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SAMONE POLK BROOKS

EDUCATION

Post Graduate Studies

State University of West Georgia
Course: Literature of Africa and African Diaspora

Masters of Education

University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, Minnesota
Major: English Education
Minor: Reading (Remedial/Developmental)

Bachelor of Arts

Fisk University – Nashville, Tennessee
Major: English Literature
Minor: Mass Communication

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jackson Madison County School System

North East Middle School

- Reading

Lane College – Jackson, Tennessee

- Instructor of English
- Introduction to Composition
- Composition I
- Children's Literature
- Teaching Language Arts
- African-American Literature
- Methods of Teaching Secondary English

Georgia Perimeter College – formally DeKalb College – Dunwoody Campus

- Assistant Professor of English
- Composition and Rhetoric I
- Composition and Rhetoric II
- Pre-College Composition
- Basic Composition
- Regents' Essay Preparation
- Basic Composition and Reading Skills (Combined Course)
- Higher Education Seminar

Minneapolis Community College

- Instructor of English/Humanities
- Teaching grammar usage in conjunction with composition writing
- Designing course guidelines/requirements
- Designing lesson plans/teacher preparations
- Designing essays, mid-term examinations and quizzes
- Teaching literature in accordance with timelines of history

Christopher Columbus Writing Project

Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Weekly critiques of ninth grade student essays
- Creating a positive attitude for students with regard to writing
- Developing new methods of one on one response techniques through a positive voice
- Responding to students writing through a telecommunications program

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Founder/Coordinator Mainstreet Elementary Reading Program – Partners in Education
Co-Chair-Symposium Committee – Dunwoody Campus
Instructor of English - Postsecondary Readiness Enrichment Program
Instructor of English – Project SOAR Summer Enrichment Program
Polishing Cloth Editorial Board
Two composition students published in the Polishing Cloth
Southeastern Regional Council on Black American Affairs – Vice President of Programs – Georgia
Perimeter College – Local Chapter
English/Humanities Search Committee
Peer Review
Developmental English/Reading Materials Committee

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

National Council of Teachers of English, Nashville, Tennessee, November, 1998
National Conference of Developmental Educators, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 1998
Southeastern Regional Conference on Black American Affairs, Louisville Kentucky, October, 1997
Conference on Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 1997
National Conference for Developmental Educators, Chicago, Illinois, February, 1995
Conference on Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 1995
Georgia Council for Teachers of English, Atlanta, Georgia, January, 1994
National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, Austin, Texas, May, 1994
American Education Research Association, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 1993
Georgia (Regional Branch) National Conference for Developmental Educators, Jeckyll Island, Georgia, May, 1993
American Education Research Association, San Francisco, California, April 1992
Commonwealth Center Invitational Team Case Competition, Charlottesville, Virginia, May, 1992

American Education Research Association, Chicago, Illinois, April, 1991

International Reading Association Regional Plains Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October, 1991

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
AND ACCEPTED
PAPERS**

*African Literature Association, Fez, Morocco, March 7-16, 1999
Panel Topic: Across the Waters: Reflections on the Family in Literature of Africa
and the African Diaspora*

*Accepted Paper: Male/Female Dynamics and the Cauldron of Oppression:
Ngugi wa Thiong'o's A Grain of Wheat, Jean Jacques Roumain's Masters of the
Dew, and Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God*

*National Conference for Developmental Educators, Atlanta, Georgia, March,
1998*

Topic: Essay Writing in a Development English Classroom

*Southeastern Regional Conference on Black American Affairs, Louisville,
Kentucky, October, 1997*

*Topic: Crossing the Bridge: Collaboration between Middle Schools and
Community Colleges*

Conference on Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 1997

Topic: Writing is Recursive: An Essay Written Cooperatively

Conference on Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 1995

Topic: Reading/Writing Portfolios

*National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, Austin, Texas, May,
1994*

Topic: The Link Between Reading/Writing: Portfolio Assessment

Georgia Council of Teachers of English, Atlanta, Georgia, January, 1994

Topic: The Use of Portfolios in a Developmental Studies Classroom

*Commonwealth Center Invitational Team Case Competition, Charlottesville,
Virginia, May, 1992*

Topic: Case Study - Effective Classroom Management

*International Reading Association Regional Plains Conference, Minneapolis,
Minnesota, October, 1991*

Topic: A Tutor's Experience (Christopher Columbus Writing Project)

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

National Education Association (NEA)
Tennessee Education Association (TEA)
Jackson Madison County Education Association (JMCEA)
National Conference of Teachers of English
National Association of Developmental Educators
American Educational Research Association
International Reading Association
Southeastern Regional Council on Black American Affairs

**HONORS AND
ACTIVITIES**

Member of St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
Member of Metropolitan Opera Mezzo – Soprano Denyce Graves' Chorus –
November 1997
Recorded CD with Denyce Graves – Angels Watching Over Me – August, 1997
Club Advisor of the Year – DeKalb College February, 1995
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
The Links, Incorporated
Member of renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers
AT&T Photo Advertisement – *Ebony*, *Black Enterprise* and *Jet* Magazines, 1989-
1990