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TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP IN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

Held visionary leadership positions in publishing as Vice President, Associate Publisher, Editorial Director and Editor-in-Chief. Served in academia as Chair and Assistant Chair of the Department of Media, Journalism and Film, one of the largest departments at Howard University and the largest unit in the Cathy Hughes School of Communications. Worked collaboratively with undergraduate and graduate faculty in journalism, audio, film, television production, public relations, advertising, law, political science, history, STEM, sociology, business, English, fine arts and other disciplines.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Managed \$4 million budget
- Inspired teams during periods of change, resulting in successful academic and corporate mergers
- Started new units and media platforms
- Enriched faculty and staff development
- Increased magazine distribution by 38% in three years
- Successfully pioneered virtual operations in publishing
- Raised half-million dollars in grants
- Leveraged limited resources and secured \$100,000 annually in pro bono services, programming and venues
- Formed strategic partnerships
- Developed impressive body of scholarly and award-winning creative work
- Cofounded first collegiate fact-checking site and other experiential activities
- Executed launches and relaunches

EDUCATION

Howard University	Doctorate in Medical Sociology and Social Inequality	May 2023
Howard University	Master of Business Administration	May 2005
Ohio State University	Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	June 1980

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Howard University	Tenured Full Professor Department of Media, Journalism and Film	August 2019-Present
	Tenured Associate Professor Chair Department of Media, Journalism and Film	July 2015-July 2019
	Tenured Associate Professor Interim Assistant Chair Department of Media, Journalism and Film	July 2013-July 2015
	Associate Professor Print/Online Journalism Sequence Coordinator Department of Journalism	August 2007-June 2013
	Lecturer Print/Online Journalism Sequence Coordinator Department of Journalism	August 2001-August 2007

DISSERTATION

- *Toxic Tires: The Sociological Impact of Exposure to Rubber Chemicals on the Autoimmune Health of African Americans in Akron, Ohio* (Date of Defense: April 4, 2023) <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2845393951>

PUBLICATIONS/CREATIVE PROJECTS**Articles (Refereed):**

- Sturgis, Ingrid and Lamb, Yanick Rice. "Pivot! Teaching Communications Online at HBCUs During COVID-19." *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator* (2021).
- "Multiple Sclerosis." *Health and Wellness for People of Color: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Problems and Solutions*. Copeland, V.C., ed. Santa Barbara CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood (TBD).
- Lamb, Yanick Rice and Byerly, Carolyn. "Kerner @ 50: Looking Forward, Looking Back." *Kerner @ 50: Communication and the Politics of Race in the United States*. Special issue of the *Howard Journal of Communications*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis Group (2019).
- "All the News That Fits on Tablets: An Analysis of News Consumption and Best Practices," AEJMC Council of Affiliates, Second Annual Industry Research Award, (August 2013). <http://www.aejmc.org/home/2013/08/industry-research-2/>
- Lamb, Yanick Rice; Sturgis, Ingrid; and Fancher, Charles B., "Teaching Converged Media Through News Coverage of the 2008 US Presidential Election and Inauguration," *Asia Pacific Media Educator*, 20, 2010, 91-102. Also available at: <http://ro.uow.edu.au/apme/vol1/iss20/9>
- "Supplementing the News: An Industry-Based Description of Magazine Supplements in the Black Press 1950-2000," *Journal of Magazine and New Media Research* (October 2009).
- "A Blended Course on Feature Writing for Newspapers and Magazines," one of 12 award papers selected for publication and presentation at the International Conference on Learning and Teaching (September 2004).

Books:

- *In My Backyard: How Pollution and Climate Change Are Making Black America Sick to Death* (Amistad imprint at HarperCollins Publishers, 2025).
- *Born to Win: The Authorized Biography of Althea Gibson*, researched and wrote the entire text as co-author with Frances Clayton Gray (Wiley, 2004).
- *Rise & Fly: Tall Tales and Mostly True Rules of Bid Whist*, co-author with Greg Morrison (Random House, 2005).
- *The Spirit of African Design*, co-author with Shame Algotsson and Denys Davis (Clarkson/Potter Publishers, 1996).

Co-Editor of Special Journal Issue:

- Sun, Wei, and Lamb, Yanick Rice, eds. (2020-2021). *Media and Communication During the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic*. Special issue of the *Howard Journal of Communications*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis Group. 32(5). <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhjc20/32/5>
- Byerly, Carolyn, and Lamb, Yanick Rice, eds. (2019) *Kerner @ 50: Communication and the Politics of Race in the United States*. Special issue of the *Howard Journal of Communications*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis Group.

Chapters in Books:**Refereed Chapters**

- Abrahamson, D. and Prior-Miller, M., eds. (2015) *The Routledge Handbook of Magazine Research: The Future of the Magazine Form: Research Perspectives and Prospects*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing. Chapter 14, "Research Review: Communication and Consumer Lifestyle Behavior." <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9781138854161/>
- Langmia, K., Tyree, T.C.M., O'Brien, P. and Sturgis, I., eds. (2013) *Social Media: Pedagogy and Practice*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, Ltd.: "The Seven Sisters and Their Siblings Go Digital: An Analysis of Women's Magazine Content on Websites, iPads and Cell Phones," with Kendra Desrosiers, MBA.
- Hamlet, J. and Means Coleman, R.R., eds. (2009) *Fight the Power! The Spike Lee Reader*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing Inc., "Spike Lee as Entrepreneur: Leveraging Forty Acres and a Mule."

Invited Chapters/Essays

- Dodson, Angela P., ed. (2024) *We Refuse to Be Silent: Women's Voices on Justice for Black Men*. Minneapolis: Broadleaf Books. Part IV. Close Encounters: Stops, Arrests and Deaths. "Breathing While Black."

- Naasel, Kenrya Rankin, ed. (2013). *BET on Black: African-American Women Celebrate Fatherhood in the Age of Barack Obama*. Memphis: Kifani Press. "Daddy, My Brother Barack and Me." This book won the 2014 Independent Publisher Book Award and has been praised for shattering stereotypes about black men and black fathers.
- Foote, Neil, ed. (2012). *Haterration: How Racism & Incivility Are Dividing Us*. Contributed two essays on the Affordable Care Act and "The Art of the Diss" to political e-book pegged to the 2012 presidential election.
- Sturgis, Ingrid, ed. (2003). *Aunties: 35 Writers Celebrate Their Other Mother*. New York: Ballantine Books. "A Toast to Aunt Rose."
- Crute, Sheree, ed. (1997). *Health & Healing for African-Americans*. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Press Inc./New York: St. Martin's Press Inc. Contributed three chapters to this reference book related to pregnancy and asthma.

Book Reviews:

- "The Secret Epidemic: The Story of AIDS and Black America" by Jacob Levenson, *The Crisis Magazine*, May/June 2004
- "Style and Grace: African-Americans at Home" by Michael Henry Adams, *Black Issues Book Review*, November 2003

Booklet:

- McCormick Fellowship Profiles, National Association of Minority Media Executives/Northwestern University Media Management Center, Spring 2003

Creative/Professional Activities (Major Productions):

"Unintended Consequences: The Rubber Industry's Toxic Legacy in Akron" is a three-part series supported in part by a social justice investigative reporting fellowship and grant from the [Fund for Investigative Journalism \(FIJ\)](#) and the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University. Dr. Rice Lamb was also a National Press Foundation Cancer Issues Fellow and a National Cancer Reporting Fellow through the Association of Health Care Journalists and the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

"Unintended Consequences" was co-published by *Belt Magazine* and the Center for Public Integrity. *Belt* is dedicated to the politics and culture of the Rust Belt and the Midwest. It has been heralded by *The New York Times*, *American Prospect*, *Columbia Journalism Review* and Harvard University's Nieman Lab for the complex and nuanced writing in its long-form articles (2021).

- Part 1: "Unintended Consequences: The Rubber Industry's Toxic Legacy in Akron," March 5, 2021
<https://publicintegrity.org/health/unintended-consequences-rubber-industry-toxic-legacy-in-akron/>
<https://beltmag.com/rubber-industry-akron-ohio-toxic-legacy/>
 - Selected for "Best of Belt Magazine 2021" as the No. 1 article of the year:
<https://beltmag.com/belts-top-stories-of-2021/>
 - Won a [Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence](#) from Morgan State University
 - The judges said: "An exemplary piece of research about deindustrialization and its impact on a marginalized community. The storytelling is compelling and comprehensive, engaging the reader all along the investigative road as you discuss the continuing harm caused by the rubber tire factories to Black residents in your hometown."
 - Won the [Ohio Society of Professional Journalists Award](#) for 2022 Best Investigative Reporting in the Digital Media Freelance category
 - The judges said: "This was a passionate, equitable retelling of the lingering impacts of industrialization on racial, gender and class systems, and the current health and environmentalism challenges."
 - "I was particularly struck with the level of care and precision the writer had in describing the lives of workers who were just doing their jobs and raising their families."
- Part 2: "Inside the Decades-Long Fight Over an Ohio Superfund Site," August 18, 2021
<https://beltmag.com/inside-the-decades-long-fight-over-an-ohio-superfund-site/>
<https://publicintegrity.org/inequality-poverty-opportunity/workers-rights/worker-health-and-safety/ohio-superfund-site/>
 - Won the National Press Foundation's 2021 Thomas L. Stokes Award for Best Energy and Environment Writing: <https://nationalpress.org/award-story/belt-magazine-cpi-and-nc-policy-watch-share-stokes-award/>
 - The judges said: "Rice journeyed back to her hometown of Akron, Ohio, to chronicle the consequences of a botched Superfund cleanup after the rubber industry and others dumped a toxic stew of nearly 100 deadly

contaminants, including neurotoxins, endocrine disruptors and compounds that can damage the liver and immune system. Judges praised Rice's piece as a powerful and effective tale of the long-term health consequences of the dumping, which included an EPA record of nearly 100 cases of sickness and disease in the neighborhood near the landfill."

- Part 3: "In the 'Rubber Capital of the World,' Health Consequences Linger," May 17, 2022
<https://publicintegrity.org/health/rubber-industry-goodyear-impact-health-ohio/>
<https://beltmag.com/rubber-capital-world-health-consequences-linger/>
 - Honored by the American Industrial Hygiene Association as the [2023 Upton Sinclair Memorial Lecturer](#) for the [Outstanding Occupational Safety and Health News Story of the Year](#)
 - Republished in The Reporter in Akron, Ohio
 - Follow-up article pending as one of 12 projects under the [Fund for Environmental Journalism](#) from the Society of Environmental Journalists, along with a continuation grant from the [Fund for Investigative Journalism](#)

Development of FierceforBlackWomen.com, health and wellness website that fills a void in the media landscape and addresses disparities by targeting African-American women age 35 and older (2013 to present)

- Lamb, Y.R. (2014), 2015, Salute to Excellence Award in Digital Features from National Association of Black Journalists for *Dealing With Dementia*. Principal Investigator of a year-long special project examining dementia and caregiving.
- Written as John A. Hartford/MetLife Foundation Journalism in Aging & Health Fellow
- Published in partnership with the Hartford and MetLife Foundations,
<http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2014/11/11/dealing-with-dementia-a-sons-journey-in-caring-for-his-mother/>,
[TheRoot.com](#) and NPR's <http://www.nextavenue.org>. Within 48 hours, the article attracted 4,958 likes on Facebook, 1,244 shares and 344 comments. The [Hartford Foundation](#) also used it as a model for a writing contest on aging.

Research and coverage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as one of the few African-American journalists covering the arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015, as well as the original three-day sessions in 2012.

- Covered stories for a variety of publications and websites before, during and after the hearings. This included front-page stories for the Afro-American Newspapers, which were distributed to the 200 African-American owned weeklies and websites of the National Newspaper Publishers Association as well as through New America Media, a multi-language network of 3,000 ethnic news outlets. I conducted some of the reporting with support from the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program, a project of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and New America Media, with funding from the Silver Century Foundation.
- These articles bring much-needed attention to unreported and underreported aspects of health reform. They also provide customized content relevant to various racial and ethnic groups, represented by news outlets ranging from [El Hispanic News](#) to the [International Examiner](#) for Asian Pacific Islanders in Seattle:
 - "Day One: Supreme Court Health Reform Arguments, Afro-American Newspapers, <http://www.afro.com/sections/news/national/story.htm?storyid=74501>, March 26, 2012.
 - "Day Two: Supreme Court Mixed on Minimum Coverage Mandate, Afro-American Newspapers, <http://afro.com/sections/news/national/story.htm?storyID=74504>, March 27, 2012.
 - "Day Three: Supreme Court Wraps Up Arguments on Health Reform, Afro-American Newspapers, <http://www.afro.com/sections/news/national/story.htm?storyID=74542>, March 29, 2012.
 - "What's at Stake for Black People in Healthcare Fight," BlackAmericaWeb.com http://www.blackamericaweb.com/?q=articles/news/the_state_of_black_america_news/38561 and The Black Daily: An Internet Newspaper for Black America, <http://theblackdaily.com/2012/03/whats-at-stake-for-black-people-in-healthcare-fight.html>, March 30, 2012.
 - Breaking News Alert: "Supreme Court Upholds Obama's Health Reform Plan," <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/comment/10622>, June 28, 2012.
 - "Supreme Court Ruling Gives Americans a Prescription for Better Health," <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/news/national-news/supreme-court-ruling-gives-americans-prescripti-on-better-health>, June 28, 2012.
 - "What the Affordable Care Act provides for breast cancer" <http://thegrio.com/2013/10/03/what-the-affordable-care-act-provides-for-breast-cancer/>, Oct. 3, 2013

- “Affordable Care Act Returns to Supreme Court,” <http://fierceforsblackwomen.com/2015/03/04/supreme-court-weighs-challenges-to-affordable-care-act/>
- “Uninsured Rate Down 35% — Largest Drop in 4 Decades,” <http://fierceforsblackwomen.com/2015/03/16/uninsured-rate-down-35-largest-drop-in-4-decades/>
- “Health Advocates Praise Supreme Court Vote for Obamacare” <http://fierceforsblackwomen.com/2015/06/25/health-advocates-praise-supreme-court-vote-for-obamacare/>
- “How Obamacare Improved the Nation’s Health,” front-page story on Afro-American Newspapers and featured at <http://afro.com/obamacare-improved-nations-health/>

Lamb, Y.R. (2011), *Stuck in the Hospital: Discharge Delays Leave Some Chronically Ill Patients Waiting Weeks and Months for Long-Term Care*. Principal Investigator of a year-long special project examining why uninsured and underinsured patients are hard to place in long-term care.

- One of three projects in a [Reporting Fellowship on Health Care Performance](#) sponsored by the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Commonwealth Fund.
- Medical professionals, public officials, fellow journalists and ProPublica have praised *Stuck in the Hospital* for shedding light on an under-reported topic. Replicated by NBC and the N.Y. Times.

Lamb, Y.R. (2001-2004) *Forum*. Served as editor of the official publication of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. The quarterly magazine helps mayors, city administrators and other officials better serve the public by highlighting best practices and keeping them abreast of new developments, historical trends and noteworthy individuals.

Refereed Research Papers and Presentations:

- “All the News That Fits on Tablets: An Analysis of News Consumption and Best Practices,” AEJMC Council of Affiliates, Second Annual Industry Research Forum Award presentation, AEJMC conference in Washington, D.C. (August 2013).
- “The Seven Sisters and Their Siblings Go Digital: An Analysis of Women’s Magazine Content on Websites, iPads and Cell Phones,” 37th Annual AEJMC Southeast Colloquium, hosted by the Department of Communication at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (March 2012).
- “Getting Readers to Click: The Role of Social Media and Copy Editing,” one of three among 49 papers selected for AEJMC session on Social Media in the Classroom” (August 2010).
- “Rising to the Top: Determinants of Success Among Online Campus Newspapers,” invited paper for Issues and Challenges Facing Campus Media by AEJMC Scholastic Journalism Division, Denver, Colorado (August 2010).
- “Evelyn Cunningham: The Pittsburgh Courier’s Lynching Editor,” American Journalism Historians Association, Seattle, Washington (October 2009).
- “Supplementing the News: The History of Weekend Magazines for African Americans,” invited paper for History of Magazines in the 20th Century by AEJMC Magazine Division, Chicago, Illinois (August 2008). Published by the Journal of Magazine and New Media Research (October 2009).

Reference Works:

- Althea Gibson, *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives* (Schlager Group Inc., October 2006)

General Articles/Internet (Partial Listing):

- “DNA Ancestry Tests (Cyrus Wahome) and Family History Genealogy Tips (Yanick Rice Lamb)” <https://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/features/accurate-dna-ancestry-tests> Aug. 11, 2023
- “Black Gen Zers, You’re Driving Your Boss Nuts” <https://www.theroot.com/black-gen-zers-youre-boss-doesnt-like-you-1850564050> June 22, 2023
- “Biden & Harris Throw a Juneteenth Celebration to Remember on the White House South Lawn” <https://www.theroot.com/biden-and-harris-throw-a-juneteenth-celebration-to-remember-1850538496> June 14, 2023
- “Why Succession’s Jess, the Only Black Assistant, Did What She Had to Do” <https://www.theroot.com/an-anatomy-of-successions-jess-the-lone-black-assistant-1850460509> May 22, 2023
- “Ohio in Toni Morrison’s Words” <https://beltmag.com/ohio-in-toni-morrisons-words/> Nov. 21, 2022
- “Social Media Linked to Rise in Eating Disorders” <https://www.webmd.com/mental-health/eating-disorders/features/social-media-eating-disorders> Oct. 20, 2022

- “Sex After a Hysterectomy” <https://www.webmd.com/sex-relationships/features/sex-after-hysterectomy> Sept. 17, 2022
- “How to Advocate for Yourself as Pregnant Woman of Color” <https://www.webmd.com/baby/features/black-maternal-mortality-fears> Aug. 10, 2022
- “Hair and History in ‘Akron’s Harlem’” <https://beltmag.com/hair-history-akrons-harlem-howard-street>, Oct. 22, 2021
- “Motherless Brooklyn’ Blends Racism of 1950s New York With an Old-School Whodunit” <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/motherless-brooklyn-blends-racism-1950s-new-york-old-school-whodunit-n-1082456>, Nov. 15, 2019
- “50 Years After the Kerner Commission, Little Progress for People of Color in Media” <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/news-features/50-years-after-the-kerner-commission-little-progress-for-people-of-color-in-media>, March. 29, 2018
- USA TODAY’s Black History Month Special Edition. History Comes Home. <http://onlinestore.usatoday.com/black-history-month-2017-p18570.aspx> Articles also ran in regular editions of USA Today:
 - “I Am Not Your Negro; Shows James Baldwin as a ‘Witness’ Then and Now” <https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/nation-now/2017/01/31/baldwin-witness-now/97285092/>, Jan. 31, 2017
 - “Black History Month: Remembering Gwen Ifill” <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2017/02/18/black-history-month-remembering-gwen-ifill/97422124/>, Feb. 18, 2017
- “Oprah Winfrey and the Immortal Reach of Henrietta Lacks” <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/feature/entry/oprah-winfrey-and-the-immortal-reach-of-henrietta-lacks>, April 25, 2017
- “Dorothy Height: A Woman Who Wore Many Hats” <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/feature/entry/dorothy-height-a-woman-who-wore-many-hats>, Feb. 22, 2017
- “A Beautiful Thing” — Serena Makes History With Venus” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2017/01/28/a-beautiful-thing-serena-makes-history-against-venus/>, Jan. 28, 2017
- “Gwen Ifill’s Profound Impact on African-American Women” <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/feature/entry/gwen-ifills-profound-impact-on-african-american-women-journalists>, Dec. 4, 2016
- “African-American History Museum Does Justice to Women” <http://www.womensmediacenter.com/feature/entry/museum-of-african-american-history>, Oct. 28, 2016
- “Women to Watch at the Olympics” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2016/08/05/women-to-watch-at-the-olympics/>, Aug. 5, 2016
- “Hanging at LeBron’s High School: A Sweet Night for the Akron Faithful” <http://theundefeated.com/features/hanging-at-lebrons-high-school/>, June 20, 2016
- “Protecting Women From HIV/AIDS” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2015/12/01/protecting-women-from-hiv-aids/>, Dec. 1, 2015
- “Teaching the Young: Marching From Selma to Ferguson & Beyond” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2014/12/15/marching-tweeting-closing-wallets-from-selma-to-ferguson/>, Dec. 15, 2015
- “She’s a Survivor: Tiffany Sanders vs. Breast Cancer” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2014/10/23/shes-a-survivor-tiffany-sanders-fights-breast-cancer/>, Oct. 23, 2014
- “Charita Smith: 150 Pounds Lighter With a New Life” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2014/07/16/charita-smith-how-she-dropped-150-pounds-and-got-a-new-life/>, July 16, 2014
- “A Push to Live Longer” <http://fierceforblackwomen.com/2014/01/28/a-push-to-live-longer/>, Jan. 28, 2014
- “Black teens binge drink less, exposed more” <http://thegrio.com/2013/09/16/black-teens-binge-drink-less-exposed-more/>, Sept. 16, 2013
- “New Screening Tool for ADHD” <http://thegrio.com/2013/07/29/new-screening-tool-for-adhd/>, July 29, 2013
- “Coping With the Aftermath of the Boston Tragedy,” <http://thegrio.com/2013/04/17/coping-with-the-aftermath-of-the-boston-tragedy/>, April 17, 2013
- “Are Our Babies Getting Too Much Salt?” <http://thegrio.com/2013/04/12/are-our-babies-are-getting-too-much-salt/>, April 12, 2013

- “International AIDS Conference: End of Epidemic Is in Sight — With Lots of Work,” <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/life-style/health-and-wellness/international-aids-conference-end-epidemic-sight---lots-work>, Aug. 6, 2012.
- “Turning the Tide on AIDS in D.C.,” Afro-American Newspapers, <http://www.afro.com/sections/news/washington/story.htm?storyid=75765>, Aug. 1, 2012.
- “Terrified by Tumors,” <http://www.heartandsoul.com/2010/12/terrified-by-tumors/>, October/November 2010.
- “Evelyn Cunningham: A Witness to History,” <http://www.heartandsoul.com/2010/04/evelyn-cunningham-a-witness-to-history/>, April 28, 2010
- “Reading, Writing & Ritalin: What ADHD Means for Black Kids,” AOL/Black Voices, <http://blackvoices.aol.com>, August 2005
- “Who’s Adopting Black Kids?” AOL/Black Voices, <http://blackvoices.aol.com>, July 18, 2005
- “10 Baby Steps to Healthy Living,” Guest Editor Program, National Women’s Health Information Center, www.4woman.gov, July 2000

General Articles/Magazines (Partial Listing)

- “Widening the Pool of Truth Tellers” <https://magazine.howard.edu/stories/widening-the-pool-of-truth-tellers> Howard Magazine, Winter 2024
- “In Death, New Life: The discovery of unknown graves at the University of Virginia reveals the institution’s brush with slavery,” The History Channel Magazine, March/April 2013
- “Digitally Speaking” column on apps, Howard Magazine, Summer 2012
- “Why Good Boys Get a Bad Rap: Understanding ADHD,” Ebony, June 2012
- “Digitally Speaking” column on social media, co-authored with Ingrid Sturgis, Howard Magazine, Winter 2012
- “Stuck in the Hospital: Discharge Delays Leave Some Chronically Ill Patients Waiting Weeks and Months for Long-Term Care,” Heart & Soul, June/July 2011 (finalist for NABJ Salute to Excellence Investigative Reporting Award)
- “Terrified by Tumors,” Heart & Soul, October/November 2010
- “Blazing a Path for Other Women to Follow,” Howard Magazine, Spring 2010
- “Heart to Heart” bimonthly column, Heart & Soul, September 2005 to November 2011 (finalist for NABJ Salute to Excellence Commentary Award)
- “No More Rain in Angie’s Cloud,” cover story on singer Angie Stone’s experience with diabetes, Heart & Soul, October 2008
- “Escapes: A Fantastic Voyage—Sailing and Island-Hopping Around St. Vincent and the Grenadines,” Heart & Soul, April/May 2007
- “Sanctuary: Making Room for Baby,” Heart & Soul, April/May 2007
- “Health Literacy,” AARP Bulletin, February 2007
- “The Vanishing Black Male: Educators Tackle Reading, ‘Riting, Recruitment and Retention,” Howard Magazine, Winter 2006
- “When Love Hurts,” domestic violence, Heart & Soul, October/November 2006
- “Sister Act: Venus and Serena Williams,” Black Issues Book Review, September 2005
- “On the Record,” health informatics, Forum Magazine, National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Fall 2005
- “Venus Rising,” Heart & Soul, Fall 2005
- “The Gift,” Essence, May 2005
- “Social Security Plans Worry Young Adults: No Rush to Private Accounts,” Focus, Joint Center for Political Studies, March/April 2005
- Best Practices in Diversity, Forum Magazine, National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Spring 2005
- “Raising a Child Who Likes Herself (Inside and Out), Parenting, April 2005
- “The State of Black Health: Special Report on Obesity,” Crisis, November/December 2004
- “Renaissance Woman: Althea Gibson,” Black Issues Book Review, November 2004
- “Prescription for the Nation,” Q&A with former Surgeon General David Satcher, M.D., The Crisis, January/February 2003
- “Ending Health Disparities,” “Health Trap,” Forum Magazine, National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Fall 2002
- “The Supreme Daughter,” cover story on Tracee Ross, Upscale, April 2002
- “Black Girls & Early Puberty,” Essence, March 2002
- “Kin Care: How to Cope and Where to Turn When a Family Member Is Sick or Disabled,” Essence, February 2002

- “Dr. Ben Carson’s Prescription for Life,” BET Weekend, April 1999
- “Why Do Black Women Get So Many Fibroids?” BET Weekend, May 1998

GRANTS

- 2022-23 Inaugural Solutions Journalism Network Student Media Challenge for Third Reparations Project, \$10,000
- 2023 Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence, Morgan State University, \$7,500
- 2022, Dow-Jones Newspaper Fund for High School Health Journalism Workshop, \$5,000
- 2021, Dow-Jones Newspaper Fund for High School Health Journalism Workshop, \$7,000
- 2021, Continuation grant for environmental investigative reporting fellowship and grant for “Toxic Tires: A Health Checkup on the Former Rubber Capital of the World” from the Fund for Investigative Journalism (FIJ) and the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis University, as part of a nationally competitive journalism initiative funded by the Ford Foundation, \$2,500.
- 2020 Society of Environmental Journalists Fund for Environmental Journalism Grant for “Unintended Consequences -- The Rubber Industry’s Lingering Health Impact Amid COVID-19,” \$5,000
- 2020-21, Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism Fellowship, The Carter Center, \$10,000
- 2020-21, Solutions Journalism Network COVID-19 coverage, \$5,000
- 2019, Dow-Jones Newspaper Fund for High School Health Journalism Workshop, \$5,000
- 2018-21, \$8,800 social justice investigative reporting fellowship and grant from the [Fund for Investigative Journalism](#) (FIJ) and the [Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism](#) at Brandeis University, as part of a nationally competitive journalism initiative funded by the [Ford Foundation](#).
- 2016-19, W.K. Kellogg Grant; \$300,000 to develop the Urban Health Media to train high school students to cover health disparities in Washington and Baltimore under the leadership of Howard University Trustee Reed Tuckson, M.D., and Jayne O’Donnell, USA Today, health-care reporter, in collaboration with Morgan State University.
- 2016, NBCUniversal Grant; \$5,000 to sponsor “NewsVision” on WHUT-TV. (Collaborated with Professor Jennifer Thomas, executive director and instructor)
- 2015-16, Online News Association Challenge Fund for Innovation in Journalism Education Grant; \$35,000 to develop TruthBeTold.news, a student-run fact-checking website.
- 2013-19, Secured \$100,000 annually in pro bono services, programming and equipment.
- 2013, Moorland-Spangam Research Center, Summer Faculty Scholars Fellowship, \$2,500 for “Telling Our Stories: Black Journalists Past and Present” to be presented during the MSRC Fall Colloquium series.
- 2012, AEJMC Council of Affiliates, one of three proposals selected for the Second Annual Industry Research Forum Award; \$1,000 for “All the News That Fits on Tablets: An Analysis of News Consumption and Best Practices” to be presented at national AEJMC conference, August 2013 in Washington, D.C.
- 2011, Association for Health Care Journalists and The Commonwealth Fund, Media Fellowship on Health Performance (Principal Investigator and Fellow); \$6,000 awarded to four mid-career U.S. journalists for research and travel to complete major reporting projects on significant medical issues.
- 2007-09, Howard University, New Faculty Grant on Magazine Publishing (Principal Investigator); \$60,000 to facilitate research of junior faculty members.
- 2007-2008, Howard University, Fund for Academic Excellence (Principal Investigator); \$5,000 Entrepreneurial Grant for “Redesign of Journalism Course to Emphasize Entrepreneurial Thinking in Magazine Publishing.”
- January 2007, Corporation for Public Broadcasting/National Black Programming Consortium, Eyes on the Prize HBCU New Media Project (Co-Principal Investigator with Peggy Lewis, Gigi Hinton and John Arnold); \$5,000 for multimedia civil rights project, “From Black Power to Black Monday: Student Activism in the Nation’s Capital.”
- 2005-2006, Howard University, Fund for Academic Excellence (Co-Principal Investigator with Robin Thornhill); \$5,000 for “Best Practices in Convergence: Site Visits to Train Media Leaders to Meet Today’s Global Challenge,” Phase 2.
- 2002-2003, Howard University, Fund for Academic Excellence (Co-Principal Investigator with Robin Thornhill); \$5,000 for “Best Practices in Convergence: Site Visits to Train Media Leaders to Meet Today’s Global Challenge,” Phase 1.
- 2002-2003, Howard University, Fund for Academic Excellence (Principal Investigator); \$5,000 for “Curriculum Development in Magazine Publishing: Preparing Leaders of Tomorrow.”

OTHER RESEARCH

- “Stereotypes in Video Games” Study and Content Analysis, 2004
- Preliminary Review of ACEJMC Diversity Study on Best Practices, 2001

- “Talkin’ Back” Readership Studies, Heart & Soul Magazine, 1998-2001
- “Taking Our Pulse” Study on African-American Health, Emerge and Heart & Soul Magazines, 1998
- BET Weekend Readership Studies, 1996-2000
- “Race in America,” Essence and Family Circle Magazines, 1995
- Children & Sleep, Child Magazine, 1994
- Mothers & Work, Child Magazine, 1994
- Race & Families, Child Magazine, 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Teach journalism courses focusing on digital media and management across platforms, including video, audio, graphics, social media and text for the Internet, magazines and newspapers
- Exceed or far exceed requirements on faculty evaluations and score at or above comparative institutional mean on student evaluations
- Developed Special Topics: Health & Science Writing, an interdisciplinary course, which has included majors in psychology, health management and interdisciplinary studies with a focus on environmental issues.
 - Invited various STEM professors and experts as guest speakers, including a psychologist, a marine biologist from the University of the Virgin Islands, an artificial intelligence reporter from Wired magazine, a Howard alumnus who covers environmental issues for Associated Press and an editor at the Cancer Letter to discuss how to understand medical journals
 - Aligns with the nation’s and Howard University’s growing emphasis on STEM as well as environmental and climate studies
 - Supports departmental goals to create a STEAM Media Institute as part of a Center for Media Innovation
- Revamped Public Affairs Reporting in 2021 to sharpen focus on three branches of government and agencies
 - Incorporated more deadline reporting and coverage of the White House, Capitol Hill, federal agencies, U.S. Supreme Court, federal and local courts, local and campus police, D.C. Council, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and community issues
- Developed Media Entrepreneurship & Innovation course for Spring 2018 for students across majors.
 - Required students to participate in campus and international competitions; Two students received awards as finalists in the International Video Pitch Competition organized by the University of Pécs in Hungary
 - Invited local entrepreneurship experts and Howard representatives to judge a closing pitches as part of students’ final projects
 - Selected to participate in Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute at Arizona State University in preparation to develop course
 - Participate in entrepreneurial programs organized by Monique Greenwood, John H. Johnson Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship, and CERCC
- Developed and team-taught fact-checking course as co-founder of TruthBeTold.news website and podcast. This is the only fact-checking site focusing on African Americans and the only collegiate site. It also offers more multimedia than other fact-checking or accountability journalism sites.
 - PI for \$35,000 2015-16 Online News Association Challenge Fund for Innovation in Journalism Education Grant
 - 2016 Salute to Excellence Award from National Association of Black Journalists for “Is D.C. Still the Chocolate City?”
 - 2016 Finalist for Hearst Award for Features Writing and for Mark of Excellence Award from Society of Professional Journalists, Region 2, for Best Independent Online Student Publication
 - Described as a site to watch in the New York Times; also favorable coverage in MediaShift and Harvard’s Nieman Lab newsletter, among others
- Repositioned BlackCollegeView.com and re-launched as the Howard University News Service with a primary focus on coverage of underserved communities
 - Serve as adviser of HUNewsService.com, which was honored by Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards:
 - Best Independent Online Student Publication, first place nationally, 2012, and first place in Region 2, 2011 and 2012
 - Online In-Depth Reporting for eight-part food desert series, 2011 national finalist and first place in Region 2
 - Revamped News Lab, the Capstone online reporting class, to include:
 - Hyper-local, community coverage of Washington, D.C.’s eight wards

- o Media management training through student editor/producer rotations
- o Enhanced digital training and use of audio, video, graphics and social media
- o Expanded use of mobile media devices
- o Weekly news meetings involving students in entry-level and intermediate journalism classes
- o Development of comprehensive physical and digital portfolios, demonstrating understanding and practice of ACEJMC principles and Howard's Core 16
- o Capstone portfolio presentations critiqued by faculty and journalism professionals
- Returned to teach Capstone: News Lab and run the news service in 2021
 - o Developed new relationship with White House media liaison to provide more opportunities for students to cover the executive branch
 - o Assigned students to cover U.S. Supreme Court, including Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation
 - o Partnered with the Washington Informer on the newspaper's Earth Day publication, which included content from our 2022 ["Breathing While Black"](#) special project
 - o Developed a department-wide [Third Reconstruction](#) project after Howard was selected as one of eight universities and the only HBCU for the inaugural Solutions Journalism Network Student Media Challenge in 2022-23
 - o Updated design and functionality of website
 - o Expanded reach by adding more media partners, including the Chronicle of Higher Education, TheGrio.com, TheRoot.com, the Bay State Banner in Massachusetts, California Black Media and the Ohio Black Media Collective and Inside Climate News, which included two year-long paid fellowships for students
 - o Students placed in top 20 of Hearst Awards, the collegiate equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize
 - o Appointed a social media director to expand reach of the news service
 - o Restored weekly news meetings, which are open to students across CHSOC and campus
- Spearheaded coverage of 2008, 2012 and 2016 U.S. presidential elections; the 2009, 2013 and 2017 inaugurations; and the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Howard University was one of only two undergraduate programs nationally to cover both the RNC and DNC.
 - o Coordinated [2022 Midterm Election coverage](#)
- Nominated three Howard students who were selected as 2009, 2010 and 2020 National Association of Black Journalists Student of the Year
- Developed 101 Magazine, a national, multicultural student publication and website as a cornerstone of an evolving, interdisciplinary curriculum in magazine publishing
 - 2012 Best Student Magazine, Region 2, Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards
 - 2012 Best Profile AEJMC Student Magazine Awards
- Established national magazine and digital media conference, directly resulting in full-time employment for students
- Developed and taught Magazine Writing and Co-Curricular courses
 - Incorporated Instagram series as a storytelling tool
 - Organized class project on Shaw, one of the fastest gentrifying neighborhoods in the country
- Co-produced "Eyes on the Prize" HBCU New Media Project, "From Black Power to Black Monday: Student Activism in the Nation's Capital" for Corporation for Public Broadcasting/National Black Programming Consortium

Other Courses

- Advanced Reporting & Writing (including graduate-level instruction for individual students)
- Interactive Editing
 - Redesigned course to expand beyond traditional Copy Editing
- Independent Study: Magazine Publishing
- Independent Study: Digital Media Management
- Independent Study: Broadcast Journalism II
- Independent Study: Audio Production
- Independent Study: NewsVision, Capstone broadcast journalism course
- Interactive Feature Writing (formerly Feature Writing for Newspapers & Magazines)
- Writing for the Media (formerly Fundamentals of Journalism)
- Publication Production & Design
- Reporting & Writing
- Reporting & Writing for Magazines
 - Developed new course, focusing on magazine publishing across platforms

- Enhanced digital training and use of audio, video, graphics and social media
- Expanded use of mobile media devices
- Received honorable mention for syllabus in 2013 and 2014

Graduate Thesis Committee Member

- Quimm Conyers, M.S. in Media Studies
- Erik Humphrey, MFA in Film
- Syrina Ingram, MFA in Film
- Vincent Pendarvis, MFA in Film
- Sandra Waters, MFA in Film
- Nina Young, MFA in Film

Undergraduate Thesis Directed for Annenberg Honors Program

- Darby Baham, "Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco Advertising on Urban Youth"
- Kendra Desrosiers, "Black College Youth, Consumerism and Self-Esteem"
- Melanie Holmes, "The Influence of Magazines on Self-Perceptions of Young Black Women"
- Charreah Jackson, "The State of Our Unions and Today's Black College Women: Working on a Bachelor's or Trying to Find a Bachelor"
- Shari Logan, "The Lack of National Lifestyle Magazines for African-American Female Teenagers"

Interdisciplinary Studies Program

- Sydney Davenport, Magazine Publishing, Committee Member
- Destiny Hodges, Environmental Journalism, Adviser
- Jaylin Ward, Coverage and Issues of Afro Latinas, Adviser
- Micheal Scholis, Environmental Journalism, Mentor and Professor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder and Publisher

11/13-Present

FierceforBlackWomen.com, Washington, DC, and New York

Consulting Associate Publisher/Editorial Director

5/05-11/11

Heart & Soul Magazine, Heart & Soul Enterprises LLC, Baltimore, MD

- Responsible for editorial direction and management of the leading health and fitness magazine targeted to African-American women with a circulation of 300,000 and a readership of 1.5 million
- Oversaw successful re-launch of *Heart & Soul* under new management after two-year hiatus due to previous owner's bankruptcy
- Implemented a virtual operation for editorial, art direction and production
- Integrated experiential learning into journalism courses at Howard University
- Provided research, internship and employment opportunities for Howard University students and graduates
- Collaborated on national health initiatives, conference and tours; Heart & Soul Awards; Reader-Cover Model Search; and other special projects

President

3/01-Present

Miyan Communications Group, Washington, DC

- Provide multimedia consultation and freelancing for a range of companies and organizations

Editor-in-Chief

6/00-3/01

Heart & Soul Magazine, Vanguard Media Inc., Washington, DC

- Responsible for editorial direction, content, production, staffing and budget of the leading health and fitness magazine targeted to African-American women with a circulation of 300,000 and a readership of 1.5 million
- Oversaw successful redesign of *Heart & Soul*; increased frequency from six to 10 times a year
- Maintained smooth transition of magazine during merger and relocation of offices to New York; successfully managed change in a complex environment and strategic relationships with all stakeholders while effectively integrating operations

Yanick Rice Lamb

- Developed and implemented Heart & Soul's Internet newsletter to enhance visibility
- Enhanced multimedia coverage and synergy between Heart & Soul magazine, television, Internet site and electronic newsletter
- Served as a liaison between editorial and business departments of Vanguard, as well as lead investor BET Holdings Inc.

Editorial Director/Vice President

5/98-6/00

BET Weekend and Heart & Soul Magazines, BET Publishing Group, Washington, DC

- Responsible for editorial management of two national magazines in the BET Publishing Group with a combined circulation of 1.6 million and a readership of 5 million
- Oversaw successful re-launch of Heart & Soul, a health and fitness magazine purchased from Rodale in May 1998
- Supervised simultaneous redesigns of both Heart & Soul and BET Weekend
- Manage combined annual budget of \$4 million
- Serve as a liaison between editorial and business departments, as well as with other BET divisions

Editor-in-Chief/Vice President

11/95-9/98

BET Weekend Magazine, BET Publishing Group, New York City/Washington, DC

- Founded lifestyle arts and entertainment magazine distributed monthly through newspapers
- Responsible for editorial direction, content, production, staffing and budget
- Built audience loyalty, visibility and 38 percent circulation increase from 800,000 to 1.3 million, making BET Weekend the second-largest publication targeted to African Americans in just three years
- Successfully established magazine as a diversity tool for dailies distributing BET Weekend to attract new and occasional newspaper readers

Contributing Editor

11/92-2/96

Emerge Magazine, Washington, DC

- Wrote features for national newsmagazine targeted to African Americans

Editor-at-Large

11/94-10/95

Essence Magazine, New York City

- Served as Acting Executive Editor
- Assigned articles to staff and freelance writers
- Edited and wrote major features and special projects

Senior Editor

10/92-10/94

Child Magazine, The New York Times Company, New York City

- Assigned family-oriented articles to staff and freelance writers
- Responsible for coverage of family dynamics, education, politics, health and food
- Edited medical section of physical disabilities series, a National Magazine Awards finalist
- Supervised junior staff members and college interns
- Developed exclusive surveys and wrote follow-up articles on diversity and sleep
- Recruited four leading child development experts from Yale and Harvard for editorial advisory board

Design Columnist

8/92-9/94

The New York Times, New York City

- Wrote "Currents" on interior design, product design and architecture on a rotating basis in The Home Section

Assistant Style Editor/Production Chief

9/91-9/92

The New York Times, New York City

- Served on found team for Styles of the Times
- Assigned lifestyle, fashion and consumer articles to staff and freelance writers
- Edited Style Makers section, special projects, A-1 stories and series
- Oversaw daily production for entire Style Department
- Supervised layout editors assigned to close various Style sections in composing room
- Collaborated with section editors, art directors, photo editors, layout editors and printers

- Supervised college interns assigned to Style Department

Deputy Editor, The Home and Living Sections

1/90-9/91

The New York Times, New York City

- Developed ideas for articles and presentation of two weekly sections: one on food, wine and lifestyles; the other on home, architecture, design, family issues, gardening and electronics
- Managed sections and supervised staff in editors' absence
- Assigned articles to staff and freelance writers
- Conceived and developed award-winning stories
- Improved ethnic and racial diversity in coverage and use of sources
- Collaborated with art directors, graphic artists and photo editors

Assistant Editor, Connecticut Weekly

11/87-12/89

The New York Times, New York City

- Copy editing, slot editing, wire editing and headline writing
- Managed section and supervised staff in editor's absence
- Developed and assigned articles to staff and freelance writers
- Collaborated with art directors, graphic artists, photo and layout editors, and printers

Layout Editor, News Desk

6/84-11/87

The New York Times, New York City

- Designed inside pages for Foreign, National, Metropolitan and Business news
- Designed Metropolitan Report, Washington Talk page and major news packages
- Supervised closing of pages in composing room
- Reviewed allocation of news space for all sections of paper
- Supervised layout for late-night shift
- Trained new layout editors

Copy Editor, Metropolitan Desk

1/85-6/85

The New York Times, New York City

- Edited articles and wrote headlines for local and regional news
- Worked with reporters in developing stories

Copy Editor

4/83-5/84

The Atlanta Journal and The Atlanta Constitution

- Edited articles and wrote headlines for local, national, foreign and business news
- Designed religion page
- Assisted in training new copy editors

Reporter

1/82-3/83

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio

- Rotated coverage of the city hall, police, suburban and political beats
- Wrote general assignment and feature articles

Copy Editor

9/80-1/82

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio

- Edited articles and wrote headlines for local, national, foreign and business news
- Rotated as wire editor, makeup editor, weekend slot editor and editor of local news/obituary page

HONORS, AWARDS AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

- 2024, The Hilltop Centennial Award for Outstanding and Dedicated Service, Howard University
- 2023, American Industrial Hygiene Association, [Upton Sinclair Memorial Lecturer](#) and [Outstanding Occupational Safety and Health News Story of the Year](#)
- 2023, Vernon Jarrett Medal for Journalistic Excellence presented by Morgan State University
- 2022, Ohio Society of Professional Journalists Award for Best Investigative Reporting, Digital Media Freelance

- 2021, National Press Foundation's [Thomas L. Stokes Award for Best Energy and Environment Writing](#)
- 2021, Selected for "Best of Belt Magazine 2021" as the No. 1 article of the year: <https://beltmag.com/belts-top-stories-of-2021/>
- 2021-22, Fund for Environmental Journalism Fellow
- 2021-22, 2018-2021, [Fund for Investigative Journalism Fellow](#)
- 2021, Provost's Distinguished Service Award, Howard University
- 2020-22, Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism Fellow, "Hidden Scars: The Impact of COVID-19 on African Americans," The Carter Center, Atlanta
- 2019, Stateswoman of the Black Press Award, Washington
- 2016, Project GRAD, Distinguished Service to Humanity Award, Akron, Ohio
- 2015, National Association of Black Journalists, Salute to Excellence Award for Digital Features, "Dealing With Dementia"
- 2015, Clarion Award, Best Small Website for FierceforBlackWomen.com, Association for Women in Communications
- 2013, Profiled for The History Makers, now based at the Library of Congress
- 2013, AEJMC Council of Affiliates, Second Annual Industry Research Forum Award for "All the News That Fits on Tablets: An Analysis of News Consumption and Best Practices"
- 2013, John A. Hartford/MetLife Foundation Journalism in Aging & Health Fellow
- 2010-2011, inaugural [Reporting Fellowship on Health Care Performance](#) sponsored by the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Commonwealth Fund
- 2011 National Association of Black Journalists, Salute to Excellence Awards for Special Report on the "State of Our Girls;" Specialized Reporting on colon health and Design
- 2010 National Association of Black Journalists, Salute to Excellence Awards for International Reporting, "Mapping AIDS," and Design
- 2009 National Association of Black Journalists, Salute to Excellence Awards, Mental Health Series and Design
- 2008 National Association of Black Journalists, Salute to Excellence Awards, Multiple Sclerosis Series and Design
- 2002 New York Association of Black Journalists Special Honors
- 2001 Folio Editorial Excellence Silver Award, Consumer Magazines-Health Category
- 2001 Unity Award in Media for Public Affairs/Social Issues, Economics and Education
- 2001 McDonalds Black History Maker of Today Award in Journalism

MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES IN LEARNED OR PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Society of Magazine Editors, 1999-Present
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, 2006-Present
- Association of Health Care Journalists, 2007-Present
- Black College Communication Association, 2003-Present
- Center for Health Media and Policy, National Advisory Council, George Washington University and Hunter College, City University of New York, 2011-Present
- Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, 2016-Present
- National Association of Black Journalists, Digital Journalism Task Force, Judging Captain, Member 1980-Present
- New York Association of Black Journalists, Lifetime Member, 1984-Present; President, 1987-1988, 1992-1995
- Online News Association, 2010-Present
- Society of Environmental Journalists, 2011-Present
- Society of Professional Journalists, 1978-Present
- Washington Association of Black Journalists, 1997-Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Beyond Plastics Media Briefing, Port Arthur, Texas, 2024
- Covering Climate Change in a Polarized World, Poynter Institute, 2023
- Investigative Reporters and Editors Fellowship, 2023
- Beyond Petrochemical Media Briefing, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2023
- Investigative Reporters and Editors Data Bootcamp for Educators, 2020
- Inclusive Teaching in an Online Classroom, Chronicle of Higher Education, 2020
- Covering COVID-19 Series, Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, 2020
- Rethinking Higher Ed for a Post COVID-19 World, Chronicle of Higher Education, 2020

- The Future of Higher Ed in a Post-COVID-19 World, The Economist, 2020
- [HBCU Solutions Journalism Educator Academy](#), 2020-present
- National Urban League's 17th Legislative Policy Conference, 2020
- A Moment of Reckoning: How Journalism Can Begin to Dismantle Its Systems of Racism, Knight Foundation, 2020
- Our Changing News Media Landscape, Knight Foundation, 2020
- Behind the Story: Covering Populations Vulnerable to COVID-19, Investigative Reporters and Editors, 2020
- Sourcing During the Time of COVID-19, Investigative Reporters and Editors/National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting (NICAR), 2020
- Howard University Chair Leadership Academy, 2017-18
- Covering Law Enforcement, Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, 2017
- National Association of Black Journalists conference, 1984 to Present
- Association of Health Care Journalists conference, 2007 to Present
- Age Boom Academy: The Future of Work and Retirement at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, 2016
- Cancer Reporting Fellowship, National Institutes of Health, 2016
- Scripps Howard Journalism Entrepreneurship Institute, Arizona State University, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Media, Phoenix, January 2016
- American Council on Education (ACE), Leadership Academy for Department Chairs, 2015
- Cracking the Code, International Women's Media Foundation Digital News Entrepreneurs Summit, New York, 2015
- New U News Entrepreneurs Working Through Unity Boot Camp, AAJA, 2014
- TIE X Boot Camp and Accelerator, Opportunity Hub, Atlanta, 2014
- Rainbow PUSH Media Telecommunications Symposium, Washington, 2014
- Hack the Gender Gap, PBS MediaShift/Google, West Virginia University, 2014
- CollabSpace D.C., PBS MediaShift/Reynolds Journalism Institute, Washington Post, 2014
- Howard University Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Assessment (CETLA), 2001 to present
- "Introduction to Mobile Journalism," five-week Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Knight Center for Journalism, July to August 2014
- John Jay College Center on Media, Crime and Justice Fellowship on "Health Behind Bars: What Obamacare Means for Courts, Prisons, Jails and the Justice-Involved (and How to Report It)," New York, Oct. 21 & 22, 2013
- Knight Digital Media Center, University of California, Berkeley, and Ethics and Excellence in Journalism, Online Data Training for Journalists, four sessions on data visualization and mapping, February and March 2013
- "Politics of Aging" Professional Reporting Fellowship sponsored by the International Longevity Center, the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and School of Journalism, December 2012
- National Press Foundation, Cancer Issues Fellowship, May 2012
- Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Reporting, Social Media Fellowship, Ohio State University, April 2012
- National Press Foundation, Affordable Care Act webinar, March 2012
- Knight Digital Media Center, University of California, Berkeley, Digital Storytelling Fellowship, January 2012
- [Reporting Fellowship on Health Care Performance](#) sponsored by the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Commonwealth Fund, 2010-2011
- National Press Foundation, Alzheimer's Issues Fellowship, December 2011
- Journalism Interactive conference, University of Maryland, November 2011
- Online News Association national conference, 2010 to Present
- Knight-Batten Awards Symposium, Newseum, Washington, D.C., September 2011
- Executive Leadership Council's Black Women's Leadership Symposium, the Metropolitan Club, Chicago, July 2011; Target Center, July 2012
- National Association of Black Journalists Media Institute on Health Disparities, Kaiser Family Foundation, Washington, March 2010 and March 2011
- Google Certification Training, Washington, D.C., December 2010
- Dow-Jones/Western Kentucky University Multimedia Fellowship for HBCU Faculty, August 2009, 2010, 2019
- Ford Foundation/Unity Entrepreneurial Fellowship, July 2010
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications Conference, San Francisco, 2006; Washington, 2007; Chicago, 2008; Detroit, 2022; Washington, 2023
- American Journalism Historians Association Conference, Seattle, October 2008
- Merck Science Journalism Conference, Rutgers University, April 2002-Present

- Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation Fellowship, “Privacy, Security and Conflict of Interest: An Ethical Discourse,” Hampton University, 2006
- North Country Institute for Writers of Color, SUNY Plattsburgh, Valcour, N.Y., 2006
- The Paden Institute and Retreat for Writers of Color, Essex, N.Y., 2005
- Indiana University/Poynter Institute Teaching Fellowship, 2004
- Investigative Reporters & Editors National Conference/Computer-Assisted Reporting, 2003
- NABJ/Bloomberg Business Reporting Fellowship, 2003
- Nieman Narrative Journalism Conference, Harvard University, December 2001
- Folio: Magazine Conference, New York City, October 2001
- National Association of Minority Media Executives Conference, Washington, DC, August 2001
- Stanford University, Professional Publishing Fellowship, 2000
- Columbia University/Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, Cross-Media Fellowship, 2000

DEPARTMENTAL, SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department:

- Serve on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2019 to 2021
- Serve on Search Committee, 2013, 2019 to present
- Serve as Chair, Department of Media, Journalism and Film, the largest unit in the Cathy Hughes School of Communications, 2015 to 2019
- Serve as Interim Assistant Chair, Department of Media, Journalism and Film, 2013 to 2015
- Serve on MJF Curriculum Committee, 2013 to 2015
- Serve as Print/Online Journalism Sequence Coordinator, 2006 to 2013
- Serve as chair of departmental APT Committee, 2008 to 2009 and 2012 to 2013; member, 2007 to 2008
- Serve on departmental Executive Committee, 2006 to 2019
- Serve on departmental Curriculum Committee, 2008 to present; school-wide Curriculum Committee, 2008 to 2009
- Advise Howard University News Service, 2009 to present
- Advise 101 Magazine, 2009 to present

School:

- Serve as a member of the faculty working group for the Center for Journalism & Democracy, 2022 to present
- Serve on School-wide Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2021 to present
- Serve on Appointments, Promotion and Tenure Committee for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, 2019 to 2021
- Serve on Research/Creative Works Committee, 2022 to present
- Edited journal for SOC’s 45th Anniversary, 2016
- Served as co-chair of the SOC Reaccreditation Committee, 2014 to 2016
- Served on Building Committee, 2018-2019; 2023 to present
- Serve on coordination team for annual school-wide coverage of presidential, midterm, state and local elections, as well as RNC and DNC, 2008 to present. Lead for 2022 midterm election including development of micro site
- Served on faculty team with Department of Radio, Television and Film on coverage of 50th anniversary of sit-ins, Greensboro, NC, 2010

University:

- Served on Inauguration Week planning committee for faculty forums, 2023
- Volunteered to collaborate on a curriculum for an Interdisciplinary Studies concentration in Medical Humanities as part of the Georgetown-Howard Center for Medical Humanities and Health Justice (MHHJ), 2023 to present
- Serve on Program Innovation Review Committee, Office of the Provost, 2021 to present
- Serve on Student Activities Fee Committee, 2021 to 2022
- Serve as faculty representative for reaccreditation visit by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 2020
- Serve on University Arts Committee, 2018 to 2022
- Served as chair of an evaluation team for the university’s Program Prioritization Task Force, 2019
- Served on President’s Howard West Task Force to develop partnership plan for Amazon Studios and other corporations, 2018-2019

- Serve as co-director and co-founder of Health & Science Summer Journalism Workshop for high school students as part of the Howard University Multicultural Media Academy, sponsored by Dow Jones News Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2019 to present
- Worked with alumna Kendra Desrosiers of Google to bring global YouTube summit to Howard University, 2017
- Collaborated with Spanish Department in interdisciplinary trip to Cuba, December 2016
- Serve on Budget Advisory Committee, 2013 to present
- Serve on The Hilltop Policy Board, 2015 to present
- Worked with Departments of World Languages, English and Afro-American Studies to host book signing and discussion on “The First Lady’s First Family,” featuring Rachel Swarns, alumna, N.Y. Times correspondent and author of “American Tapestry: The Black, White and Multicultural Ancestors of Michelle Obama,” January 2013
- Panelist with TransAfrica President Nicole Lee and radio hosts Kojo Nnamdi and Joe Madison for “What Happened in Haiti? A Forum to Raise Public Awareness About the Earthquake,” co-sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Howard University Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Program and the Howard University Haitian Relief Committee, February 2010
- Coordinated capacity book signing at Howard University Bookstore for “My Times in Black and White: Race and Power at the New York Times” by the late Gerald M. Boyd with his widow Robin D. Stone, February 2010
- Coordinated capacity book signing at Howard University Bookstore for “Ida B. Wells: A Sword Among Lions” by Paula Giddings, March 2008
- Represented Howard University at the Research Stakeholder Symposium of Addis Ababa University Graduate School of Journalism and Communications in Ethiopia, co-sponsored by the Gimlikollen School of Journalism in Norway, Oct. 25-26, 2005

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Advisory Board member for Jim Vance Media Academy at Archbishop Carroll High School, 2018 to present
- Speaker for U.S. State Department International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), 2021 to present
- Speaker, Institute for a Democratic Future, 2022 to present
- Urban Health Media Project, P.I. on \$300,000 W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant to train high school students to cover health disparities in Washington and Baltimore in collaboration with Morgan State University, 2016 to 2019
- The History Makers, Keynote Speaker, D.C. Public Schools, 2015, 2016.
- “Fit, Fabulous and Fearless,” speaker, National Harbor, December 2011
- Heart & Soul Awards and Community Health Expo, Baltimore, presenter and committee member, June 2011
- Team Leader, Komen Breast Cancer Walk, 2001-Present
- Avon Breast Cancer Walk, participant; raised \$1,750 for 26 miles, 2003
- Heart & Soul Mall Tour, a series of health screenings, seminars, walks, and fitness sessions, 2000
- Heart & Soul Fitness Tour, nationwide series of health seminars and national workouts to encourage physical activity, 1998-2001
- National Black Health & Fitness Month; expanded from a week to a month-long observance in 1999 and raised its visibility; increased participation of medical community and general public
- “Get Fit With Heart & Soul,” campaign to help reverse health disparities among African-Americans by encouraging preventive measures and lifestyle changes, 1998-2001

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIELD OR PROFESSION: SERVICE

- Advisory Council and Judge, [Kozic Challenge Grants for Reporting on Environmental Justice](#), National Press Club Journalism Institute and National Press Foundation, 2021 to present
- Collaborated on the launch and development of the [HBCU Solutions Journalism Educator Academy](#), which was originally organized to coincide with the NABJ/NAHJ convention, 2020 to present
- White House Correspondents Association, [judge for journalism awards](#), 2017 to present
- National Magazine Awards, [Judge](#), 2001, 2008, 2013 and 2017 to present
- Judge for International Video Pitch Competition organized by the University of Pécs in Hungary
- Collaborated with Women in Film and Video on Women of Vision Award, honoring filmmaker Julie Dash, 2017
- Working Group, Summit on Future of Journalism, National Press Club, 2017
- National Advisory Council of the Center for Health Media and Policy at Hunter College, City University of New York; now at George Washington University, 2016 to present
- Association of Health Care Journalists, coordinated and moderated 2013 infertility and 2012 diabetes panels
- Heart & Soul Awards, Nashville, presenter and co-founder, October 2008

- SPA (Sisters Partnering All-Together) Health Conference in Nashville, Planning Committee Member in collaboration with Meharry Medical College and Heart & Soul magazine, 2008

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIELD OR PROFESSION: PRESENTATIONS

- Subject matter expert on Great Migration and rubber industry for forthcoming ESPN documentary on Olympian Butch Reynolds, "False Positive," 2024
- Panelist, DEI Series: Leading with Certainty. How Strategic Communications Impacts Global Public Policy, Syracuse University School of Public Communication, AARP, Washington, 2023
- Panelist, Ready. Set. Go Speak media panel, National Press Club, Washington, 2023
- Moderator, "[How HBCUs Can Be a Beacon of Hope.](#)" The Root Institute at Howard University, 2023
- Moderator and presenter, "Examining Environmental Justice," Association of Black Sociologists national conference in Philadelphia, 2023
- Moderator and presenter, "Communicating Environmental and Climate Issues to Communities of Color," AEJMC national conference in Washington, 2023
- Panelist, "Building DEI Through Journalism: Preparing Journalists to Impact the World," AEJMC national conference in Washington, 2023
- Panelist, "[Impact Investigations: Environmental Coverage With a Racial Equity Lens.](#)" National Science-Health-Environment Reporting Fellowships, co-sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing, the Association of Health Care Journalists and the Society of Environmental Journalists, 2021
- Panelist, "[Environmental Coverage With a Racial Equity Lens.](#)" Fund for Investigative Journalism, 2021
- Panelist, "The Image Credibility of WHO Before and in the Pandemic," University of Lagos, Nigeria, 2021
- Presentation, "Teaching Solutions Journalism," HBCU Solutions Journalism Educator Academy, 2021
- Moderator, "Reporting While Black: Covering 9/11," Howard University, 2021
- Moderator, "Reproductive Justice for Black Mamas: Understanding Racism as a Root Cause & Engaging Community for Change," The Commonwealth Fund and the National Association of Black Journalists, 2021
- Moderator, "Powering Up Environmental Health Coverage," Environmental Defense Fund and the National Association of Black Journalists, 2021
- Moderator, "Black Americans and COVID-19: How Structural Racism Got Us Here and What We Can Do About It," The Commonwealth Fund and the National Association of Black Journalists Health and Education Institute. 2021
- Panelist, "Bearing Witness: Collecting Oral Histories in the Rust Belt," Belt Publishing and Belt Magazine, 2021
- Panelist, "The Future of the Media," University of Lagos, Nigeria, 2021
- Speaker, "[Mental Health Journalism During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)" The [Carter Center Ambassador's Circle](#) Event With First Lady Rosalynn Carter, 2020
- Speaker, "Virtual Education and COVID-19," Doctors on Call, 2020
- Plenary speaker on diversity, equity and inclusion at National Association of Science Writers [conference](#), 2019
- Moderator, diversity in reporting, Association of Health Care Journalists conference, 2019
- "Student Internships and Fair Labor Revisited," AEJMC Research Panel Session, Washington, 2018
- "Think Like a Millennial" presentation during "From Newsroom to Classroom: The Truth About Teaching," Association of Health Care Journalists, Cleveland, 2016
- Panelist for "[Election 2016: Democratic Debate.](#)" WHUT, February 2016
- Fact-Checking Summit, National Press Club, moderator, 2016
- Fact-checking session at NABJ/NAHJ conference in Washington, panelist, 2016
- "Looking Back/Moving Toward Our Vision: Reporters' Reflections on Growing Interest in Oral Health as Health Equity Issue and the Evolution of the Dental Workforce," Community Catalyst and Kellogg Foundation, Portland, OR, 2015
- "Challenges Facing America's Aging Family Caregivers," Association of Health Care Journalists, Silicon Valley, Calif., April 2015
- "HU Insight: Verifying the Truth," during paper session on "Exploring Multiple Facets of Social Media," Social Media Technology Conference, Howard University, 2015
- Speaker for "[The Juneteenth Book Festival Symposium on Black Literature and Literacy](#)" with Ethelbert Miller and Haki Madhubuti at the Library of Congress, June 2015
- "Local Media and Informed Participation: Workshop of Industry and Experts," invited by Democracy Fund and American Press Institute, 2015
- Magazine Publishing, Digital Media, National Association of Black Journalists, August 2014

- "How to Write Convincingly About Race," National Society of Newspaper Columnists, opening remarks and Q&A, Washington Plaza Hotel; welcome at NSNC awards dinner at Howard University Blackburn Center, June 2014
- Black History Month keynote speaker for an audience of 600 at the University of Toledo; also gave sermon at the Historic Third Baptist Church and spoke at Scott High School and the Ella P. Stewart Academy, February 2014
- "As the Page Turns, Swoops and Zooms: The Future of Magazines," National Association of Black Journalists, August 2013, [Storify](#)
- Capitol Press Club forum before a live audience at WHUT-TV with Internet participants, speaker, February 2013
- "Black Women on Power," moderator of keynote session of Executive Leadership Council's Women's Leadership Summit, Minneapolis, July 10, 2012
- "The Ramifications of Unemployment/Underemployment on Public Health," moderator of panel discussion sponsored by the Public Health Association of New York City at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, December 2011
- "Stuck in the Hospital," one of two featured speakers for "Clip Talks" during opening banquet of National Press Foundation Cancer Issues Fellowship, December 11, 2011
- Fireside Chat on Media Coverage with Julianne Malveaux, Ph.D., president of Bennett College for Women, at Executive Leadership Council's Women's Leadership Summit, Chicago, July 19, 2011
- IMG World, London, interviewed about Althea Gibson, for "[The Spirit of Wimbledon](#)" documentary, March 2011
- National Association of Black Journalists, panelist, "Making a Difference for Public Health: Initiatives That Improve Our Public Health System," Tampa, Fla., August 7, 2009
- National Association of Black Journalists Media Institute on Health Disparities, Atlanta, presenter, "Covering Women's Health," February 2009
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, presenter, Magazine Division Invited Paper Session on the History of Magazines in the 20th Century, "Supplementing the News: The History of Weekend Magazines for African-Americans," Chicago, August 9, 2008
- American Journalism Historians Association, presenter, "Evelyn Cunningham: The Pittsburgh Courier's Lynching Editor," Seattle, October 24, 2008
- SPA (Sisters Partnering All-Together) Health Conference, Nashville, moderator, "Protecting Your Last Good Nerve," October 2008
- Heart & Soul Sales Retreat, presenter, April 2008
- "Investigative, Impact and Immersion Reporting," Georgetown University, March 2007
- "The State of Black Health," presenter, Bethesda, Md., January 2007
- "AIDS—25 Years Later," moderator and organizer of health journalism discussion and screening of PBS documentary "The Age of AIDS," Howard University, Nov. 15, 2006
- Congressional Black Caucus Authors Pavilion, presenter, Washington Convention Center, 2006 and 2005
- "From the Newsroom to the Classroom ... Full Time," presenter, National Association of Black Journalists Conference, Indianapolis, August 2006
- "Fit & Fabulous at Any Age," New Psalmist Baptist Church Kingdom Conference, Baltimore Convention Center, July 2006
- "The Media, the Message and You," presenter, Ethiopian Community Development Council Inc., 12th National Conference on African Refugees and Immigrants, May 2006
- "Black Health in the News," presenter, National Association of Black Journalists, Atlanta, Aug. 4, 2005
- "Involving the Black Community Through Effective Use of the African-American Media," presenter, Ethiopian Community Development Council Inc., 10th National Conference on African Refugees and Immigrants, Arlington, Va., May 2004
- "Striking a Balance," moderator and organizer, National Association of Black Journalists, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 2002
- "Covering the AIDS Crisis," presenter, National Association of Black Journalists, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 2002
- National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association 30th Anniversary Awards Luncheon, emcee, Washington, DC, June 15, 2001
- "Haitian Career Day," keynote speaker, City College, New York City, March 30, 2001
- Ray of Hope Benefit, motivational speaker, National Basketball Association Weekend, Washington, DC, Feb. 9, 2001
- "Putting the 'Public' Back in Public Service Journalism," facilitator, Columbia University Center on Journalism, Race and Ethnicity/National Association of Black Journalists, Philadelphia, Dec. 9, 2000
- 2000 African-American Women on Tour, six-city series, moderator of "Sister Speak-Out on Preventive Health"
- Circle of Sisters Expo, "Protecting Our Health," moderator, New York City, Oct. 7, 2000

- Society of Professional Journalists, “Covering Race and Ethnicity,” panelist, Columbus, Ohio, October 2000
- “Counting Our Blessings,” keynote speaker, The Citadel of Praise & Worship Fund-raiser, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Sept. 27, 2000
- “Are We Missing the Story on Black Healthcare?” plenary, panelist, Association of Black Cardiologists, Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 17, 2000
- National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, “Can the Color of My Skin Affect My Health Care?” moderator, Washington, DC, June 2000
- “Dinner With the Editor of Heart & Soul,” speaker, Canyon Ranch Health Resort, Tucson, Ariz., May 13, 2000
- “We Are What We Eat,” speaker, Advanced Urgent Medical Care Health Conference, Alexandria, Va., April 29, 2000
- 1999 African-American Women on Tour, six-city conference series, moderator of “Sister Speak-Out on Preventive Health”
- “Toward Better Health,” moderator, Circle of Sisters Expo, New York City, October 1999
- White House Roundtable on Women’s Issues With Donna Shalala, June 1999
- “Wellness: It’s Me Thing!” seminar leader, Baltimore City Public School System staff, Linthicum Heights, Md., June 24, 1999
- “Women’s Health Fair,” keynote speaker, Union Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., May 15, 1999
- “Design Nation2 Keynote Panel,” panelist, Organization of Black Designers Conference, Atlanta, April 23, 1999
- “Economic and Retirement Security: What Women Have at Stake,” roundtable discussion with First Lady Hillary Clinton at the White House, March, 15, 1999
- “The Power of Diversity” keynote speaker, Greater Toledo Urban League Annual Banquet, Toledo, Ohio, March 1999
- “The New Face of Today’s CEO,” panelist, V103’s Expo for Today’s Black Woman, Chicago, March 5, 1999
- 1998 African-American Women on Tour, six-city series, moderator of “Sister Speak-Out on Preventive Health”
- “Moet & Chandon Network of Success,” panelist, Washington, DC, Dec. 2, 1998
- “The Soul of a Woman,” panelist, Women in Spirit Conference, Howard University, Nov. 18, 1998
- “Dealing With the Media,” speaker, Black Public Relations Society, Washington, DC, November 1998
- “Secrets of Success,” moderator, Circle of Sisters Expo, New York City, October 1998
- “Black Genius” Forum with Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, moderator, New York University, April 28, 1998
- “Taking Our Pulse” health forum, moderator, Washington, DC, April 22, 1998
- “Moving Into Management,” moderator and workshop coordinator, 4/Color Association and Magazine Publishers of America, New York City, May 8, 1997