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Curriculum Vitae

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Visionary economist, educator, and global innovation leader with a record of advancing equity-centered solutions at the intersection of **education, technology, and entrepreneurship**. As Dean of the School of Business at Medgar Evers College (CUNY), pioneered the **Entrepreneurship & Experiential Learning Lab (EEL)**, impacting over 500 underserved students and boosting student ventures by 40%. Recognized speaker at the **World Economic Forum** and Future of Work Ambassador with Experfy. Author of *Tech-Enabled Futures*, shaping U.S. and EU policy on digital inclusion. Extensive cross-sector leadership spans **IBM**, U.S. federal agencies, and academia, with a passion for translating innovation into real-world impact.

CORE EXPERTISE

Leadership & Strategy | Digital Equity & Innovation | Future of Work | Entrepreneurship Ecosystems
Global Education & Policy | DEI & Economic Development | Fundraising & Partnerships | Thought Leadership

BOARD EXPERIENCE & SELECTED APPOINTMENTS

Board experience spanning three decades in positions including member, treasurer, and secretary.
National HBCU Business Deans Roundtable, 2019 President 2023 Immediate Past President 2024
The North Coast College, Director January 2018
International Listening Centre Vice President, November 2017
Apollos University, January 2017 - 2022
HBCU / MI Project Office, January 2015 -2022
IEEE January 2005 – April 2007
Albany Fund for Educators, Treasurer 2005- 2007
International Council on System Engineering 2000 – 2001
Department of Commerce Minority Business Education 1997 – 2001
Secretary Drew Dawn Enterprises 2003 – 2007
Women National Book Association 1992-1996
Editor and board member Washington Women Economist 1985 -86

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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Ph.D., Economics, 1984

concentration in Human Resources, Urban Studies, Quantitative Analysis
Howard University, Washington, DC

Master of Arts, Economics 1975

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois

Bachelor of Business Administration, Management & Economics, 1974

The University of Miami, Miami, Florida

RECENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medgar Evers College (MEC), City University of New York (CUNY), New York, New York

DEAN, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (July 2014 to 2024)

- Founded and led the **Entrepreneurship & Experiential Learning Lab (EEL)**; connected 500+ underserved students to global innovation ecosystems, increasing ventures by 40%.
- Secured major funding from **Carnegie Mellon, Santander Bank Foundation, CUNY**, and others.
- Launched international study programs across **Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean**.
- Published *Tech-Enabled Futures* (2024), influencing equity policy in the **EU and U.S.**
- Speaker at **World Economic Forum** and global Future of Work panels; engaged with tech leaders from **15+ countries**.

J.D. Rolle & Associates Inc.

FOUNDER, MANAGING PRINCIPAL (January 1994 to Present)

- Consulted for **NASA, IBM, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, TEXACO, USPS**, and more.
- Led national program evaluations and diversity entrepreneurship strategy.
- Supported technology and grant development for defense and education sectors.

The University of Fairfax, Vienna, Virginia

PRESIDENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (2012)

- Directed cybersecurity-focused institution through acquisition and transition.
 - Recruited investors and developed long-term institutional sustainability strategy.
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Laboratory Institute of Merchandising (LIM) College, New York, New York

SEN. VP, ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS, CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER. (May 2007 to May 2012)

- Launched the college's **first MBA in Fashion Management & Entrepreneurship.**
- Earned accreditation from **ACBSP** and NY State Education Department.
- Introduced online learning, continuing education, and adult learning programs.

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (June 2005 to June 2007)

- Launched MBA in Agribusiness and graduated first class in Nuclear Engineering.
- Grew online learning by 121%, improved tech infrastructure, and boosted summer enrollments.

SELECTED CAREER HISTORY

Excelsior College, Albany, New York

DEAN, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY (2003 to 2005)

University of Maryland University College, Global Campus, Adelphi, Maryland

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMINISTRATION, COLLEGIATE PROF. OF MANAGEMENT (2001 to 2003)

Hampton University School of Business, Hampton, Virginia

CHAIR, ECONOMICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (1997 to 2001)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE FELLOW (1993 to 1994)

IBM, Poughkeepsie, New York; Bethesda Maryland; and Washington, DC

VISITING PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, HAMPTON UNIVERSITY (1992 to 1993)

MANAGER, APPLICATION SOLUTIONS DIVISION (1990 to 1992)

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL COMPUTING SPECIALIST TO FINANCIAL AND BANKING SECTOR (1987 to 1989)

INFORMATION SYSTEMS LARGE SYSTEMS COMPUTING FORECASTER (1984 to 1987)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Tech-Enabled Futures: Elevating Education in Underserved Areas* (2024)
- *Sustainability & Future of Work and Entrepreneurship for the Underserved* (2022)
- *A Handbook on the Future of Work and the Underserved* (2021)
- Multiple peer-reviewed journal articles on entrepreneurship, innovation, and global education

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- **Top 25 Influential African American Women in Business**, Network Journal
- **World Economic Forum Speaker** – Digital Inclusion Panel
- Multiple citations from **NYC Borough President** for Leadership & Community Impact
- Harvard Administrative Fellow; George Washington University Research Fellow
- Selected Fellow, **Price-Babson Symposium for Entrepreneurship Educators (SEE)**