

CURRICULUM VITAE
Deborah King Johnson
Master Teacher – Career Status
Senior Lecturer-effective August 2025

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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Postgraduate – 21 hours; Special Education and Educational Psychology
Master of Science, Physical Education, Howard University, Washington DC, 1974
Bachelor of Science, Physical Education-Teacher Education, Howard University, 1971

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (1971-Present)

Howard University-Department of Health, Human Performance & Leisure Studies
John H. Burr Gymnasium, 600 Girard Street, NW
Washington, DC 20059 202.806.9400 office direct
Title/rank: Master Teacher – Tenured Career Status (8/16/1997 – Present)
Secondary Position: Associate Chair/Special Events Manager 2000-2019
Current- Fall 2019-2023 Interim Chairperson/Advisor/Special Events Manager

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SKILLS TAUGHT (Howard University – 1971 to Present) [alpha order]

Archery (general and adapted), **Bicycling & Jogging**, **Beginning Fencing**, **Advanced Fencing**, **Fitness I and Fitness I-Special** (cardio/strength training course) **Flag Football & Field Hockey**, **Folk and Social Dance**, **Beginning Gymnastics**, **Advanced Gymnastics**, **Horseback Riding I- Beginning**, **Horseback Riding II - Advanced** (English; beginning and advance skills; visually impaired student also taught), **Pocket Billiards** (physically and visually challenged college students), **Restrictive Activities I, II, III, IV** (individualized adapted physical activity courses for special population university students), **Roller Skating** (pre-school programs and college visually impaired students), **Slimnastics I**, **Slimnastics II**, **Weight Training**

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION COURSES (Howard University-1974 to 2010)

- 1974 to 2010 - **Adapted Physical Education** (theory course for professional student majors); several alum have careers teaching special populations in District of Columbia Public Schools and private/charter schools
- 1999 to 2005 – **Sports Marketing** (theory course for majors and minors)
Some of the student generated marketing plans/proposals were implemented by athletic department and external businesses and have created career opportunities

CURRICULUM DESIGN AND REVISIONS

- **Slimnastics I** (1971-present), **Advance Fencing** with DC/MD competition(1974-1980; earned 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals at each individual and team meets 1978, 1979, 1980), **Slimnastics II** (1978-present), **Horseback Riding I**(1979-1990), **Bicycling and Jogging**(1980), **Horseback Riding II** (1984-1990), **Weight Training revised**(1986-present), **Flag Football/Field Hockey**(1986), **High Intensity Aerobics for Athletes**(1986), **Fitness I**(1990-present), **Fitness I-Special**(2003-2020)
- 1972-1997 **SLIMNASTICS CLUB** Founder/Director/Instructor/Trainer, evening after work exercise program for Howard University faculty, staff and students and external community; 2 days per week Fall and Spring; 4 days/6 weeks Summer, incorporated various exercise programs to encourage wellness and fitness for all; provided training for Physical Education majors to teach and/or start their own programs; provided financial stipend to 5 majors to graduate from Howard University
- 1989 & 1990 **PREFACE** (developed/taught) Summer bridge program for pre-freshman students, Howard University School of Engineering
- 1990 -1992 **WELLNESS/FITNESS** course for Howard University School of Continuing Education, open to faculty, staff and community

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ADVISOR/MENTOR (Howard University (1971 to 2023))

- Physical Education Teacher Education Major's Advisor
- HHPLS Majors Club Advisor and Fundraising Coordinator
- Physical Education Student Teacher Advisor/Evaluator
- Sport Administration minors (2005)
- Sport Management majors (2007 new concentration)
- Mentor to new HHPLS faculty members
- ESPORTS TEAM-2021-present

COACHING (Club and NCAA University Varsity Teams)

- 1973-1988 Howard University, Gymnastics Club
- 1976-1990 Howard University, Fencing Club Capitol Division Team results see pg1
- 1999-2000 Howard University, Interim Men/Women Cross Country Team placed 2nd & 3rd and Indoor Track
- 2006 Howard University, Interim Women's Lacrosse Coach and pre-season trainer

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS (DUAL APPOINTMENTS FACULTY/ADMINISTRATOR)

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

- **1985** - Appointed by Leo Miles-Athletic Director to **Athletic Advisory Committee** served as member until 1993 until appointed Associate Athletic Director, 1994);
 - **1986** - Elected first female **Chairperson Athletic Advisory Committee; revised Athletic Advisory Committee Constitution**
 - **1988 – 1999** Appointed **co-chair/Chair 1st Athletic Fundraiser: Bison RoundUp** (fundraising event during Homecoming, encouraged alum to return to sold out games and have secured reserved seating, parking, dinner and souvenir under the tent during half-time; sold out every year; attendance 250-270 patrons annually; worked closely with University Advancement (Dr. Estep) and VP for Student Affairs (Dr. Carl Anderson)
 - **1988** – Implemented **first concession stand** during the Men/Women Basketball Games, managed by Physical Education Majors Club as fundraiser to attend professional conferences received permission from Athletic Director Leo Miles
 - **1991** - Selected as the first female Faculty Athletic Representative **FAR** to Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC); attended MEAC/SWAC Joint Athletic Conference; selected as a **member of the Athletic Director Search Committee; revised Constitution for Howard Athletic Advisory Committee**
 - **1999** – Wrote article for The Capstone, “ **Football 101- Why and How to Enjoy the Excitement**” published October 27, 1999
 - **1993-2000** – **Athletic Book bank**; created 1st athletic book bank depository/check-out system enabling scholarship and non-scholarship athletes to select textbooks; saving funds to the NCAA Book scholarship fund; summer school opportunities for athletes and **student-trainers** receive opportunity to check out textbooks; improved academic achievement
 - **1994-96** - Elected to **NCAA-FARA Executive Committee** (first minority elected to committee)
 - **1994-2000** Appointed by interim Howard University President Dr. Joyce Ladner – **Associate Athletic Director**, administered day-to-day responsibilities 2 ½ years prior to the selection of an Athletic Director then remained as Associate Athletic Director for Administration after Athletic Director was hired
- Accomplishments as Associate Athletic Director**
- **1994** - Co-authored 1st Student Athlete Handbook with Athletic Compliance Department approved by University Board of Trustees

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- **1994** - Established **1st Captains Council**; advisory board of all captains to address and provide a better relation between student athlete and administration; leadership skills and external projects implemented
- **1994** - Created **Student-athlete designed/managed**; revised annual Athletic banquet & recognition awarding program; revised awards received by athletes 1st yr signed framed certificate; 2nd yr Letterman jacket; 3rd yr Personalized Blanket; 4th yr Watch; recognized dual & tri-athletes; captains designed program cover: **Implemented** Team Spirit, Academic and Community Service awards with specially designed plaque & Bison pin to encourage peer athlete support of smaller sports; increase attendance at the event
- Created **historical documentation** for individual & team accomplishments
- **1995 – Coordinated with Residence Life: Housing for Athletes and Student Trainers**
- **1995 - Created first Season Ticket program** with the established seating section #16 & #17; **designed brochure** and maintained accounting of all sales and donations
- **1995 – Present new scoreboard concept plan** to VP for Student Affairs with mockup design from Daktronics, Inc
- **1995 – Special Project/Project Manager:** presented **Burr Gymnasium Seat Renovation** design for Inauguration Ceremony for President Swygert; worked with Special Assistant to President Dr. Harry Robinson; to renovate through fundraising April 1995; seats were completed for ceremony; implemented **1st Season Ticket Program** and **reserved seating** in Burr Gymnasium
- **Co-authored/designed 1st Bison Express concept presentation to VP Development Conan Louis**
- **1995 – Implemented Community Outreach Programs** inviting various youth groups (cheerleading, gymnastics/tumbling, dance-off) to perform during half time of Basketball games as well as half time shoot-outs
- **1996 – Secured General Motors Half-time Shootout Promotion**, raising funds for the athletic department (**\$5,000 each Basketball season**)
- **1998 – (Fundraised \$30,000) Special Projects/Project Manager;** proposed and implemented through sponsorships and fundraising to be the 1st HBCU school to have a **Rotating Scorer's table** with prominent signage from **USPS, MUSCO lighting, PEPSI, WHUR and MEAC logo**. Raised \$30,000 to pay off the lease/purchase option 5 months early; saved \$5,000 with early payoff.
- **1999 – Provided completed presentation design of 2 scoreboards** to University officials after main scoreboard and stadium light sustained wind shear damage in August and replacement was needed immediately; project was completed before the first Football game

ACADEMICS

- **1997 – Master Instructor – Career Status**
- **1999 – Member of the Senior Olympic Research Project team**, collected data at the Senior Olympics in Baton Rouge, LA
- **2000-2004; 2012-2019 - Appointed Associate Chair**, Department of Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies (HHPLS), served the department under three different Chairpersons;
- **2019-2023-** Interim Department Chair, step down in 2023 to continue as Esports advisor

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- **2000** – Thesis guidance and support preparation for Pamela Davis, “The Effects of Breast Cancer Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior on Breast Self-Examination among African-American Female College Students”, May 2000
- **2000-2005** - Develop and maintained **Special Grade Report (SGR)** tracking spreadsheet with supporting documents; researched files beginning 1994 to update records needed for immediate recall
- **2000 to Present**; - Appointed by Dr. James A. Donaldson, Dean College of Arts and Sciences, as **Special Events Coordinator/Manager for Burr Gymnasium/Greene Stadium**; manage accountability and fiscal integrity and improve customer service to internal and external users of academic facility
- **2000 to Present** - Appointed by Dean James A. Donaldson, College of Arts and Sciences, to represent the College of Arts and Sciences at the **University Event Task Force Committee** (committee responsible for all major events on campus...Convocation, Homecoming, Charter Day, Commencement activities and programs or as needed
- **2003 to Present** - Designed and maintain **1st Departmental Majors tracking log**; used to generate reports for COAS, University, NCATE and PCAR
- **2006 to Present** – Created 1st personalized Graduation gifts for Departmental Majors; backpack with reference books, faculty keepsake photo with faculty/staff names, and reception to honor all of the departmental graduates
- **2010 Praxis II test reviewer/developer** – selected to represent DC university level educator met in Princeton, New Jersey at Educational Testing Service headquarters
- **2010 Praxis II test question writer** – contracted to write questions for new Praxis II test
- **2012-12/2014** – Appointed by Dr. Segun Gbadegesin, Interim Dean COAS, Associate Chair, maintained Special Events Coordinator/Manager for 4 Awarding Ceremonies (SB, 2 COAS and SOC and Coordinator for the Law School Hooding Ceremony after Commencement. Academic Advisor for 325 majors (Physical Education, Sport Medicine and Sport Management
- **January 2015- June 30, 2015** – Appointed Acting HHPL Chair while Interim Chair was on sabbatical (Responsibilities and completed tasks – see attached)
- **August 2025**-CBA title changed from Master Instructor to Senior Lecturer

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- **1980-1983** Member, Committee on Human Rights, University Committee
- **1989** Member, Selection Committee for the Outstanding Faculty Member in the College. (Liberal Arts-Dean Robert L. Owens) This was the initiation committee for this type of award.
- **1990-Present** Member various university selection committee, Vice President for Student Affairs (2 times), Athletic Director (3 times), Head Men’s Basketball Coach(4 times), Chairperson Health, Human Performance & Leisure Studies (2 times), Outstanding Faculty Member in the College of Arts & Sciences (1 time)
- **1988-2000** Co-chair to Chair/Coordinator, **Annual Homecoming Athletic Fundraiser, “Bison Round-Up”**; developed, designed and coordinated the event from its inception worked with University Vice Presidents for Development & VP for Student Affairs
- **Fall 1991** **Appointed, Chair 1971 Class Reunion**
- **Fall 1998** Member, University Beverage Evaluation Task Force selected Pepsi
- **1991- 2010** Member, University Judiciary Board
- **2002- Present** Member, University Events Task Force (ETF)
- **2000-2023** Member, Departmental Curriculum committee
- **2019-Present** **Friends of the Chapel member**

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2000-2010 - Faculty Advising Workshops
2000 – Attended University Professional Development Classes, May and June
2000 – Attended NCAA Sports Marketing Conference, finalized design for scoreboard; secured vendor and negotiated cost and installation of board for Greene Stadium and Burr Gymnasium in time for PEPSI campus signing

2000- Present SPECIAL EVENTS Coordinator/Manager (most notable-other to be provided as needed) [involved with the facility preparation recommendations, walkthroughs, and point of contact and event manager]

- 1995** Member of the planning committee, Inauguration of Dr. Patrick Swygert
- 2000** Member Inclement Weather Planning team for Commencement Ceremonies
- 2001** NBA All-Star Weekend Special Programs at Howard University
- 2003** Fannie Mae Convention (3,000+ in attendance)
- 2009** Inauguration of Dr. Sidney Ribeau
- 2009** Host 1st Youth Football Championships Capital Beltway League
- 2010** Event Co-coordinator: Funeral service for Dr. Dorothy Height, Civil Rights Leader held in Burr Gymnasium
- 2010** Appointed Special Events Manager/Coordinator for 5 Burr Awarding Ceremonies
- 2012** Coordinated/Managed 1st DC HS Mayor's Cup Football Game

COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAMS

- **1972- 1997 - NCAA-NYSP Gymnastics program coordinator/director** for 200+ underserved youth; program inspired several participants to major in Physical Education and attended Howard University to complete their degree
- **1974-2017 - Special Olympics DC** competition volunteer; faculty liaison and student volunteer recruiter averaging (300-450 university and community volunteers to assist during the 2-3 day event.
- **1977-2017 - Enhanced curriculum** experiences with the Adapted Physical Education course with Special Olympics training/organization/administration experience for Howard University student majors enrolled in the course
- **1982 – Coordinator, American Heart Association, JUMP ROPE FOR HEART at Howard University** raised \$700.00
- **1985 – Initiated first exercise/wellness program at Providence Hospital**
- **1985-1987 – Volunteer, DCPS Bunker Hill Elementary School**
- **1986 &1985 Summers, Capitol Children's Museum MET-Kids, Gymnastics Instructor**
- **1987, 86, 85, 80 – WYCB, WHUR Radio, Exercise Consultant**
- **1988 – 1996 - Instructor/Consultant for UDC Bodywise Program**, taught 300 Seniors Stretch at DC Village Nursing Home until DC government closed facility; participated in the first exercise training video for Bodywise trainers
- **1991 – Presenter/tester UDC Health Fair for Seniors**; personalized body fat analysis 100 persons tested with results analyzed
- **1990 - Implemented/coordinated 1st DC Special Olympics Coaching Training** for CEUs through Howard University School of Continuing Education; 4 session training Principles of Coaching and Swimming Coaches Clinic
- **1990 – 2013 - Appointed by Special Olympics, Executive Director as Event Director for Special Olympics Championship Games** at Howard University; recruit 275-400 Howard University students, staff and community to volunteer at the events

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COMPLETED SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **1995 - \$16,000 Special Projects/Project Manager**, proposal submitted to Special Assistant to President, Dr. Harry Robinson, to renovate via fundraising **replacement Stadium seats in Burr Gymnasium**; proposal accepted, 228 seats were installed with the proper seating code requirements prior to President Swygert's inauguration (April 1995); implemented 1st season ticket program and reserved seating in Burr Gymnasium. Seats were name plated with each of the donor's names/organizations names.
- **1998 - \$150,000 Special Projects/Project Manager, Capital Improvement funds**; Renovation of the **Athletic Team locker-room with university colors, faculty/staff locker rooms and trophy cases**
- **1998 - \$30,000 Special Projects/Project Manager**, proposed and implemented through sponsorships and fundraising as the first HBCU school to have a **rotating scorer's table** with prominent signage from **United States Postal Service(USPS), MUSCO lighting, PEPSI, WHUR and MEAC** logos. Raised \$30,000 to pay off the lease/owner contract 5 months early; saved the university \$5,000 from the original contract.
- **1999 - \$180,000+ Special Projects/Project Manager; Scoreboard Design**; concept presented **1994** to VP for Student Affairs; Scoreboard replacement after July storm damage; requirements were completed prior to emergency installation saving university officials time and funds: scoreboard was erected in time for football season
- **2021 - \$200,000 ESPORTS LAB**, design and secured location in Blackburn Lower Level, \$100,000 lab build out and \$100,000 divided up for 5 students@\$20,000 scholarship each

Unfulfilled Project LOCKER-ROOM RENOVATION initiated 2003

2003 - Presented 1st proposal with cost and design to university officials the **renovation of both men and women's locker-rooms** with the concept of flipping the current usage and doubling the capacity with little or no cost to the university through fundraising.

2007 – Presented locker-room renovation to current AD Dwight Datcher

2009 – Presented locker-room renovation to interim AD Joseph Bell

2011 – Presented full plans to new AD Louis "Skip" Perkins

GRANTS

- **1993-95 - \$50,00 Grant: Awarded Defense Mapping Agency Wellness/Fitness Grant; to training employees on the fitness equipment and maintain the program at the upper NW campus**
- **2001-2004 - \$60,000 Grant: (Summers) [\$60,000 each summer]**; Co-Pi, awarded to direct and conduct **NCAA/National Youth Sports Program** at Howard University for underserved youth in DC until funds were cut nationally; Howard University NYSP program originally began in 1969
- **2003 - \$5,000 Grant: Office of the Provost: New course offering, Fitness I – Special**, a wellness healthy eating (free lunch provided at Soul Vegetarian) and cardio/strength training for university staff returning to complete physical education activity requirements
- **2008 - \$20,000 Grant: (Summer) Ward I**, Councilman Jim Graham special request to implement **ProUrban Youth-Passport to Work Program** for Kelly Miller Housing youth residents, develop youth ages 14-21; participants were mentored/trained for worksite placement on Howard University campus offices. Received recognition award for successful program. Planned and attended outdoor movie, Movie under the Stars located in the Kelly Miller housing complex, 1st & W St NW Washington DC
- **2010 - \$850-1.3 million Proposed Grant, Scholar-Athlete Challenge** presented to Mayor Gray and Councilman Harry Thomas as a way to increase the opportunities of

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1500 DCPS student-athletes successfully able to improve their SAT and ACT scores hence improving their opportunity to secure college scholarships; student athletes would be trained in healthy eating, computer skills and elite athletic training.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

- **1985** – Awarded pin and Letter of Recognition: participant in the proposal writing for the National Competition on Excellence in Education, Bunker Hill Elementary School, NE Washington. The school won the award for the nation-wide competition May 1985
- **1993** – Awarded Certificate and Letter of Commendation – Department of Human Services Volunteer Services Long Term Care Administration
- **1993** – Awarded Certificate of Appreciation – PSI Associates, Inc for training their clients for Special Olympics Track and Field Events
- **1993** – Awarded Certificate of Appreciation – Pleasant Hills Community Service Award
- **2007** **Acknowledgement Award EDA-AAHPERD** recognition of efforts to recruit and involve student majors within their professional organization and attend conventions/conferences
- **2007- Deltas for Howard - Awarded for Special Recognition of Years of Service to Howard University - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**
- **2009** **Certificate of Appreciation Capital Beltway League: Lamond Riggs Steelers Football Youth Team**
- **1974-2011** **Special Friend Award – Special Olympics DC**
- **2012, 2011, 2010** **Recognition of Service – DC National Marathon (Voted best spirit station “Bison Bend” by 12k runners- 4 yrs)**
- **3/22/2012 “In Her Honor” Community Service Award Celebrating the Service of Women in Pleasant Plains & Park View hosted by The Emergence Community Arts Collective...733 Euclid St, NW DC 20001**
- **4/29/12 Air Force ROTC Detachment 130 – “Faculty Support of the Year Award” Honoring the faculty member who has gone above and beyond in support of the detachment throughout the current academic year.**
- **4/2014 Outstanding Faculty of the Year – HU Intercollegiate Athletics Department**
- **11/2016 Induction Howard Athletics Hall of Fame: Buffalo Award**
- **5/2017 College of Arts & Sciences: Outstanding Service Award**
- **2022-2024 Elected President of MEAC Delegate Assembly**
- **2024 Awarded National Football Foundation Faculty Athletic Representative honor**

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

- 2007-Present YMCA-CALOMIRIS – NE
- 1974- Present Special Olympics DC
- 2007-2014 Sun Trust DC National Marathon (Spirit Station #8 Director)
- 2007-2014 Greater Washington Sports Alliance Advisory Board Member
- 2009-2014 Capital Athletics Association
- 2007-Present In My Backyard, LLC
- 2010-2014 National Public Academy Budget Ball (Trainer/Advisor)
- 2019-Present Pigskin Club of Washington, DC, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **American Association for Fitness Directors in Business & Industry**
- **American Association Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (AAHPERD)**
- **EDA-AAHPERD and member Council for Services (2007-2015)**

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- DCAHPERD – Lifetime
- DCAHPERD Voting delegate for Eastern District Association AAHPERD and National 2007-2015 name changed to S.H.A.P.E.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
- Pigskin Club of Washington DC, Inc. (eBoard and Special Events)
- Advisor – H3R (educational, training for young women globally)
- Advisor – Prospect HQ (hiring process for student-athletes)
- Assist Rankin Chapel staff each week and member of the Friends of the Chapel

Addendum – 2017 to Present

- Selected as Interim Chairperson – June 2019- 2023
Reviewed and revised Course scheduling for each of the 4 concentrations
Reviewed advisement for majors
Maintain certification for Banner
Maintain and track exemption memo for students
Maintain mentoring junior faculty
Redesigned Senior Comprehension exams and proctor exams
Redesigned Senior Exit interview
Departmental Committees – Curriculum, Assessment and Grievance, Chair Search Committee
Maintain Venue and Special Events Manager – 4-6 Awarding Ceremonies until 2000-2019, 2022-2025
Maintain ETF membership since 2000, the only faculty member on the committee

University

- CETLA – BB certification
- CETLA – Redesigned 2 syllabi Fitness and Weight Training for “Quality Forward Initiative Select group of faculty to redesigned the template for syllabi
- 2021 Secured \$100K sponsorship for build out of Esports Lab to be housed within Burr Gymnasium in partnership with Verizon Forward and Cxmmunity LLC 2021 Fall
- 2021 Secured \$100K sponsorship for 5 - \$20K scholarships for women in STEM
- Developing NFL partnership for internship opportunities with 33rd Team for Sport Management majors
- 2021 Co-developed new curriculum – Esports major and minor; approved by COAS: APSAGE & COAS faculty March 2021
- May 2021 Prioritization Committee member
- November 2022 – General Educational Curriculum Committee member, to revise the General Education Curriculum to be approved by BOT and Provost
- 2022-Co-advisor to HU Esports team; mentor and travel to competitions
- Currently teaching 7 courses while Interim Chairperson