

Michelle A. Jones

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Education

- B.A.** Fisk University, May 2017
G.P.A. 3.2; English; Minor: Women & Gender Studies with honors
- M.A.** Eastern Illinois University, May 2021
G.P.A. 3.6; English; Literary Studies *concentration*
- SUB** Illinois State Board of Education, November 2019
Substitute Teaching License

Teaching & Advising

Professional Tutor & Academic Success Coach

Sept. 2021- May 2022

Academic Support Center, Aurora University

- Assist students with style formatting of their writing while instructing them on writing principles.
- Advise students based on their learning styles to create a study, reading and note-taking strategies plan which will help them navigate their college courses
- Maintain student appointments according to their academic coaching needs and assignment writing process

Adjunct Faculty

Aug. 2020 – May 2022

Department of English, Aurora University

ENG 1000: Intro. to Academic Writing

- Taught an interactive course concerning the process of Academic Writing at the collegiate level
- Instructed students on grammar aspects and etiquette requirements of Academic Writing
- Facilitated discussions regarding the conversational sources taught within the course
- Outlined lessons and formulates assignments which challenge student critical thinking regarding everyday situations in relation to student writing skills

Substitute Teacher

Aug. 2020 – May 2022

Kelly Education, Mannheim School District 83

- Maintains efficiency and learning in the absence of the instructor
- Fulfills short-term goals for class assignments with as many as 20 students at a time
- Teaches varied ages/academic levels throughout elementary and junior level of education within district

Substitute Teacher

Feb. 2020 – Jun. 2022

Proviso School District 209

- Maintains productivity of high school level classrooms during the absence of their regular instructor
- Fulfills both long- and short-term class assignments with as many as 22 students at a time

- Facilitates class instruction and discussion regarding course curriculum

Teaching Assistant, *Student Teaching*

Jan. 2018 – April 2018

Department of English, Eastern Illinois University

ENG 1001: College Composition I: Having Our Say

- Facilitated discussions regarding the development of critical thinking skills
- Outlined and facilitated lessons, as well as assignments for analytical writing unit

Writing Center Consultant

Aug. 2017 – April 2019

Department of English, Eastern Illinois University

- Assisted students throughout the development of their writing processes
- Instructed students on grammar etiquette, sentence structure, and organization
- Maintained and constructed order of client appointments according to their writing needs and requests

Research Interests

- The fictional representation of black female characters in African American and/or Black Feminist Literature from the 1920s – the present
- The Intersectionality of Black Feminist Theory and Feminist Pedagogy
- The teaching of Black Feminist Liberatory literature
- The representation of single mothers within literature and literature's effect on culture: from late 19th century literature to present day
- The Family Dynamic: Conjugal Power Exchange; The authoritative power exchange amongst spouses in relation to gendered labor division and decision-making

Publications

Conferences/Symposia

MELUS 2022-Awakenings, Reckonings, and Multi-Ethnic Literature: Woke, Now What?, The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, New Orleans, LA, March 2022.

NEH Summer Institute Hurston on the Horizon: Past, Present, and Future: Virtual Mini Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January 2022.

Hurston on the Horizon: Past, Present, and Future: An NEH Virtual Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, July 2021.

English Studies Conference, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, April 2018.

UNCF SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program: Annual Graduate Student Summer Conference New Mexico University, Albuquerque, NM, June 2017.

Fisk Research Symposium, Fisk University, Nashville, TN, April 2017.

UNCF/Mellon MMUF Southeastern Regional Conference Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 2016.

UNCF/Mellon MMUF Southeastern Regional Conference Rice University, Houston, TX, November 2015.

Presentations

“Hurston and Religion: Voodoo, Christianity, and Atheism.” MELUS 2022-Awakenings, Reckonings, and Multi-Ethnic Literature: Woke, Now What?, The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, New Orleans, LA, March 2022.

“Madonna, Sapphire, and Jezebel: The Representation of Black Women in Fictional Literature.” NEH Summer Institute Hurston on the Horizon: Past, Present, and Future: Virtual Mini Conference, University of Kansas, January 2022.

“Lesser Known Hurston Works.” Hurston on the Horizon: Past, Present, and Future; An NEH Virtual Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty, University of Kansas, July 2021.

“Theater Development: Constructions of Theater and Film in Evolving Culture.” English Studies Conference 2018, Eastern Illinois University, April 2018.

“Culture vs. Literature: The Representation of Single Mothers in African-American Literature.” Fisk Research Symposium 2017, Fisk University, April 2017.

“Culture vs. Literature: The Representation of Single Mothers in African-American Literature.” UNCF/Mellon MMUF Southeastern Regional Conference, Emory University: Host, Embassy Suites by Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, GA, November 2016.

“The Representation of Single Mothers Within Literature and Literature’s Effect on Culture.” National Association of African-American Honors Conference, Tennessee State University: Host, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, October 2015.

Fellowships/Honors

UNCF Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF), Fellow, **Spring 2015 – to Ph.D.**

National Society of Leadership and Success, Member, **Spring 2015 – Present**

Graduate Assistant, Presidential, **Fall 2017- Fall 2018**

W.E.B. Du Bois General University Honors Program of Fisk University, Member, **Fall 2014 – Fall 2016**

Awards

Hurston on the Horizon: Past, Present, and Future: An NEH Virtual Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty, Summer 2021

Professional Service

Graduate Student Advisory Council, English Graduate Assistant Representative, **August 2017 – May 2018**

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society, Lifetime Member, **August 2016 – Present**

National Association of Colored Women Clubs, Member, **February 2016 – Present**

National Society of Leadership and Success, National Member, **January 2016 – Present**

UNCF Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Fellow, **February 2015 – Present**

L.E.A.D. Program, Student Ambassador, **August 2013 – May 2017**

Recommendations

Furnished upon request