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### PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Visual Information Management (DOD/Lewis Price) in the Public Affairs & Communication Strategy Directorate at Ft. Meade's (MD) Defense Information School. (2020 to present).

Principal Consultant. *Brown Images*. An educational and creative consulting business that manages artistic, photography and writing projects. (2009-Present).

International Editor Emeritus of *The Oracle Magazine*. Official publication for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Edited articles and pictures from 750 chapters in the U.S., continent of Africa, England, Germany, and Japan. Wrote membership profile stories. (2014-2020).

Picture editor and Photojournalist. *Chicago Tribune*. Photographed local, national, and international feature, news and sports assignments. As editor managed visual content and sports coverage with editors, photographers and writers. (1991 to 2008).

Photojournalist. *Boston Globe*. Photographed major news, feature and sports assignments. (1990 to 1991).

### MAJOR PHOTOGRAPHY ASSIGNMENTS

#### NEWS

- Baltimore Riots
- Democratic Convention, Denver
- Inauguration of Nelson Mandela
- Liberia's presidential elections
- Presidential campaign of Barack Obama
- Republican Convention, Cleveland
- South Africa's first all-race elections
- White House coverage

#### SPORTS

- Boston Marathon
- Indianapolis 500 Speedway Race
- Kentucky Derby
- Little League Baseball World Series
- Major League Baseball playoffs
- NBA Basketball Championship Finals
- NFL Football Pro Bowl
- Summer Olympic Games (Atlanta and London)

### MULTIMEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECTS

- *"There Goes the neighborhood: What we really mean when we say "Gentrification."* An in-depth look at gentrification in Brooklyn. Multimedia work featured on website for *Nation Magazine* and *WNYC Radio's* podcast project. March 2016.
- Produced online multi-media package (photographs, story & video) titled *"Youth Maryland baseball team gets its chance to play at the Hall of Fame."* BUZZFEED. (2015).

### OTHER ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN MEDIA AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- Adjunct Faculty. Washington Adventist University. Taught communication, photography & multimedia.
- Assistant Professor of Journalism. Howard University. Taught media history, photojournalism & visual communication.
- Online Faculty. Northern Virginia Community College. Taught and wrote photography online curriculum.
- Online Faculty. Art Institute of Pittsburgh. Taught digital photographic design and photographic history.
- Adjunct Faculty. Loyola University-Chicago. Taught digital photojournalism course.
- Adjunct Faculty. Northwestern University. Medill School of Journalism. Taught digital photojournalism course.
- Instructor of Art/Mass Media. Wilberforce University. Taught broadcasting, design, photography and reporting.

## EDUCATION

Ed. D., Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership. *Morgan State University*. December 2018.

M.A. in Photography/Photojournalism. *Ohio University*. School of Visual Communication. November 1982.

B.S. in Journalism. *Ball State University*. Department of Journalism. May 1978.

## ARTICLES

"*Justice in Black and White.*" An interview with America's top civil rights lawyer, Benjamin Crump. *Oracle Magazine*, November 2020.

"*Omega takes giant steps in youth mentoring.*" Vol. 89. No. 37. *Oracle Magazine*. Summer/Fall 2019.

*John: Omega's beloved photographic historian.*" Vol. 89. No. 36. *Oracle Magazine*. Winter 2019.

"*Remembering history: Member of 'Little Rock Nine' talks about his experience desegregating Central High.*" *Richmond (VA) Free Press*. September 28, 2017.

"Gentleman Joe: Baseball's Joe Black." Vol. 89. N.33. *Oracle Magazine*. Fall 2017.

"The Baltimore riots: Omega stands in the gap." Vol.86, n. 30. *Oracle Magazine*. Summer 2015/Spring 2016.

"Before Selma there was Montgomery." Interview with Montgomery Bus Boycott Attorney, Fred Gray.Vol.85, N. 29. Pp.34-35, *Oracle Magazine*, Fall 2014/Winter 2015.

"Pride, valor and respect: Black World War II veterans." *Chicago Tribune*. November 11, 1999.

"Apartheid's end changes little." *Chicago Tribune*. December 19, 1994.

"Street is boys' ugly world: Youth homeless pose challenges for South Africa. *Chicago Tribune*, July 1994.

## EXHIBITIONS

### *We Matter*

Perspective Group and Photography Gallery (2020)

Virtual conversation

Evanston, IL

### *Seed and spiritual reflections*

International Center of Photography Museum (2018)

New York, New York

### *The Dream: Scoring by Inches*

Baseball Heritage Museum (2012)

Cleveland, Ohio

### *Style: Saturday Night, Sunday Morning*

Time-Life Building (2005)

New York, New York

### *The Journey: The Next 100 Years*

Museum of Contemporary Art and Southside Community Art Center (2001)

Chicago, IL

Other exhibitions: Art Atrium Gallery, VA; Dillard University; Grambling State University; Indiana University; Milwaukee Historical Society; Morgan State University, and University of Illinois-Chicago. Chicago venues including Chicago History Museum, Du Sable Museum of African American History, ETA Gallery, Field Museum, and Museum of Science and Industry (1997-2007)

#### PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Permanent collection. H. Clinton Taylor Collection  
North Carolina A & T State University (2020)  
Greensboro, NC

Permanent collection. Michelle Obama  
Obama family pictures featured in *Vision of Hope* collection (2008).  
Chicago, IL

#### BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- *Caras Lindas De Colombia*. Wrote book foreword as a contributor for photography book. (2018). Michael J. Bracey and Ruth Goring (authors). ISBN-13: 978-0-9793154-2-8. 155 pgs.
- *Photojournalism: The professionals' approach, 7<sup>th</sup> edition*. (2017). Kenneth Kobre. New York: Routledge.
- *Obama: From promise to power*. (2007). David Mendell. New York: HarperCollins.
- *The Journey: The Next 100 Years*. Co-edited by Milbert O. Brown, Jr. with Ensdorf and Morris. (2006). Chicago: Roosevelt University, Library of Congress, Cataloging in Publication Division. 164 pgs. Documentary photography book.
- *Family Treasures: Memoirs of the Blanchard Family*. Brown, Milbert O. (2003). Genealogical book that traced a Black family's history from their 1690 French roots, through slavery in Mississippi, to the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Book includes documents, family oral history stories, rare photographs, and slave records. Part of the Chicago Public Library's Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature. 144 pgs. Chicago: Cameron Publishing.
- *Soul Food: Recipes and reflections from African American churches*. (1998). Joyce White. New York: HarperCollins.

#### VISUAL LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

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| 2020 | "Put that sister on the field: African American Women in Baseball." Women in Baseball Conference. Rockford University. Virtual. September.   |
| 2019 | "Understanding multimedia applications in the age of social media." Discussed multimedia tools used for branding and institutional learning. National Association of Black Journalists Convention. Moderator and session organizer. Miami. August. April.  |
| 2018 | Reviewer of <i>Photography Portfolios</i> —Part of the 75th Retrospective Pictures of the Year International (POY) exhibit at the Newseum. Joined with the White House News Photographers Association editors and members in reviewing portfolios of professional and student photographers. National Press Club. Washington, D.C., April. |
| 2017 | "Visualizing Black Lives Matter and the Media." Research presentation. Sponsored by the Visual Communication, Minorities and Communication Divisions. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications' (AEJMC) National Convention. Chicago, August.   |
| 2012 | "Visual Moments: Today's Picture Editing and Design." University of North Carolina's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Adobe Connect: Chapel Hill, NC.  |
| 2005 | "Without Sanctuary—Lynching Photography in America." Panelist. Sponsored by Chicago Historical Society. Chicago, IL.   |
| 2004 | "The life and works of the late Harlem Renaissance photographer James Vander Zee. Moderator for exhibition discussion. Art Institute of Chicago. Chicago, IL.  |
| 2001 | Guest Editor for Kodak Community, an online magazine discussing photography. Eastman Kodak Company.  |

## VISUAL ADMINISTRATION

- 2016-19 **Advisor.** Established the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA) Student Chapter at Howard University as the Faculty Advisor. The chapter founded in 2016 was NPPA's 14th student branch and the first chapter at an Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The Howard University student chapter was named as the "2016 NPPA Student Chapter of the Year," by the national organization.
- 1999-2009 **Founder.** Chicago Alliance of African American Photographers. Conceived the idea to photographically document the life and culture of African Americans in the Greater Chicago area at the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Led a team of 70 (editors and photographers) that worked on the organization's signature project "*The Journey: The Next 100 Years*," as the project director. Collaborated with art administrators in securing exhibit venues, and the donation of the original silver-gelatin exhibition prints to the Chicago History Museum's permanent collection. Promoted the historical importance of the project through radio, TV, newspaper and magazine interviews. Managed corporate fundraising and established the organizational 501(c) 3 destination.

## PHOTOGRAPHY IN MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION

- **Magazines:** *Bridesnoir, Crisis, Emerge, Ebony, Jet, NABJ Journal, Nation, Oracle, Proud, Soulful, Sunday, Vibe, World and YSB Magazine.*
- **Newspapers:** *Baltimore Sun, Boston Globe, Chicago Tribune, Dallas Times Herald, Dayton Journal Herald, Howard County Times, Gary Post-Tribune, Louisville Courier-Journal, Los Angeles Times, Muncie Star, Orlando Sentinel, Philadelphia Daily News, Seattle Times, and the Washington Post.*
- **National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Black Newspaper Group:** *Arizona Informant, Atlanta Daily World, Baltimore Afro, Black Press USA, Chicago Crusader, Chicago Defender, Dallas Weekly, District Chronicles (DC), Louisiana Weekly, Michigan Chronicle, Nashville Pride, New Journal and Guide (VA), New Orleans Data News Weekly, Pittsburgh Courier, Seattle Medium, Skanner (Portland), South Jersey Journal and Westside Gazette (FL).*
- **Picture Agency Contributor:** Getty Images
- **TV Show:** NBC's Today Show. **Wire Services:** Associated Press and United Press International.

## FELLOWSHIPS

- Leica Akademie, USA. Funding for workshop "*Photography as an instrument of awareness*," featuring understanding identity with activist and photographer, Eva Woolridge. August 2020.
- Faculty Research Fellowship. Office of Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. Howard University. 2016.
- *International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) Back to the Newsroom (HBCU) Faculty Fellowship.* As fellow observed the online newsroom operations of *BuzzFeed, ProPublica, and WNYC Radio.* Produced multimedia projects in New York City. 2015.
- *United Nations Overseas Reporting Fellowship.* Coverage of Liberia's presidential elections. Sponsored by Knight Foundation, National Association of Black Journalists and UN. 2005.

## NOTABLE AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Pulitzer Prize in Journalism for Explanatory Reporting.* Shared award as a 2001 contributing *Chicago Tribune* staff member.
- Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar
- Associated Press
- Boston Press Photographers Association
- Chicago Association of Black Journalists
- *Chicago Press Photographers Association*
- Gordon Parks Photography Award, International Grand Prize.
- Illinois Press Photographers Association
- Langston Hughes Writing Award, Tenth District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
- Indiana News Photographers Association
- Maryland, Delaware and DC Press Association

- National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Awards: *Design, General Reporting, New Media, and Photojournalism*
- National Press Photographers Association (NPPA). McLaughlin Award of Merit for Leadership in Photojournalism
- *SCMM-Outstanding Social Media Network Award. American College Personnel Association*
- *Stanley Douglas Editor Award. Tenth District. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity*
- *Visual Task Force's (NABJ) Moneta Sleet Photography Shootout Competition. Five-time Grand Prize Winner*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

- Chicago Alliance of African American Photographers, Founder
- Diversify Photo, member
- Foreign Correspondents Association
- National Alliance of Artists From Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- National Association of Black Journalists
- Society of American Baseball Research, Negro League Committee Member
- Society for Advancing Business Editing & Writing, Education Committee