



Curriculum Vita August 2023

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EDUCATION

- 2023 Doctor of Philosophy, College of Education
Division: Higher Educational Leadership
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Dissertation: *"The Test Does Not Define My Ability": A Critical Narrative Study on First-Year Black College Students Who Took the SAT When Pursuing Selective Four-Year Institutions*
- 2016 Master of Business Administration, College of Business Administration
Division: Business Administration
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- 2015 Master of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences
Division: Communication Management
The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2014 Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, College of Business & Public Affairs
Division: Business Administration
Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- 2023 Revolution U: Dismantling Systemic Racism in Faculty Hiring
Rutgers University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2023 Anti-Racist Series

	Texas Christian University
2023	Women and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate (<i>In Progress</i>) Texas Christian University
2022	Revolutionizing Research for Social Change Workshop A Summer Institute in Anti-Racist and Decolonizing Research Information and Policies Center for Social Science Research George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
2022	Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Graduate Certificate Texas Christian University
2022	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate Cornell University
2019	Graduate Student Pedagogy Certificate Texas Christian University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2023	Dissertation Prospectus, HIED 710-01W Department of Higher Education and Learning Technologies Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Fall 2023	Qualitative Research Methods, HIED 696 Department of Higher Education and Learning Technologies Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Spring 2023	College Life and Identity HNRS 20113 - Section 674, REG Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Fall 2022	College Life and Identity HNRS 20113 - Section 674, REG Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Fall 2022	UNLF - University Life UNLF 10211 - Section 078, REG Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Spring 2022	College Life and Identity HNRS 20113 - Section 675, REG Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Fall 2021	Co-Instructor, UNLF - University Life UNLF 10211 - Section 057, REG Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

- Spring 2021 Co-Instructor, Theories of Student Development (EDHE 60403)
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2018- 2020 Adjunct Faculty
Department of Business, Design, and Public Service
Dallas College, El Centro Campus, Dallas, Texas
- 2019- 2019 Adjunct Faculty
Department of Communications
Dallas College, Richland Campus, Dallas, Texas
- 2014 – 2014 Graduate Assistant
Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama
College of Business & Public Affairs
- 2012 – 2014 Teaching Assistant
Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama
College of Education, Humanities, and Behavioral Sciences

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 TCU 150th Women in Excellence Alumnae Panel
Moderator
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2023 Panelist, Holmes Career Fair (Academic Job Search Panel)
AACTE Annual Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, Race & Sports (HNRS 20613)
Forty Million Dollar Slave
Professor: Dr. Cliff Harrell
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Student Affairs
Impostor Syndrome: Who Told Me to Sign Up for This?
Professor: Dr. Taryn Allen
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, Leadership for Social Justice (EDDL 702)
Professor: Dr. Liliana Castrellon
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2022 Panelist, *Understanding Access, Space, and Success of*

Students during the COVID-19

Morgan State University School of Education and Urban Studies, Baltimore,
Maryland

- 2022 Career Day Speaker, Hazel Harvey Peace Elementary
- 2022 Invited Panelist, Celebrating Black Women
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2022 Invited Panelist, Gardner Institute
Supporting our Students to Persist in and beyond the Pandemic
Transformative Conversations. (Virtual).
- 2021 Guest Lecturer, Professional Roles, and Responsibilities
College of Education
Professor: Dr. Stephen Palko
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2020 Guest Lecturer, Children's Literature
College of Education
Professor: Jan Davidson
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2020 Guest Lecturer, Diversity in Education
College of Education
Professor: Jan Davidson
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2020 Guest Lecturer, Special Problems in Education
College of Education
Professor: James Wagner
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts

Thompson, V.J., **Ekpe, L.** There is No Vacation from Trauma: Black Female Academicians' Narratives on the Need for Community During Times of Racialized Injustices. *Journal of Trauma Studies in Education*.

Ekpe, L., Sherman, A., & Ofoegbu, E. D. (2023). Restoring Resilience Through Joy: The Pursuit of Happiness in the Midst of Unprecedented Times. *Equity in Education & Society*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/27526461231154012>

Gasman, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Ginsberg, A.C. *et al.* Why Aspiring Leaders Choose to Lead Historically Black Colleges and Universities. *Innov High Educ* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10755-022-09644-3>

Ekpe, L., & Roach, W. N. (2023). A Guise of Inclusion: The Survival of ‘Non-Ideal’ Students in White Supremacist Heteropatriarchal Systems of Education. *Journal of School Leadership*, 10526846221149219.

Ofoegbu, E. D. & **Ekpe, L.** (2022). Walk it like you talk it: A critical discourse analysis of college athletics response to the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*. 15, 168-188. http://csri-jiaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/RA_2022_08.pdf

Gasman, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Ginsberg, A., Washington Lockett, A., Samayoa, A. C. (2021). Understanding the Motivations of Future Minority Serving Institution Presidents. *johepal*. 2021; 2 (3):7-28. <http://johepal.com/article-1-126-en.html>

Killham, J., Mejia, B., **Ekpe, L.**, Estanga, L. (2021). The Strength of a Tigress: An Examination of Latina First Generation College Students’ Tenacity During the Rapid Shift to Remote Learning. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*.

Manuscripts Under Review

Atwood, E., **Ekpe, L.**, Bryant, E., Scroggins, K. “I Like this Room”: Using Participatory Photography to Understand Student Concepts of Place and Space. *Journal of School Leadership*.

Ekpe, L., Toutant, S. Google is Free: The Inconveniences of the Didactic Model for Black People When Educating White Colleagues on Racism in Academia. *Whiteness and Education*.

Book Chapters

Ekpe, L. Adjuncting While Black. *Black Faculty Do It All: A Moment in The Life of a Blackademic*. Information Age Publishing.

Ekpe, L. U. & Wallace, J. K. (2023). Engaging Sankofa Mentorship to Create Liberatory Practices for Black Graduate Students at Historically White Institutions. In A. Wilkerson & S. Samuels (Eds.), *Best Practices and Programmatic Approaches for Mentoring Educational Leaders* (pp. 176-187). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-6049-8.ch013>

Ekpe, L., & Toutant, S. (2023). Empowering Adolescent Girls in STEM Through Online Learning and Mentoring. *Teaching and Learning Online: Science for Secondary Grade Levels*, 69.

Ekpe, L. & Toutant, S. (2022). Moving Beyond Performative Allyship: A Conceptual Framework for Anti-racist Co-conspirators. In: Johnson, K.F., Sparkman-Key, N.M., Meca, A., Tarver, S.Z. (eds) *Developing Anti-Racist Practices in the Helping Professions: Inclusive*

Theory, Pedagogy, and Application. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-95451-2_5

Silveus, A., **Ekpe, L.** (2021) The Evolution Revolution: The Application of a Leadership Adaptation Continuum to the Future of Global Higher Education Post COVID-19. *STAR Scholars. Journal of International Scholars*.

Forthcoming Book Chapters

Ekpe, L. Ofoegbu, E. Color Complex: The Line of Division within Greek-Letter Organizations. *Identity and Learning in Sororities & Fraternities*. (Release date anticipated in Fall 2023).

Ekpe, L., Daniels, A., & Greensword, S. What They Won't Tell You: Do's and Don'ts to Adjuncting While in the Academe. *Don't Forget About the Adjuncts!* Information Age Publishing.

Huckaby, M.F., Cuellar, S., Nguyen, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Brooks, R., Hollins, K. *Beyond the Years*. In V. Garry & P. Isaac-Savage (Eds.). *Black Cultural Capital: Activism that Spurred African American High Schools*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing Inc.

Opinion Editorials

Ekpe, L., Guyton, N., Mhlbauer, A. (November 2022). *We Have To Talk About Mental Health for Student-Athletes*. HigherEdJobs. <https://www.higheredjobs.com/articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=3258>

Ekpe, L., & McCray, T. (August 2022). *Graduate Student Perspective: New Year for Opportunity*. HigherEdJobs. <https://www.higheredjobs.com/Articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=3146&Title=Graduate%20Student%20Perspective%3A%20New%20Year%20for%20Opportunity>

Ekpe, L. (June 2022). *Counteracting Censorship: Protecting Academic Freedom through Faculty Senate Resolution Campaigns*. Ed Prep Matters, <https://edprepmatters.net/2022/06/counteracting-censorship-protecting-academic-freedom-through-faculty-senate-resolution-campaigns/>

Ekpe, L. (February 2022). *In the Spirit of Black History Month, You Can No Longer Be "Not Racist."* HigherEdJobs. <https://www.higheredjobs.com/Articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=2981&Title=In%20the%20Spirit%20of%20Black%20History%20Month%2C%20You%20Can%20No%20Longer%20Be%20%E2%80%9CNot%20Racist%E2%80%9D>

Ekpe, L. (March 2021). *Applying Technology-Enhanced Teaching Strategies to the New Normal in 2021 and Beyond*. Ed Prep Matters, <https://edprepmatters.net/2021/03/a-recap-and-reflection-applyingtechnology-enhanced-teaching-strategies-to-the-new-normal/>

Ekpe, L., Smith, S. L. (July 2020). *3 Tips for First-Generation Graduate Students Navigating Education During the Pandemic*. Diverse Education, www.diverseeducation.com/article/185452/.

Ekpe, L. (July 2020) *With Liberty and Justice for All: An Examination of the Freedom Not Afforded to Me*. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Leadership, Equity, and Justice, www.proctor.gse.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/Proctor%20Essay%2C%20Ekpe.pdf

Ekpe, L. (June 2020) *Educating for Social Justice*. Teaching Channel, www.teachingchannel.com/blog/educating-social-justice.

Ekpe, L. (June 2020) *A Pandemic Amongst a Pandemic: The Black Community Is Exhausted*. HigherEdJobs, www.higheredjobs.com/articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=2309

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

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| 2022 | UCEA Graduate Student Fellowship - The UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice, Awarded \$2,500.00 |
| 2022 | Collab Day - Southern Methodist University (SMU)
Grant to establish professional development for SMU and TCU graduate students; \$4,975.00 |
| 2022 | Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
Revolutionizing Social Change in the Academy
Conference Coordinator, Grant \$30,000.00 |
| 2021 | Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
Moving Forward through Activism and Advocacy
Conference Coordinator, Grant \$30,000.00 |
| 2020 | Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
REFLECT. REIMAGINE. RECONNECT.
Conference Coordinator, Grant \$27,000.00 |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 | <i>Revolutionizing Research for Social Change Workshop A Summer Institute in Anti-Racist and Decolonizing Research Information and Policies</i>
Center for Social Science Research
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia |
| 2022 | <i>Exploring Supportive Recruitment and Access Strategies: The Impact of</i> |

Test-Optional Policies on Undocumented Students' Interest, Access, and Enrollment in Highly Selective Institutions

UCEA Graduate Student Fellowship

UCEA Center for Leadership and Social Justice

Supervisor: Dr. Liliana Castrellón

2021 *Community Visioning Sessions: Evaluation Report for Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation*

Center for Public Education and Community Engagement

College of Education

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2020 *The Premier Athlete Project*

Schweitzer Fellowship

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Supervisor: Courtney Ranger

2020 *Black Girls DO STEM: Voices of Young Girls of Colors' Experiences from GEMS Camp*

Girls Interested in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science (GEMS)

Graduate Field Intern

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

Supervisor: Saki Milton

2015 Thesis: *The Use of Social Media in Presidential Campaigning*

Applied Communication Research Seminar

College of Arts and Sciences

The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

Chair: Dr. Larry Powell

2014 Thesis: *The Advancement of People of Color in Business*

Advance Management Seminar

College of Business & Public Affairs

Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama

Chair: Dr. Larry McDaniel

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, \$500

College of Education

Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, Texas

2023 Graduate Student Pillar of University Leadership

Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, Texas

2023	1st Place, Holmes Dissertation Funding Competition American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Annual Conference Indianapolis, Indiana
2023	Outstanding Graduate Student American College Personnel Association (ACPA) - Commission for Academic Support in Higher Education (CASHE)
2022	Outstanding Service Award Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Texas Christian University
2022	Outstanding Doctoral Student American College Personnel Association (ACPA) - Communities of Practice
2021	Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, \$500 College of Education Texas Christian University Fort Worth, Texas
2021	Recipient of the Texas Christian University Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship
2020	Recipient of the Texas Christian University Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship
2020	Recipient of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education Founder's Day Scholarship Award
2019	Recipient of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE) Founder's Day Scholarship Award