

RONYELLE BERTRAND RICARD

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy

The Pennsylvania State University

August 2006
Higher Education

Dissertation: *Mission Matters: Presidential Perspectives on the Role of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

Master of Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2000
Higher Education Administration

Bachelor of Science, cum laude

Xavier University of Louisiana

May 1999
Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Southern University and A&M College

Special Assistant to the Chancellor/Executive Vice President and Provost
2012- Present

- Provide executive support to the Chancellor/Executive Vice President and Provost in all his internal and external supervisory and leadership roles
- Research, design, draft, edit, and prepare a variety of confidential and sensitive materials including speeches, correspondence, reports, donor letters, presentations, and policies and procedures
- Coordinate and arrange details for internal and external meetings and events
- Serve as the point of contact to assist parents and students in interpreting certain university policies and procedures
- Serve as Liaison to the Business and Industry Cluster
- Manage and coordinate the Boeing Company Grant
- Oversee the student grievance process at the level of the Chancellor/Executive Vice President and Provost
- Supervise the Chancellor's need-based scholarship

Howard University

Coordinator for the Presidential Commission on Academic Renewal
2009-2012

- Engaged in a thorough review of the university's undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic programs
- Managed the collection and analysis of information provided by the work groups consisting of faculty, staff, students, and external experts
- Created a comprehensive resource database encompassing past program reviews and accreditation reports of the university's 13 schools and colleges
- Prepared detailed reports, presentations, correspondence for the President
- Implemented a weekly podcast and organized town hall meetings for the campus at-large
- Contributed to the writing and editing process of the final report

Coordinator for the University-wide Reaffirmation of Accreditation Initiative
2007-2009

- Managed staff, fiscal matters, and all daily aspects of the Self-Study Office
- Planned meetings and organized off-campus retreats for university faculty, staff, administrators, and students
- Worked in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Assessment and Evaluation on survey design and data collection
- Assisted with the writing and publication of the 2009 Self-Study Report

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

Coordinator for Research and Professional Development
2006-2007

- Coordinated education programs including seminars, institutes, committee meetings, and the annual meeting
- Assisted with the writing and editing of reports, publications, and general communication for the membership, staff, general public, and the Board of Directors
- Conducted research on topics including multicultural education, access, leadership, curriculum, education policy, and assessment

RELATED EMPLOYMENT**The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education**

Research Intern
2005-2006

The United Negro College Fund

Research Intern, Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute
2004-2004

The Pennsylvania State University

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Education Policy Studies
Center for the Study of Higher Education
2002-2004

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Admissions Coordinator, Department of Educational Organization and Leadership
2001-2001

Graduate Advisor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Bridge Transition Program
2000-2001

Graduate Assistant, Office of the Dean of Students, Program Coordinating Council
2000-2001

Teaching Assistant, Department of Educational Organization and Leadership
The American College and University (Professor: Dr. M. Christopher Brown II)
2000-2000

PUBLICATIONS

Ricard, R. B., & Brown, M. C. (2008). *Ebony towers in higher education: The evolution, mission, and presidency of historically black colleges and universities.* Sterling, VA: Stylus.

Brown, M. C., **Ricard, R. B., & Donahoo, S. (2004).** The changing role of historically black colleges and universities: Vistas on dual missions, desegregation, and diversity. In M. C. Brown & K. Freeman (Eds.), *Black colleges: New perspectives on policy and practice* (pp. 3-28). Westport, CT: Praeger.

Brown, M. C., & **Ricard, R. B. (2008).** The honorable past and uncertain future of the nation's HBCUs. *Thought & Action*, 23, 117-130.

Ricard, R. B., & Brown, M. C. (2004). Review of *Stand and prosper: Private black colleges and their students.* *Journal of Higher Education*, 75, 704-707.

Brown, M. C., Donahoo, S., & **Bertrand, R. D. (2001).** The black college and the quest for educational opportunity. *Urban Education*, 36(5), 553-573.

Bertrand, R. D. (1999). Review of *The women's guide to surviving graduate school.* *NACADA Journal*, 19(2), 64-65.

Bertrand, R. D. (1999). Reflections on my peer advising career. *The Mentor On-line Academic Advising Journal*, 1.September 20, 1999.

PRESENTATIONS

(February 2007). (with M. C. Brown, B. C. Williams, T. Washington, & N. Barnes). "Reclaiming the legacy: Educational excellence and historically black colleges," American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 59th Annual Meeting and Exhibits, New York, NY.

(November 2003). (with M. C. Brown & E. M. Zamani). "A quarter century of scholarship: Publication trends in the Review of Higher Education," 28th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, Portland, Oregon.

HONORS

Bunton-Waller Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University
Miriam E. Gray Scholarship, The Pennsylvania State University
Graduate College Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Association for the Study of Higher Education Graduate Policy Seminar
Association for the Study of Higher Education Graduate Representative to Reader Series
Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education
Phi Delta Kappa Professional Education Fraternity
Alpha Kappa Mu Academic Honor Society
Ronald E. McNair Scholar