issues
	Course Title: EDLR 390: Supervision of Educational Organizations
	Course Title: EDLR363: Administration of Educational Organizations

1992-3 *Adjunct Professor*, Southern University, New Orleans, LA
Course Title: Human Resource Management
Course Title: Introduction to Public Administration

1992-3 *Adjunct Professor*, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA
Course Title: Introduction to Public Administration

ADVISEES AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (2008-2011)

Advisor - 24 Sixth Year student advisees
Member - 9 Dissertation Committees
Major Advisor – 1 student

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2008 – 2011 Phi Delta Kappa, University of Connecticut Chapter
2009 - Present Learning Through Art: Books Alive! Cincinnati, Ohio

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2009 - Present President, Fairfield County Chapter of Links, Incorporated
2008 – 2010 Assistant Director, Services to Youth Facet, The Links, Incorporated
2006 - 2008 Chair, Links to Success: Children Achieving Excellence, The Links, Inc.
2009 - Present Scholarship Committee, History Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,
Incorporated
2002-2006 Mid-Atlantic Program Representative, National Program Committee,
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated