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EDUCATION

EdD in Educational Leadership, Virginia Commonwealth University (2014); **MPH** in Community Health Science, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (*currently enrolled*); **MEd** in School and Community Counseling, Virginia State University (2006); **BS** in Science Education, Virginia Commonwealth University (1984); **BS** in Microbiology, Virginia State University (1980).

CERTIFICATION

Post Graduate Certificate in **Restorative Justice**, Eastern Mennonite University (2019); Post-masters Certificate in **Administration and Supervision**, Virginia Commonwealth University (2009); Certificate in **Mindfulness** for Youth, Inward Bound Mindfulness Education (*currently enrolled*); Certificate in Trauma Center **Trauma Sensitive Yoga**, Justice Resource Institute, (2020); Certificate in **Arts Integration**, *Changing Education Through the Arts*, Kennedy Center (2016).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Manager for School Culture and Climate, Richmond Public Schools (2018-present); **Program Director**, Social Emotional Learning, Armstrong High School Freshman Academy, Richmond, Virginia (2017-2018); **Adjunct Professor**, Eastern Mennonite University (2017-present), Virginia Commonwealth University (2016-present), and Virginia Union University (2015-present); **Science Department Chair** and **Teacher Leadership Innovation Coach**, Ballou Senior High School, Washington, DC (2015-2016); Teacher Leader and **Chemistry Teacher**, Richmond Public Schools (1987-2014); Chemistry Teacher, Henrico County Public Schools (1984-197).

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Co-Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Reimagining Public Safety, Community Engagement and Healing Subcommittee, Richmond, Virginia, August–November, 2020; **Appointed Commissioner**, Commonwealth of Virginia, Commission for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 2017–2018; **Inaugural Fellow**, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation, Equity and Health Fellowship, 2017; **Board of Directors**, SPARC (School for the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community), 2010–2016; **National Fellow**, Yale University, Yale National Initiative to Strengthen Public School Teaching, 2010, 2008, 2007.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Conciliation Project, **President of the Board**, 2014-2020; Richmond Youth Peace Project, **Founder** and **Visionary**, 2006-2019; Drums No Guns Foundation, Inc., **Co-founder & Artistic Director**, 1996-present.

REFERENCES

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