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EDUCATION

Doctor of Jurisprudence 2nd Year (2001)
Quinnipiac University School of Law, Hamden, CT
Master of Arts in Political Science (1996)
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (1994)
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Over 25 years of leadership experience in Higher Education including:

Various Faculty Appointments	Classroom Instruction & Curriculum Development	Staff Development
Community Engagement	Developing & Overseeing Multicultural Programs	Student Affairs
International Affairs	Budget & Grant Development	Public Speaking

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Miami, FL
Adjunct Professor of Political Science, SIPA (Jan 2020-Pres)

COURSES TAUGHT: POS 2041 American National Government, POS 4122-State and Local Government, & POS 4070

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY, New Britain, CT
Instructor & Civil Rights Project Manager, Department of Philosophy (Aug 2006-Present)

Accomplishments: • Engage in collaboration with the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Academic Deans, and Department Chairs on various Student Affairs and Academic projects including community outreach with businesses, high schools, and colleges

- Experience overseeing student affairs, curriculum development, academic projects, mentoring-advising projects, retention programs, developed diversity-multicultural programs, community engagement project, provided oversight on student groups, and university’s largest community engagement outreach program with the Greater Hartford-New Britain area
- Developed and administered TRIO Programs, FYE Programs, and Summer Bridge programs for first-generation students
- Initiated, developed, and coordinate a Civil Rights Project, the Project includes an annual Civil Rights class throughout the South beyond the traditional classroom and a Lecture Series that brings Civil Rights scholars from the South to CCSU
- Designed, developed, and coordinate a Civil Rights Lecture Series program, including planned conferences, working with the community, marketing, grant writing, and working with various academic departments on various campus-wide programs
- Managed a budget. \$20, 000
- Initiated, developed, and coordinate the Civil Rights Lecture Series. Speakers included: Reverend Billy Kyles, Memphis TN, Friend of Dr. Martin L King, City of Birmingham Police Chief A.C. Roper & 16TH Street Baptist Church, Birmingham AL, Reverend Arthur Price. Jr., & Mrs. Peggy Wallace Kennedy, daughter of the late Governor and Segregationist George C. Wallace, Mr. Fred Gray, Civil Rights Activist and Lawyer for Dr. Martin L. King and Mrs. Rosa Parks, Paul F. Chavez, son of Caesar Chavez, Pastor Cromwell Handy, Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, William A. Bell, Mayor of Birmingham, AL, Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, Native American Civil Rights Activist, Beverly Morgan-Welch, Associate Director of Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture, Dr. Laurel Vermillion, President of Sitting Bull College and Mrs. Breanna Zolfo

Courses Taught:

[CCSU Civil Rights Project: A Work On The Rise - Hartford Courant](#)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT. Storrs, CT (Jan 2005-June 2006)
Instructor, Department of Political Science

Courses Taught: African American Politics/History, American National Government, Constitutional Law, Introduction to International Relations, The Civil Rights Movement, and Introduction to Comparative Government

Accomplishments: Member of the University's Diversity Committee

- Supports and communicates the University's mission and maintains professional affiliation and involvement in high school outreach and regional organizations
- Member of the University First Year Experience Freshmen Orientation Team Recruiting & Advising Students

GOODWIN COLLEGE-CTC. East Hartford, CT (Dec 2000-Dec-2004)
Director of Graduate & Student Affairs

Accomplishments: Oversaw Graduate and Student Affairs at the College

- Implemented and oversaw Enrollment, Academic Advising, Academic Retention programs, curriculum development, academic support programs, marketing efforts, placement of graduates, and advising graduates on a career path.
- Developed and administered TRIO Programs, FYE Programs, and Summer Bridge programs for first-generation students
- Developed and implemented the college's student development and retention programs.
- Collaborated with departments on diversity month career fairs and other community outreach programs
- Assessed and evaluated all aspects of student life activities on campus, implemented and developed career services
- Oversaw student services, maintained student records, and served as a liaison between students and administration

HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH FUND, YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT (Jan 2005-June 2005)
Research Fellow for Mrs. Kathleen Cleaver, Professor of History, Law & Afro American Studies.

Accomplishments: Assisted in research, planning, and fundraising for the Human Rights Fund. Other duties included marketing and planning the annual Human Rights Conference

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Hartford, CT (Sept 1999-June 2003)
Adjunct Professor of Political Science & History

Accomplishments: • Supports and communicates the College's mission and maintains professional affiliation and involvement in high school outreach and regional organizations

- Member of the University First Year Experience Freshmen Orientation Team
- Recruiting & Advising Students

Courses Taught: US History 1 & 11, African American History, American National Government, & Introduction to International Relations

Highlight: *Created the Critical Issues Lecture Series @ Capital Community College. Past Speakers:* John Fonfara-State Senator, Lara Manzione-Judge, Michael Addo-University of Exeter, England and *United Nations Commission on Human Rights*, Richard Blumenthal-Connecticut's Attorney General, John Larson-Congressman, Bill Curry & George Jepsen-CT Gubernatorial Debate, Hon. Ralph Zulman-*South Africa's Supreme Court Justice*, Harold Koh-Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights & Democracy (*President Clinton's Administration.*) Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh (Yale University Professor and PLO Advocate). Senator Christopher Dodd. (*United States Senate.*)

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Hartford, CT (Sept 1999-July 2000)
Minority Fellow, Office of the President

Under the supervision of the President, primarily responsible for assisting in the college's fundraising, foundation development, and student development

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, Storrs. CT (Jun 1999-Jun 2000)
Assistant Director, UConn-ANC Partnership

The University of Connecticut, the South African Government, and the African National Congress signed a historic agreement that forms a partnership to archive and share scholars' materials from the ANC's struggle for human rights. **Accomplishments:** Included overall coordination of the day-to-day activities of the *UCONN-ANC Project*, leadership training in handling daily administrative case studies, fundraising, administrative meetings, and other faculty seminars, and any other related matters that arose within the partnership

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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS, New York, NY

(Sep 1998-May 1999)

Research Associate

Accomplishments: Implemented programs to analyze research data findings and other relevant research studies that affect the economic development of Third World Countries. The United Nations would implement research findings in its attempt to create economic policies and solve economic problems that plagued many Third World Countries

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, Hartford, CT

(Jan 1998-Aug 1998)

Legislative Aide. Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut

Accomplishments: Responsible for the public information, legislative, educational, and strategic planning activities of the office. The main project includes tracking legislation at the legislative session and legislative data entry for the Secretary of the State

AWARDS

25 Most Influential. NAACP New Britain Award. 2018

One Hundred Men of Color recipient in Connecticut. 2017

CLEO FELLOW-1998 (University of Pittsburgh School of Law)

Connecticut Minority Fellow. (1999)

TELEVISION INTERVIEWS

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/slaves-on-board-the-amistad-fought-for-their-freedom-in-connecticut/2225151/>

<https://fox61.com/2018/04/07/the-stan-simpson-show-commemorating-50-years-since-martin-luther-kings-death/>

<https://fox61.com/2015/06/27/the-stan-simpson-show-race-relations-and-the-power-of-forgiveness/>

<http://fox61.com/2017/01/14/the-stan-simpson-show-obamas-term-comes-to-an-end/>

<https://www.courant.com/community/new-britain/hc-news-new-britain-civil-rights-lecture-20181023-story.html>

<http://www2.ccsu.edu/classnewsletter/?article=216>

These interviews are the legacy of Dr. King and Race in America

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

America's Promise: Chasing the Dream of Civil Right (Balkaran, Stephen) Forthcoming Dec 2021. Kiwi Press.

Woodbridge. CT 2nd Edition

Introduction to African American Studies: A Reader (Balkaran, Stephen) Dec 2018. Cognella Press. San Diego. CA

Before we were called Hispanics: Conversations on Race, Politics, and Immigration Reform (Balkaran, Stephen) Oct 2017. Kiwi Press. 2nd Edition

Broken Promises, Broken Dreams, Disparities, and Disappointments: Civil Rights in the 21st Century (Balkaran, Stephen) Jan 2017. Kiwi Press

Before we were called Hispanics: Conversations on Race, Politics, and Immigration Reform (Balkaran, Stephen) Jan

2016. Kiwi Press

The Continuing Significance of Race: An American Dilemma (Balkaran, Stephen) Feb 2014. Kiwi Press.

Retracing the Civil Rights Movement. A Photo Biography of the Civil Rights Movement (Balkaran, Stephen) Sept 2011.
Kiwi Press

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BOOK CHAPTER

Mass Media and Racism: The Negative Impact of the Media on African- Americans Published in Race, Gender & Stereotypes in the Media. Edited by Amiso M. George & Tommy Thompson. Cognella Press 2013

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- *Unfounded Loyalty: President Obama and Hispanics*. Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Sept Vol 27 Fall 2017
- *An Open Letter from Undocumented Immigrants*. Published in Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy. Spring Issue 2017
- *Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Why it matters to all of us*. Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Feb Issue. Vol 29. Spring 2017
- *US-Cuba Relations: Why it matters to all of us*. Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Jan Issue. Vol 28. Spring 2017
- *The Hispanic Struggle & the Foundation of America's Civil Rights Movement*. Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Oct Issue. Vol 26. Fall 2016
- *The Hispanic Vote, Comprehensive Immigration Reform, and the 2016 Presidential Race*. In Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Sept Issue. Vol 25. Fall 2015
- *The Continuing Significance of Race: An American Dilemma*. Published in Harvard Journal of African American Policy. Spring Issue. 2015
- *Why Race Matters: America's 21st Century Social Cancer*. Published in International Journal of Education and Science. February Issue. Spring 2015
- *Russian roulette and the Hispanic Vote. Immigration Reform and the future of Political Parties* Published in Journal of Social Science for Policy Implementation. September Issue. Fall 2014
- *The Consequences of Immigration Reform on the American Political Parties*. Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. Oct. Fall 2014
- *What would America be like without Hispanics?* Published in Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy. Fall Issue. Edition 2013
- *What would America be like without Hispanics?"* Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. October Issue. Fall 2013
- Work Cited in Sylvia Mendoza "The "Browning of America:" Will Latinos Truly Influence the 2012 Elections?" Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. July Issue. 2012
- *Immigration: Brown or White?* Published in Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education. November Issue. 2010
- *The Sanctions to end Apartheid; The Political Economy of the United States-South Africa Relations*. Published in Yale Political Quarterly. Vol. 22, Number 2. Spring 2001
- *Mass Media and Racism: An analysis of the role of the mass media in the formation of white's beliefs and attitudes towards African Americans*. Published in Yale Political Quarterly. Volume 21, Number 1. Fall 1999
- *Mass Media and the Formation of U.S. Foreign Policy. A Case Example of the Gulf War*. Journal of International Studies. Volume 6. No.4. Fall 1998

OP-ED ARTICLES

- *The National Anthem: Debates around Race, Sports, and Nationalism*. Published in the New Haven Registrar, Sept 30, 2017
- The Continuing Need for Racial Reconciliation. America Post Obama*. This article was published on New London Day. Jan 14, 2017

The National Anthem, the Flag, and Conversation on the Politics of Race and American Patriotism. Published in the Huffington Post. Oct 6, 2016

All Lives Matter: Truth and Reconciliation in America., Published in the Huffington Post. July 12, 2016

Why America must not forget: Islam and American Idealism. Published in the Huffington Post. Dec 8, 2015

- *Before we were called Hispanics Defining and Redefining America*. Published in Huffington Post. Sept23, 2015
- *Hispanic Heritage Month. The Foundations of America's Civil Rights Movement*. Published in Huffington Post. Sept 15, 2015
- *Immigrants, Immigration Reform and the 2016 American Presidency*. Published in Huffington Post. July 14, 2015
- *The United States of Amnesia: Conservation about Race, Truth, and Reconciliation in America*. Published in Huffington Post. June 21, 2015
- *Racial Identity, Misrepresentation, and African American Culture*. Published in Huffington Post. June 15, 2015
- *Rage, Race, and Rebellion: Class Warfare and Frustration in African American Communities*. Published in Huffington Post. May 4, 2015
- *Why Baltimore Matters*. Published in Connecticut Post. April 30, 2015
- *Post Racial America in the Age of Obama*. Published in Huffington Post. June 18, 2015
- *Black Struggles and Achievements Black History Month: Why America Must Never Forget*. Published in Connecticut Post. Feb 1, 2015
- *Why America Must Never Forget. Black History Month*. Published in Huffington Post. Jan 30, 2015
- *The Significance of Race: Michael Brown's Death and its Aftermath*. Published in Huffington Post. Nov 25, 2014
- *United States of Amnesia: The politics of Immigration Reform.* Published in Hispanic News Online. Nov 19, 2014.
- *Hispanics Heritage Month: Defining and Redefining America*. Published in Huffington Post. Sept 19, 2014
- *The Consequences of Immigration Reform on the American Political Parties*. Published in Huffington Post. Sept 17, 2014
- *Immigration reform and the future of American political parties*. Published in New Haven Register. Sept 16, 2014
- *Before we were called Hispanics: Defining and Redefining America*. Published in the New London Day. Oct 29, 2013
- *A central thread binding America's fabric*. Published in Hispanic News Online. Oct 5, 2013
- *Black History Month: Relearning same lessons year after year*. Published in the Connecticut Post. Feb10, 2008
- *Hispanic Heritage Month: Why America Must Not Forget*. Published in the New Haven Register. Oct 10, 2007
- *America's Unfinished Work at Home*. Published in the New London Day. Feb19, 2007
- *Reflecting on a Broken Promise*. Published in the Connecticut Post. Feb 18, 2007
- *King's dream of equality, Prosperity seems lost*. Published in the New Haven Register. Jan 15, 2007
- *Hispanic Heritage Month Getting Meager Notice*. Published in the New Haven Register. Sept 19, 2006
- *Broken Dreams, Broken Promises*. Published in the New Britain Herald. Feb 5, 2006
- *Nuclear Weapons, Democracy or OIL; America in Iran*. Published in the Connecticut Post. Jan 29, 2006
- *Remembering Dr. King's Dream*. Published in The New London Day. Jan 16, 2006
- *Stand proud of accomplishments but keep striving to achieve King's goals*. Published in the Journal Inquirer. January 17, 2006
- *The Undelivered Birthday Present*. This article was published in The Bristol Press. January 16, 2006.
- *Interpretation of U.S. foreign policy with Iran*. This article was published in the Middletown Press. December 22, 2005
- *Hispanic Influence in U.S. Growing*. This article was published in the Middletown Press. September 20, 2005
- *Black History Month: Achievements and Broken Promises 1 & 2*. This article was published in the Bristol Press. February 7, 2005
- *The Dream Revisited, A Modern Look at the Civil Rights Movement*. This article was published in the Record Journal. January 23, 2005. Section E
- *Democracy, Diplomacy, Security or OIL. Americans in the Middle East*. This article was published in the Journal Inquirer. September 11, 2004
- *Cosby's Criticism was on the Mark*. This article was published in the Hartford Courant. July 11, 2004. Section C
- *Time for Our Government to give us the Truth: Weapons of Mass Deception* Published in the Manchester Journal Inquirer. July 3, 2003

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Juneteenth Speaker, Broward College, June 18th, 2021. Davie, FL
- Black History Month Speaker. Miami Dade College. *Chasing the Dream of Civil Rights*. Miami, FL. February 4th, 2021
- MLK Day Keynote Speaker. The University of Bridgeport. January 21st, 2020. Bridgeport. CT
- Diversity and Inclusion Keynote Speaker: Day and Pitney Law Firm. February 2018. Harford. CT
- Diversity and Inclusion Keynote Speaker: Hispanic Heritage Month. AXA Insurance Company. Rockefeller Center. New York. NY. October 8, 2015
- *Russian Roulette and Immigration Reform*. Presented at 12th Student Latino Leadership Conf. at Dartmouth Univ. Hanover. NH. April 24-25, 2015
- *Russian Roulette and Immigration Reform*. Presented at the 82nd Mid-West Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2015
- *Immigration Reform and its political impact*. 10th Annual Am Assoc of Hispanics in Higher Education National Conf. March 12-15, 2015, Frisco, TX
- *Post Racial America in the Age of Obama*. Presented at Post University Black History Month celebration. February 19, 2015. Waterbury. CT
- *Immigration and the Redefining of the American Political Parties and its Consequences. 2013 Immigration Reform Bill.* Presented at 9th Annual American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education National Conference. March 6-9, 2014, Costa Mesa. CA
- *Immigration and the Redefining of the American Political Parties and its Consequences. 2013 Immigration Reform Bill*. Presented at the 81st Mid-West Political Science Conference. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2014
- *No Latinos Left Behind? Federal and State Education: A case Example of New England*. Presented at the 80th Mid-West Political Science Conference in Chicago. IL. April 11-14, 2013
- *No Latinos Left Behind? Federal and State Education*. Presented at HACU's 10th International Conference. February 27-March 29, 2013 in San Antonio, TX
- *I Want You: Latino Males and Higher Education Latino Males at a crossroads, criminal justice system or college?* Presented at the 10th Annual New England Latino Student Leadership Conference. Central CT State University March 1-2, 2013. New Britain. CT
- *Moving Forward.* Presented at Annual Bristol NAACP Black History Month Celebration. Bristol. CT January 21, 2013
- *Immigration and the Political Impact of the 2012 Presidential Election*. Presented at 69th Mid-West American Political Science Association Conf. April 12-14, 2012. Chicago, IL
- *Immigration Reform: Why America Failed Latinos. The political debate of Brown or White and its implication on the 2012 Presidential Election*. Presented at American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education National Conference. March 8-11, 2012. Costa Mesa. CA
- *Disparities and Disappointments: Civil Rights in the 21st Century*. Presented at the 2012 MLK Celebration. New Britain. CT January 16, 2012
- *Brown v Board of Education; Why the implementation of Brown failed Black and Brown Students*. Presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Conference. March 31, 2011. Chicago, IL
- *Immigration; Brown or White*. Presented at the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education National Conference. March 4, 2011. San Antonio, TX
- *Immigration: Brown or White?* Presented at Connecticut College's Hispanic Heritage Month. October 11, 2010, New London, CT
- *Redefining American: Hispanics in the 21st Century: Where do we fit in, America at a Crossroads*. Presented at the 68th Mid-West American Political Science Association Conference. April 22-24, 2010. Chicago, IL
- *Race, Politics and Post Obama Administration: America at a Crossroads?* Presented at New York African Studies Assoc. (NYASA) Conference, GLOBAL-AFRICA, GLOBAL-ASIA: Africa and Asia in the Age of Globalization March 26, 2010. SUNY Binghamton. NY
- *Latinos and the Criminal Justice System. Degrees or Detention*: Presented at the Am Assoc. of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) 5th Annual National Conference, *Raices y Alas / Roots and Wings: A Mal Tiempo Buena Cara* March 4-7, 2010, Costa Mesa, CA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *China and the Scramble for Africa; Colonialism in the 21st Century. Can Africa survive its new Socio-economic Colonialization?* At NY African Studies Assoc (NYASA) Conf, Peace and Transformation in the Pan African World in the 21st Century. April 4, 2009. Syracuse Univ.
- *Hispanics: America's Best Kept Secret.* Presented at 2009 Am Assoc of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Conference on Soluciones Para El Futuro: *Achieving Hispanic Success.* San Antonio, Texas. Friday, March 6, 2009
- *Hispanic Immigration: Why America Must Not Forget.* Presented at the Am Assoc of Hispanics in Higher Education 3rd Annual National Conf. *Building Pathways - Construyendo Caminos: Fulfilling Expectations* March 6-8, 2008, Hyatt Regency Miami, FL
- *Race and Identity; West Indian Immigrant Encounter with the concept of Blackness' in America and with other blacks from the Diaspora.* Presented at 31st Annual NYASA Conf (NY African Studies Assoc. African People. The past Fifty Years. SUNY-Plattsburgh Univ, Plattsburgh, NY. April 13, 2007
- *America at a Crossroads. Latinos in America.* Presented at the 5th Annual NASPA Region 1 Latino Student Leadership Conference. February 23, 2007. Boston University, Boston, MA
- *Law and Civil Rights.* Presented at Western New England New England School of Law. February 21, 2007. Springfield, MA *Hispanics; America's Greatest Asset.* Presented at Norwalk Community College Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, October 25, 2006. Norwalk, CT
- *Hispanics; Redefining America.* Presented at the 4th Annual NASPA Region 1 Latino Student Leadership Conference. April 7, 2006, Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH
- *HIV/AIDS; The Caribbean Best Kept Secret.* Presented at the 23rd NAYSA Conference. April 6, 2006, SUNY, New Paltz, NY
- *The Social Construction of Race and Identity in the West Indies; West Indian Immigrant Encounter with the concept of 'Blackness' in America.* Presented at Race and African Studies: Reconfigurations, Rediscoveries, and Reconstructions. March 23-24, 2006, at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- *Farther to GO.* Presented at Middlesex Community College, Black History Month Guest Speaker, February 13, 2006. Middletown, CT
- *Hispanic Impact Vital to America.* Presented at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Amherst, MA November 10, 2005
- *Hispanics; America's Best Kept Secret.* Presented at 2005 LSAMP Leadership Conference. Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Worcester, MA. September 16, 2005
- *The Economic Interpretation of U.S. Influence in Global Africa.* Presented at the 29th Annual NYASA Conference (New York African Studies Association. Engaging Africana Studies: Global Africa and the Challenges of American Hegemony. SUNY-Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY. April 30, 2005
- *AIDS & the Guarded Secret in the Caribbean.* Presented at the 2005 New England Caribbean Student Leadership Conf. Northeastern University Boston, MA
- *The Political Economy of Latin Americans in the 21st Century.* Presented at the 2005 New England Latino Leadership Conference. Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA. February 19, 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Political Science Association
- Black Law Student Association (BLSA)
- Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA)
- Advisor to the West Indian Student Awareness Association-University of Connecticut. 2005-2006
- CALAHE-Connecticut Association of Latin Americans in Higher Education.
- Student Advisor Rotary International Club-Post University. 2003-04
- LASO Club Special Advisor-Central Connecticut State University. 2006-2011
- United Caribbean Club Special Advisor-Central Connecticut State University