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#### **Academic Training:**

Ph. D. (1977); M. A. (1969) University of Wisconsin-Madison

Certificate of African Studies University of Ghana, AFRICA

B. A. -Honors (1968) Tougaloo College

#### **Teaching Fields:**

Comparative Politics: African and Third World Politics; Comparative Public Administration

American Politics: Racial Politics; American Government; Public Administration and Policy

#### **Employment History:**

2009-Present: Professor and Head of Department of Political Science and Public Administration; Senior Associate in African American Studies, Mississippi State University.

1989-2009: Professor of Political Science/Black Studies Affiliate, University of Missouri. (2005-2008: Frederick Middlebush Professor of Political Science).

1989-1997: Vice Provost, Minority Affairs and Faculty Develop., MU.

1978-89: Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies and Political Science; Chairman Afro-American Studies (1982-87)--Syracuse University (NY).

1977-78: Assistant Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of Third World Studies, Hobart and Wm. Smith Colleges (NY).

1969-71 & 74-77: Instructor and Assistant Professor of Political Science; Co Director Freshman Studies (70-71)--Tougaloo College (MS).

### **Academic Distinctions and Honors:**

Black History Month Educator of the Year, 2011. (IHL, State of Mississippi); Faculty Alumni Award (University of Missouri); Martin Luther King Community Award (Columbia, Missouri); Univ of Missouri Diversity Enhancement Award; QEBH Honorary Society; Black Alumni Kwanzaa Recognition Award (MU); Who's Who Among Black Americans; Barbara Jordan Leadership Award (Big Eight Conference), Directory of Distinguished Americans; Personalities of America; Outstanding Young Men of America; Who's Who in the East; Scholar-Diplomat Program- State Department; Teacher of the Year (Tougaloo College); Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; Foreign Affairs Scholar--State Department.

### **Grants and Awards:**

African-American Institute (SUNY), Syracuse University (3), Partners of the Americas, New York Council for the Humanities (2), National Endowment for the Humanities, African-American Scholars Council, National Science Foundation (2), Ford Foundation Fellow, State University of New York Fellow, Southern Fellowships Fund, Danforth Fellow (University of Wisconsin) , Huber Foundation (Tougaloo College), USDA, AT&T, Proctor and Gamble, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Humanities Council, University of Missouri Research Board, University of Missouri South Africa Education Program, University of Missouri Faculty Adviser to Study Abroad Program (Ghana), Ford Foundation, MU Research Council (3), MU International Studies Program.

### **Recent research sponsorships:**

- **UM South Africa Education Program.** Ca \$7,000. 2006. African Diaspora Research Presentation, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.
- **MU Research Council,** Research Leave, Aaron Henry biography, 2003-2004.
- **Ford Foundation,** \$177,000, 2000-2002; **continuation,** \$300,000, 2003-2005: "Race and Democracy: Comparing Brazil and the United States." A project to organize conferences, workshops, and to prepare publications with a team of African American and Afro-Brazilian scholars. (Co-PI, David Covin, Ca. State Univ, Sacramento)
- **Tougaloo College,** \$3500, 2000-2001, To organize the annual history Conference on Aaron Henry, subject of a biography in preparation.
- **Tougaloo College Mellon/Mott Foundation,** 2000-2001, Sub-Contract for Documentary Film Production, \$3000. "Aaron Henry: Political Change in Mississippi Through the Civil Rights Movement,"

- **MU Research Council**, \$4535. 2000-2001, To continue research on political parties and civic associations in Ghana, West Africa, during the 2000 national election campaign.
- **MU International Studies Program**, \$26,600. 2001, Global Scholars, a program to internationalizing the university curriculum. Ten faculty at the University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

**Professional Memberships:**

American Political Science Association (Editorial Board of its journal, APSR; chair Nominating Committee); National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Past President; Award Chair; Graduate Assistant Program Board; Comparative Section chair; editorial board of its journal); Midwest Political Science Association; International Political Science Association; African Association of Political Science (past President); African Studies Association; Third World Conference Foundation (Board of Directors, 1990); American Association of University Professors.

**Selected Recent and Continuing Community Action:**

Mississippi Civil Rights Commission, Blind Boone Foundation Board, We Always Swing Jazz Board (past), Minority Men’s Network, Columbia United Way Board (past), Woodhaven Learning Center Board (MO) (past), Food Pantry Volunteer, Missouri Humanities Council Board (past Chair), Museum Associates Board (past), Syracuse Symphony Board (past), Columbia (MO) Cultural Affairs Commissioner (past Chair).

**References:** on request.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Books**

Race and Democracy in the Americas: Brazil and the United States. Edited with David Covin and Michael Mitchell. Manuscript in revision, ca 400 pp.

African Americans and Political Participation, Editor, Denver: ABC-CLIO. 2003.

Black Political Mobilization, Leadership and Power. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press. 1987.

Ethnicity and Political Integration, (Syracuse: Africa Monograph Series, Syracuse University, 1982).

Housing and Urban Poor in Africa. Edited with Peter Gutkind. Syracuse: Africa Monograph Series, Syracuse University. 1982.

**Journal Editions:**

Race and Democracy in Brazil and the United States, in the National Political Science Review, a dedicated edition of the journal presenting **14 articles** resulting from symposia organized by Minion K. C. Morrison, Luiza Bairros, and David Covin, Co-Principal Investigators on Race and Democracy in the Americas Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Bahia, Salvador, Brazil; and Sacramento, California, 2000 and 2001. Vol. 9, 2003, 1-185.

Raca e Democracia Nas Americas, in Caderno, (Revista Semestral do Centro de Recursos Humanos Faculdade de Filosofia e Ciências Humanas Universidade Federal da Bahia), a dedicated edition of the journal presenting **five articles** resulting from symposia organized by Minion K. C. Morrison, Luiza Bairros, and David Covin, Co-Principal Investigators on Race and Democracy in the Americas Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Bahia, Salvador, Brazil; and Sacramento, California, 2000 and 2001. Coordinator in Brazil, Luiza Bairros. No. 36 Jan./Jun. 2002, Pp. 13-126.

**Films, Exhibition Catalogs:**

"Aaron Henry: Political Change in Mississippi Through the Civil Rights Movement," Documentary film (35 mins.). (Jackson: Mississippi Archives and History, 2001).

"Learning Through Memory," in Perchinske, Marlene, ed. Commitment Fatherhood in Black America. (Book accompanying photographic exhibition on African American fathers.) Columbia: Univ. of Missouri Press, 1998, pp 5-11.

"African Art: Rhythm, Ritual and Economy," exhibition catalog (Two Flights Up Gallery, 404 South Franklin Street, Syracuse, New York--February, 1984) (Guest Curator).

**Articles**

"Did Secularism Fail? The Rise of Religion in Turkish Politics." Politics and Religion. With Zeynep Taydas and Yasemin Akbaba. In Press. 31pp.

"Ghana: Partisan Stability in 2004 Elections." Africa Contemporary Record, #29. With Dursun Peksen. In Press. 19pp.

"Aaron Henry, 1922-1997." The Mississippi Encyclopedia. University Press of Mississippi. Forthcoming. 3pp.

"Aaron Henry of Mississippi: A Political Biography of a Man and a Movement for Black Empowerment, 1927-1996." National Political Science Review. Forthcoming. 5pp.

"The Mississippi NAACP." The Mississippi Encyclopedia. University Press of Mississippi. Forthcoming. 6pp.

"A Tribute To David Covin: Colleague, Scholar, Writer, Thinker, And Friend." Forthcoming. Festschrift. D. Green, Ed. CSU-Sacramento. 16 pp.

"The Emergence of a Legislative Caucus of Afro-Descendant Legislators in the Americas: Context, Progress, and Agenda Setting." 2010. In Michael Clemons, Ed. African Americans and Global Affairs. University Press of New England. 249-282.

"Creating a Transnational Network of Black Legislators in the Americas" With M. Mitchell and O. Johnson. National Political Science Review. 12:227-246:2009.

"Reflections of a Senior Scholar on the Profession of Political Science." *Forum on Diversity in the International Studies Profession*. International Studies Perspectives. 9:459-463: 2008.

"Are African Voters Really Ethnic or Clientelistic? Survey Evidence from Ghana." Political Science Quarterly. With Staffan Lindberg. 123: 95-122: 2008.

"National Elections in Nigeria." With Dursun Peksen. NY: College Board. 2008. 13pp.

"Ghana's Political Parties: How Ethno/Regional Variations Sustain The National Two-Party System." Journal of Modern African Studies. With Jae-Woo Hong, V44, 4, 2006, pp 1-25.

"Forward." In Austin, Sharon W. 2006. The Transformation of Plantation Politics. New York: SUNY Press. XI-XIV.

"Exploring Voter Alignments In Africa: Core And Swing Voters In Ghana." Journal of Modern African Studies, with Staffan Lindberg, V43, 4, 2005: 565-586.

Ghana Two-Party Government: Alternation of Political Parties in the Fourth Republic." Africa Contemporary Record 2001-2002, V28. New York: Holmes and Meier, 2006, B70-B85.

"Political Parties in Ghana through Four Republics: A Path to Democratic Consolidation," Comparative Politics, V36, #4, July 2004, 421-442.

"Ghana: An Alternation in Power in the Fourth Republic," Colin Legum, ed. Africa Contemporary Record, 1998-2000, V27. New York: Holmes and Meier, 2004, B67-B86.

"Linking the African Diaspora in Brazil and the United States: The Race and Democracy in the Americas Project," Latitudes Noires, 2003-2004 (Strasbourg, France), 201-222.

"Afro United States and Afro-Brazilian Electoral Leadership: Jackson, Mississippi and Sao Paulo, Brazil," in David Covin , Michael Mitchell, and Minion K. C. Morrison. eds., Race and Democracy in the Americas: Brazil and the United States, book chapter, 45pp.

"The National Urban League in the Development of Leadership Among African American Women," in Franklin Jones and Michael Adams, Eds. Readings in American Political Issues, Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt, 2004, 189-201.

"African American Women Expanding the Definition of the Political: The Evolution of Unita Blackwell in Mississippi Politics," book chapter in Rose Harris, Ed. The African American Political Woman: A Reader, Rutgers University Press, in press, 28 pp.

"African Americans And The Political Process: An Overview," chapter in African Americans and Political Participation, M. K. C. Morrison, Ed. Denver: ABC-CLIO Publishers, 2003, 1-62.

"African American Participation in Political Office Holding," chapter in African Americans and Political Participation, M. K. C. Morrison, Ed. Denver: ABC-CLIO Publishers, 2003, 241-308. With Richard Middleton, IV.

"Forward" in Cameroon: Politics and Society. Jean-Germain Gros, Ed. Lanham: University Press of America, 2003, pp. ix-xiv.

"Race and Democracy in Brazil and the United States: The Evolution of a Program," National Political Science Review. 2003. V. 9, pp. 6-30.

"Ghana: The Fourth Republic Enters A Second Term." Colin Legum, ed. Africa Contemporary Record, 1996-98, V.26. New York: Holmes and Meier, 2002, pp. B64-B76

"Prologue," a chapter in Hanes Walton, et al, eds., Liberian Politics: The Portrait of African-American Diplomat J. Milton Turner, Lexington Press, 2002, pp. xxvii-xlii.

"Following A Tradition of African American Diplomatic Leadership to Liberia: Ambassador Bismarck Myrick," a chapter in Hanes Walton, et al, eds., Liberian Politics: The Portrait of African-American Diplomat J. Milton Turner, Lexington Press, 2002, pp. 385-395.

"The Fourth Republic of Ghana Seeks Consolidation," Colin Legum, Africa Contemporary Record, 1992-94, New York: Holmes and Meier, 2001, pp. B 57-73.

"The African American Political Experience," in Strickland, Arvarh and Robert Weems, eds., The African-American Experience. Westport, Cn: Greenwood Press, 2000, pp. 189-215. (With Sharon Wright).

"The Modulated Return of Multi-Party Government in Ghana," Colin Legum, Africa Contemporary Record, 1992-94, New York: Holmes and Meier, 2000, pp. B44-59.

"The Influence of the United States on the Democratization Process in Africa," Histoire et Anthropologie, 1998, #17, pp. 129-136. (With Daniel Egbe).

"South African and U. S. Higher Education: Challenges and Partnership," in South Africa Project Report (Washington, D.C.: American Council on Education Newsletter), (February 1996), pp. 1-5. (With Sasha Drobnick)

"Unita Blackwell: Mississippi's First Black Woman Mayor," The African Americanist , v. 6, #5, (Winter, 1996), Black Studies Program Newsletter, Univ. of Missouri Columbia, p. 4.

"Mississippi," in Chandler Davidson and Bernard Grofman, eds. Quiet Revolution in the South (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994), pp. 136-54. (With Frank Parker and David Colby).

"Upper Level Administration Strategies to Institutionalize a Comprehensive Approach to Diversity in the Modern University," in Impart, V. 2 (Spring, 1994), pp. 87 100.

"Improving the Climate: Eight Universities Meet the Challenges of Diversity," in Nancy Chism and Laura Border, eds., Teaching For Diversity (San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 1992), pp. 89-102. (With Diane vom Saal and Debrah Jefferson).

"Intragroup Conflict in African-American Leadership: The Case of Tchula, Mississippi," in Comparative Studies in Society and History, V. 32 #4, (October, 1990) pp. 701-717.

"Migrational Settlement in France, the U.K. and the Netherlands," in Recht & Rassemdiskriminatie (Utrecht, Holland: Plataforma Di Organisashonnan Antiano, May, 1989), pp. 16-35.

"Racial Violence and Racial Mobilization in the United States, (1960-1980)," in Body - Gendrot, Sophie and Jacques Carré, eds., Ville et Violence Dans Le Monde Anglophone (Clermont-Ferrand, France: Université Blaise-Pascal, January, 1989), pp. 97-114.

"A Profile of Black Leadership in Syracuse, New York since 1965," in Afro Americans in New York Life and History, V. 12, #2 (July, 1988), pp 7-18.

"Federal Aid and Afro-American Political Power in the Rural South," in Publius, V. 17, #4 (Fall, 1987).

"Grass Roots Contemporary Attitudes Towards Africa from Rural Afro Americans in the South," in Comparative Studies in Society and History, V. 29, #2 (April, 1987).

"The United States and Africa: Race and Economics in Foreign Policy-Making, in Franklin Jones and Michael Adams, eds.", Readings in American Political Issues, (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 1987).

"Black Power in Bolton," Cornell Journal of Social Relations, V. 19, #1 (Spring 1986).

"Preconditions for Afro-American Leadership: Three Mississippi Towns," in Polity, V. XVII, #3 (Spring, 1985).

"The New International Economic Order and Africa," Afrique et Developpement, V. IX, #1 (1984).

"Ethnicity and Integration: Dynamics of Change and Resilience in Contemporary Ghana," Comparative Political Studies (Winter, 1983).

"Southern Blacks Take Some Small, First Steps in Rural Politics," Planning (August, 1973).

"The Transfer of Political Power in a Bi-racial Mississippi Town," Growth and Change (1972), V.4 #2. Pp 25-29. (With Joe C. Huang).

"Some Thoughts Relating to the Use of Computers for Political Research in Black Colleges," Proceedings of Conferences on Computers in Undergraduate Curricula (June, 1970) (University of Iowa).

### **Completed Manuscripts In Revision/Review**

Aaron Henry of Mississippi: A Political Biography. (Book in manuscript – 960pp)

### **Selected Book/Manuscript Reviews**

American Political Science Review; Journal of American Academy of Religion; Western Journal of Black Studies; African Studies Review; Journal of Modern African Studies; African Book Publishers Record; Ohio State University; Oxford University Press, Prentice-Hall, SUNY Press.

### **Papers/Panels Organized for Professional Associations \*\***

American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association National Conference on Racial & Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Association of Caribbean Studies, African Association of Political Scientists, African Studies Association, National Council of Black Studies Professional Organization Development Network, Third World Conference Foundation

\*\* Other professional activities not listed are scores of public lectures, workshops, election observations and consultancies in colleges/universities throughout the US; Africa South of the Sahara; Britain, France and Holland; and the Caribbean and Brazil. A selected list of organizations for which some of these activities have been performed include the Ford Foundation, United Nations (UN), International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), National Democratic Institute (NDI), African American Institute (AAI), ETS, and US State Department.