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# EDUCATION

**Florida State University** Tallahassee, FL

Doctor of Philosophy (Sociology) Expected May 2023

Race and Inequalities Concentration

**Florida A&M University (FAMU)** Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Science in Sociology May 4th, 2019

Minor: Philosophy/ Religion

GPA: 3.88/4.0

Summa Cum Laude

# EXPERIENCE

**Children’s Defense Fund**, Tallahassee FL May 2019-July 2019

Freedom School Writing Instructor

**Avondale Development Corporation**, Cincinnati, OH May 2018-Aug 2018

Sociological Analysis and Field Researching Intern

**University of Cincinnati Service Learning Department**, Cincinnati, OH May 2016-Aug 2016

Media/Marketing Summer Intern

* Designed Media outreach plans for the social learning and social action activities.

## LEADERSHIP

College of Social Science and Public Policy: Women Graduate Social Network Sep 2019 – Present

(Sociology) Representative (Florida State University)

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society Graduate Chapter Aug 2019- Present

(Florida State University**)** Secretary

Mid-South Sociological Association Travel Scholarship Committee Member Aug 2019 – Oct 2019

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, (Florida A&M University) Aug 2017-Aug 2019

Chapter President

FAMU Athletic Committee, Tallahassee, FL Aug 2017 - Aug 2019

Student-Representative

* Proposed an initiative for enhanced classroom performance during athletic competition, increasing the Academic Progress Rate, and renovation of campus facilities.

## Presentation, Publications, and papers

Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference: *Cyber Civil Rights Movement: Social Media’s Impact on the Racial Attitudes Towards/of African Americans and Cross-National Mobilization in America.* (April 2019)

Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference: *From Civil Rights to Silver Rights: The Forgotten Legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King’s Fight for Economic Justice* and Student Panel participant*.* (Oct 26, 2018)

Authored Caged: A Poetic Collection of the African American Experience

* Caged is being utilized in the curriculum within the FAMU course, Sociology of the Black Experience, and the Junior History and English classes at FAMU DRS.

Authored Wash Day (Children’s Book)

Authored “The Fluffy Adventures of FroMo” Children’s Chapter Book

## HONORS AND INVOLVEMENT

Sociologist for Women in Society 2019-Present

FAMU Presidents List – Spring 2017; Fall 2018

FAMU Dean’s List – Fall 2016 - Spring 2018

FAMU Honor Roll – Fall 2016 - Spring 2018

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated (Tallahassee Alumnae Chapter)

FAMU Athletics Outstanding Academic Performance Award – **Highest GPA** - Fall 2017-Spring 2019

National Society of Leadership and Success - Spring 2017 – Present

Collegiate Women’s Basketball – Furman Univ. Fall (2015-2016); Florida A & M Univ. (Fall 2016 – Spring 2019)