

Curriculum Vitae

BERLISHA R. MORTON, PhD

**212 N. Sibley St | Metairie, LA 70003
504-388-0688**

EDUCATION

- PhD Louisiana State University** *Jan 2010-May 2014*
Educational Leadership and Research Baton Rouge, LA
Concentration: Education Theory and Philosophy
Dissertation: *“With Xavier, however, there will be this Distinction”:
Mapping the Educational Philosophy of Saint Katharine Drexel in the
Intellectual Tradition of Black Catholic Higher Education in
New Orleans, Louisiana*
- MA Southern University and A&M College** *Jan 2005-Jul 2006*
Social Sciences—Political Science Baton Rouge, LA
Thesis: *Traditional Politician to Race Transcender:
The Campaign and Election of Melvin “Kip” Holden
as the First African American Mayor of Baton Rouge, Louisiana*
- BA Southern University and A&M College** *Aug 1999-May 2003*
English/Liberal Arts Baton Rouge, LA
Magna Cum Laude
Highest Ranking Graduating Senior: College of Arts & Humanities
-

PUBLICATIONS

Let Him Use You: Southern Womanism, Utterance, and Saint Katharine Drexel’s Educational Philosophy.
Journal of Curriculum Studies Research: <https://doi.org/10.46303/jcsr.2022.3>; February 2022

The Kiese Laymon Book Club. The Only Space: Blog for Womxn, March 2021
<https://www.theonlyspace.com/post/the-kiese-laymon-book-club-part-one>

“Ain’t Nothin’ Wrong with Cleanin’ Houses: Utterances on Southern Womanism and the Search for Our Mamas’ Gardens.”

In Womanish Ways: Renderings at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Curriculum Theorizing
Editors: Denise Taliaferro Baszile, Nichole Guillory, and Kirsten Edwards.
Lanham: Lexington Books, 2016

‘You Can’t See for Lookin,’ How Southern Womanism Informs Perspectives of Work and Curriculum Theory.
Gender and Education: DOI: 10.1080/09540253.2016.1221897; August 2016.

“Making a Way Out of No Way: A Contextualized History of African Americans in Higher Education.” (Coauthored with Dana C. Hart of Louisiana State University)

In The Journey Unraveled: College and Career Readiness of African American Students.
Editors: Jennifer Curry and Ann Shillingford-Butler. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2015

History as Death and Living Ghosts: The Mislaidd Memories of Saint Katharine Drexel.
The Journal of Curriculum Theorizing: Vol 29 (1). 2013

“Teaching to Teach: African American Faculty, HBCUs, and Critical Pedagogy.” (Co-authored with T. Elon Dancy, Roland Mitchell, and Dana C. Hart)

In *Fostering Success of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in STEM: New directions in student services*.
Editors: R. Palmer, D. Maramba, and M. Gasman. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. 2012.

Afrocentric Education (Co-authored with M. Shujaa, PhD and K. Lomotey, PhD)

Encyclopedia of African American Education. 1st ed., Vol 1.
Hundred Oaks: Sage Publications. 2009.

A Political History and Analysis of Disenfranchisement and Restoration of the Black Vote in Louisiana” (Co-authored with William Arp, PhD of Southern University)

The Western Journal of Black Studies: Vol 29 (3). 2006.

• **Cultural Commentary** •

Race, Police, and Justice: Voices from The Colgate Community.

The Colgate Maroon News. March 31, 2016.

Black Girl Obsessed: The Intersection of Appropriation and Celebration

Swagger (Online Magazine) August 31, 2015

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT/FACILITATION

Tulane University

Campus Health

February 2022 – Present

Contact Tracer

Bunker Hill Community College

English Department

Member, English 095/111 Exit Exam Reading & Prompt Selection Committee

Campus Wide

Member, *One Book* 2018-2019 Selection Committee

Professional Development, Supporting English Language Learners at Every Step

Colgate University

Educational Studies Department

Chair, The American School Curriculum Committee

Campus Wide

Facilitator, Tutor Training Workshops for The Cove Tutoring Center

Co-Facilitator, Respectability Politics: Are You Offended by My Marginalization? Women’s Studies Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by Organization of Asian Sisters in Solidarity, and Black Student Union.

Co-Facilitator, How this Week has Surprised Me: Faculty Reflect on this Week's Events [Student Sit-In] and the Future of Colgate. Heretics Club Lecture Series.

School of Education

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Fall 2010-Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

EDUC 2000: Multiculturalism and Service Learning

EDCI 1001: Introduction to College Study

ELRC 7602: Organization and Administration in Higher Education (Co-Facilitator)

Research Assistant

Assisted Dr. Dana Bickmeore, Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, in School of Education NCATE

certification Process

Responsible for developing materials for *Coaches Cohort* recruitment campaign for Educational Administration Master's program

Program Manager

Served as site supervisor for undergraduate student leaders for FOCUS college immersion program

LSU Upward Bound

LSU Office of Strategic Initiatives

Summer 2013

Program Manager

Served as program manager for the inaugural year of the program

Served as student Mentor and Spanish Teacher, Tenth—Twelfth Grades

Cox Communications Academic Center for Student Athletes

Summer 2010-Summer 2011

Louisiana State University

Strategy Tutor

Provided tutoring and mentorship for elite student athletes in writing strategies, study skills, and time management

Community University Partnership

LSU Office of Equity, Diversity & Community Outreach

Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Graduate Assistant

Authored \$25,000 Blue Cross Blue Shield Impact Grant for pilot Black Barbershop Initiative

Recruited and organized student volunteers for Saturday-In-Service, CUPs signature community service program

Edited The Bengal Bottom Line, the official newsletter of the LSU Community University Partnership

Maintained CUP website

Office of the Chancellor

Southern University and A&M College

August 2008-August 2009

Editorial Assistant, *Urban Education*, *Encyclopedia of African American Education* (Sage, 2009)

Responsible for managing daily communications with contributors and publication personnel

Managed electronic databases for *Urban Education* and the *Encyclopedia of African American Education*

Louisiana 6th Congressional District

Congressman Donald J. Cazayoux, Jr.

February 2008-August 2008

Campaign Organizer, 2008 LA 6th Congressional District Special Election

Responsible for maintaining high level of voter contact throughout the special election through volunteer recruitment, volunteer management and event planning

Constituent Services Representative

Provided federal case management services for constituents needing assistance with issues relating to the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of State and Immigration Services

Louisiana Drug Policy Board

Executive Office of Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

September 2007-February 2008,

Assistant Director

Served as State Mentor to Lafayette Parish Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition which included identifying specific prevention policies and strategies to assist the coalition in developing an action plan for substance abuse prevention in Lafayette Parish

Children's Cabinet

Executive Office of Louisiana Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco

March 2006-September 2007

Program Analyst, Louisiana Children and Youth Planning Boards

Planned, produced materials, and conducted over 20 trainings in cities across Louisiana for local stakeholders on best practices for community coalitions to address education, juvenile justice, social services and other issues plaguing children and youth in their respective communities

Legislative Intern

Assisted Executive Director and other senior gubernatorial staff with 2006 Legislative Session by attending legislative committee meetings, drafting legislative reports and relevant memoranda

COURSES TAUGHT

English Composition and Literature

- **Black Women and Literature**

Bunker Hill Community College, Undergraduate Course

- Fall 2017 and Spring 2018
- Topics Covered—Black feminist and womanist theory, Afrofuturism, the novel, the play, poetry, narratives of enslavement, literary terms and devices, essay writing, monologue writing

- **American Literature Since 1865**

Bunker Hill Community College, Undergraduate Course

- Summer 2018
- Topics Covered—Reconstruction, Harlem Renaissance, the short story, poetry

- **Accelerated College Writing Cluster**

Dual Enrollment Course –Bunker Hill Community College/Chelsea High School, Chelsea, MA

- Fall 2017
- Topics Covered— Introduction to the expository writing process, analytical thinking, critical reading, summarizing, compound complex sentence development, paragraph development, thesis development, revising

- **College Writing I**

Undergraduate Course, Bunker Hill Community College

- Fall 2017
- Topics Covered— Introduction to the expository writing process, analytical thinking, critical reading, summarizing, sentence development, paragraph development, thesis development

- **College Writing II**

Undergraduate Course, Bunker Hill Community College

- Spring 2018
- Topics Covered—Processes for developing the long expository essay – research, responsible use of sources, critical reading, analytical thinking, thesis development, summarizing, paraphrasing, revising

- **First Year Composition**

Southern University, Undergraduate Course

- Spring 2013
- Topics Covered— African American Literature, Introduction to the Research and Writing Process

Cultural Studies of Education, Race, Gender and Sexuality

- **Engaging with Boston**

Berklee College of Music, Undergraduate Course

- Fall 2018
- Topics Covered—Space and Culture in Boston, Historical Monuments, History and Geography of Boston Neighborhoods, Boston Black History

- **The American School**

Colgate University, Undergraduate Course

- Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- Topics Covered—Critical Histories of Education in the United States, School to Prison Pipeline,

Experiences of LGBTQ students and teachers in educational institutions, Queer Theory, Black Protest Thought, Black Feminist Thought, Neo-Liberal Discourse

- **Women and Education**

Colgate University, Undergraduate Course

- Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
- Topics covered—Critical History of Women inside of and outside of educational institutions, Masculinity & History of Gender Violence on College Campuses, Post & Anti-Colonialism, New Materialism, Black Feminist Thought, Womanism, Queer Theory

- **The School to Prison Pipeline**

Colgate University, Undergraduate Course

- Spring 2017
- Topics covered—French Post-structuralism, Critical Race Theory, Black Feminist Thought, Mass Incarceration, Critical Pedagogy

- **Democracy and Education**

Colgate University, Undergraduate Course

- Spring 2016
- Topics Covered—Understanding the Meaning of democracy and the lack thereof in Educational Institutions, Anti-Colonialism, African Diasporic Philosophies, the Haitian Revolution, the Black Jacobins

- **Race and Education**

Colgate University, Undergraduate Course

- Spring 2015
- Topics Covered—Impact of Racism on Racialized Bodies in Schools, Black Feminist Thought, Womanism, Intersectionality, Colorism and Shadeism, Gender, and Sexuality

- **Multiculturalism and Service Learning**

Louisiana State University, Undergraduate Course

- Spring 2014
- Topics Covered—Womanism, Queer Theory, Neo-Liberal Discourse, how to develop Anti-Racist, Anti-Sexist, Anti-Homophobic, Anti-Transphobic Curriculums

Administration

- **Organization and Administration in Higher Education (co-taught)**

Louisiana State University, Graduate Course

- Fall 2013
- Topics Covered—Policy Development in relation to Institution Type within Higher Education

General Education

- Introduction to College Study

Louisiana State University, Undergraduate Course

- Fall 2012 and Spring 2013
- Topics Covered—Critical Issues on College Campuses

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Berklee College of Music

Liberal Arts Department

Part-time Faculty

Sept 2018-Jan2019

Boston, MA

Bunker Hill Community College

English Department

Adjunct Faculty

Sept 2017- Sept 2018

Boston, MA

Colgate University

Department of Educational Studies
 Women's Studies Affiliate Faculty
 Africana and Latin Studies Affiliate Faculty
Visiting Assistant Professor

Jul 2014-June 2017
 Hamilton, NY

Louisiana State University

School of Education
Graduate Student Instructor

Aug 2010-May 2014
 Baton Rouge, LA

Southern University and A&M College

English Department
Instructor

Jan 2013-May 2013
 Baton Rouge, LA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Colgate University

Faculty Awards for Research and Travel
 (\$20,000)

Hamilton, NY
2014-2017

Colgate University

ALANA Multicultural Center
Faculty Award for Teaching and Service

Hamilton, NY
April 2015

American Educational Research Association
 Division F-History and Historiography Mentoring Session
Graduate Student Scholarship

Philadelphia, PA
April 2014

Sixteenth Annual Southern Foodways Alliance
 University of Mississippi
Graduate Student Scholarship

Oxford, MS
October 2013

European Educational Research Association
 Histories of Education Summer School Conference for
 Postgraduate Students
Graduate Student Scholarship

Hamburg, Germany
June 2013

Presentation: Southern Afro-Catholic Womanist History
 and the Development of Black Catholic Education in
 New Orleans, Louisiana

American Educational Research Association
 Narrative Research SIG Doctoral Student Seminar
Graduate Student Scholarship

San Francisco, CA
April 2013

Presentation: History as Death and Living Ghosts:
 The Mislaid Memories of Saint Katharine Drexel

BlueCross BlueShield Louisiana
Black Barber Shop Initiative Grant Award for
 Louisiana Community University partnership
 (\$25,000)

Baton Rouge, LA
May 2010

INVITED LECTURES & KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Where the Heart Is: Vulnerability & Student Affairs Mentoring Workshop. Tulane University Division of Student Affairs. Tulane University. June 2021.

The Recipe: Finding Home and Belonging with Poetry. TU Posse. Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. April 2021

Charity Begins at Home and Spreads Abroad: Home and Leadership. Tulane University Division of Liberal Arts. Tulane University. August 2021.

Black Men Matter Because Black Women Matter: The Kiese Lamon Book Club. Black Studies Department Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton, California. November 2020.

Writing Yourself Well: Writing Workshop for Womxn. The Only Space: International Blog for Womxn. London/Liberia. September 2020.

Sensuous Knowledge: Book Review Panelist with Author Minna Salami. The Only Space: International Blog for Womxn. London/Liberia. December 2020.

Writing to Heal Together: Writing Workshop with Dr. Vincent T. Harris. The Only Space: International Blog for Womxn. London/Liberia. December 2020.

Utterances: A Play in One Act. The Queens Dinner. Queens Company. Boston, Massachusetts. May 2018

How to Foster an Anti-Racist Workplace from the Top Down. Panelist. Staffbase International Internal Communications. June 2020.

Daddy Issues: Trauma, Grief & Love in Edwidge Danticat's *The Dew Breaker* and Beyonce's *Lemonade*. Women's History Month/Bunker Hill One Book Lecture Series. Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA, March 2018.

Family Feud: Redemption, Forgiveness & Love in Edwidge Danticat's *The Dew Breaker* and Jay Z's *4:44*. Women's History Month/Bunker Hill One Book Lecture Series. Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA, March 2018.

Rabbits Don't Lay Eggs. Keynote Address for Students of Color Graduation Robing Ceremony. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, May 2017.

At First I Did Love You: God and Kendrick Lamar. Heretics Club Lunch Series. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, February 2016.

Trigger Warnings 101 Brown Bag. The Network Against Sexual Violence. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, October 2015.

Conversations on Race, Gender, and Representation in Film. Louisiana International Film Festival and Baton Rouge Dialogue on Race. 2015 Louisiana International Film Festival, Baton Rouge, LA, May 2015.

Dear White People: Film Screening Faculty and Student Discussion Panel. Friday Night 35mm Film Series. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, January 2015.

Maya in Her Own Words: Introducing Maya Angelou. LSU Office of Campus Life and Lead Streak, Louisiana State University, February 2013

INVITED LECTURES (Academic)

Spotlight Session: Cross Generational Curriculum Theorizing. 37th Annual JCT (Bergamo) Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Dayton, OH, October 2016

Confederate Flags and All That Jazz: Southern Womanism and Racism in the South. Women's Studies Brown

Bag Lecture Series. Colgate University. Hamilton, NY, September 2015

Professor Nickerson's Orchestra: Music Education and the Advancement of Black Higher Education in New Orleans, Louisiana, 1880-1916. Division of Social Sciences Faculty Lecture Series. Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, March 2015

A Womanist Ghost Story: Embracing the Spiritual Nature of Research. Newman Catholic Community Faculty Lunch and Lecture Series. Colgate University. Hamilton, NY, October 2014

Racial Battle Fatigue in Higher Education: Exposing the Myth of Post-racial America. Featured panelist at 35th Annual JCT (Bergamo) Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. Dayton, OH, October 2014

Womanist Historiography, Creole Foodways, and Creole Language Preservation. Featured Panelist at the 14th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference sponsored by the Curriculum and Pedagogy Group, New Orleans, LA, November, 2013.

"Thus is better to give than to receive": Religious Philanthropy as Educational Philosophy in Higher Education. University of Mississippi, School of Education, Oxford, MS, October 2013

Cultural Percolation: Creole Kitchens, Colonial Borderlands, and the Marginalization of Women of Color in the Louisiana Foodways Curriculum. Louisiana State University, School of Education, September 2013

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Morton, B. (2016). *Utterances and Formations: Southern Womanism Sings a New Song of the South*. A Paper presented at the 2016 National Women's Studies Association Conference. (November, Montréal, Québec)

Morton, B. (2015). Learning to Work: Southern Womanism and the Path to Scholarly Inquiry. A Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association (AERA). (April, Chicago, IL)

Morton, B. (2015). Professor Nickerson's Orchestra: Music Education and the Advancement of Higher Education in New Orleans, Louisiana, 1880-1916. A Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of American Educational Research Association (AERA). (April, Chicago, IL)

Klein D. & Morton, B. (2014). No Cooks in the Kitchen: Writing Women of Color into the Louisiana Foodways Curriculum. A paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). (April, Philadelphia, PA)

Eaton, P.W., Morton, B., & Cook, J.P. (2014). Engaging Non-Traditional Curricular and Pedagogical Spaces: Emerging Researchers. A panel presented at the 35th Annual JCT (Bergamo) Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice. (October, Dayton, OH)

Young, A., Klein, D., Hopwood, E., Morton, B. & Williams, L. (2014). From Gumbo Ya-Ya to *Calas*: Women's Labor And Creolized Food Spaces in the Atlantic World. A Panel presented at Atlantic Worlds Foodways: The Carolina Lowcountry, Africa, Italy, and Spain, an interdisciplinary conference sponsored the University of North Carolina Greensboro Atlantic World Research Network. (January, 2014)

Morton, B. (2013). Southern Afro-Catholic Womanist History: Towards a Historiography of Black Catholic Higher Education. A paper presented at the presented at the 14th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference Sponsored by the Curriculum and Pedagogy Group (November, New Orleans, LA)

- Klein, D. & Morton, B. (2013). *Zognon's Secret Smile: Challenging Stereotypes and Power Dynamics in the Creole Kitchen*. A paper presented at the Women, Work, and Food Graduate Student Symposium (September, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS)
- Morton, B. (2013). *Writing Justice: Saint Katharine Drexel, the Catholic Church, and Xavier University in New Orleans, 1915*. 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) (April, San Francisco, CA)
- Mitchell, R. & Morton, B. (2013). *Women's Work: Reconsidering University Building in the Lives of Katharine Drexel and Mary. M. Bethune*. 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) (April, San Francisco, CA)
- Morton, B. (2012). *A Dusty Basket, A Nun, and A Curriculum: Revisioning the Foundational Curriculum of Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana*. A paper presented at the 13th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference sponsored by the Curriculum and Pedagogy Group (New Orleans, LA)
- Morton, B. (2012). *To Whom It May Concern: Narrative Inquiry and Imaginations of Human Agency*. A paper presented at the Annual Curriculum Camp Conference for graduate students sponsored by the Curriculum Theory Project at Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Morton, B. (2011). *Katharine Drexel Revisited: A Reconstruction of Katharine Drexel's Impact on Higher Education In Louisiana* A paper presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (AAACS), (April, New Orleans, LA)
-