



Curriculum Vita August 2023

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EDUCATION

2023 Doctor of Philosophy, College of Education
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2016 Master of Business Administration, College of Business Administration
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

2015 Master of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences
The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama

2014 Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, College of Business & Public Affairs
Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

2023 Revolution U: Dismantling Systemic Racism in Faculty Hiring | Rutgers University

2023 Anti-Racist Series | Texas Christian University

2022 Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Graduate Certificate | Texas Christian University

2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Certificate | Cornell University

2019 Graduate Student Pedagogy Certificate | Texas Christian University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2023 Assistant Professor
Department: Higher Education and Learning Technologies
East Texas A&M University
Commerce, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts

1. Thompson, V.J., **Ekpe, L.** There is No Vacation from Trauma: Black Female Academicians' Narratives on the Need for Community During Times of Racialized Injustices. *Journal of Trauma Studies in Education*.
2. **Ekpe, L.**, Sherman, A., & Ofoegbu, E. D. (2023). Restoring Resilience Through Joy: The Pursuit of Happiness in the Midst of Unprecedented Times. *Equity in Education & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/27526461231154012>
3. Gasman, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Ginsberg, A.C. *et al.* (2023). Why Aspiring Leaders Choose to Lead Historically Black Colleges and Universities. *Innov High Educ.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s1075502209644-3>
4. **Ekpe, L.**, & Roach, W. N. (2023). A Guise of Inclusion: The Survival of 'Non-Ideal' Students in White Supremacist Heteropatriarchal Systems of Education. *Journal of School Leadership*, 10526846221149219.
5. Ofoegbu, E. D. & **Ekpe, L.** (2022). Walk it like you talk it: A critical discourse analysis of college athletics response to the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*. 15, 168-188. http://csrijiia.org/wpcontent/uploads/2022/03/RA_2022_08.pdf
6. Gasman, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Ginsberg, A., Washington Lockett, A., Samayoa, A. C. (2021). Understanding the Motivations of Future Minority Serving Institution Presidents. *johepal*. 2021; 2 (3):7-28. <http://johepal.com/article-1-126-en.html>

7. Killham, J., Mejía, B., **Ekpe, L.**, Estanga, L. (2021). The Strength of a Tigress: An Examination of Latina First-Generation College Students' Tenacity During the Rapid Shift to Remote Learning. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*.

Book Chapters

1. Huckaby, M.F., Cuellar, S., Nguyen, M., **Ekpe, L.**, Brooks, R., Hollins, K. *Beyond the Years*. In V. Garry & P. Isaac-Savage (Eds.). *Black Cultural Capital: Activism that Spurred African American High Schools*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing Inc.
2. **Ekpe, L.** Adjuncting While Black. *Black Faculty Do It All: A Moment in The Life of a Blackademic*. Information Age Publishing.
3. **Ekpe, L. U.** & Wallace, J. K. (2023). Engaging Sankofa Mentorship to Create Liberatory Practices for Black Graduate Students at Historically White Institutions. In A. Wilkerson & S. Samuels (Eds.), *Best Practices and Programmatic Approaches for Mentoring Educational Leaders* (pp. 176-187). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-6684-6049-8.ch013>
4. **Ekpe, L.**, & Toutant, S. (2023). Empowering Adolescent Girls in STEM Through Online Learning and Mentoring. *Teaching and Learning Online: Science for Secondary Grade Levels*, 69.
5. **Ekpe, L.** & Toutant, S. (2022). Moving Beyond Performative Allyship: A Conceptual Framework for Anti-racist Co-conspirators. In: Johnson, K.F., Sparkman-Key, N.M., Meca, A., Tarver, S.Z. (eds) *Developing Anti-Racist Practices in the Helping Professions: Inclusive Theory, Pedagogy, and Application*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/9783030-95451-2_5
6. Silveus, A., **Ekpe, L.** (2021). The Evolution Revolution: The Application of a Leadership Adaptation Continuum to the Future of Global Higher Education Post COVID-19. *STAR Scholars. Journal of International Scholars*.

Opinion Editorials

1. **Ekpe, L.**, Guyton, N., Mihlbauer, A. (November 2022). *We Have To Talk About Mental Health for Student-Athletes*. HigherEdJobs. ([link](#))
2. **Ekpe, L.**, & McCray, T. (August 2022). *Graduate Student Perspective: New Year for Opportunity*. HigherEdJobs. ([link](#))

3. **Ekpe, L.**, Smith, S. L. (July 2020). *3 Tips for First-Generation Graduate Students Navigating Education During the Pandemic*. Diverse Education. ([link](#))

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

2022 UCEA Graduate Student Fellowship
The UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice
Awarded \$2,500.00

2022 Southern Methodist University (SMU) Grant
College of Education - Collab Day
Awarded \$4,975.00

2022 Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
Revolutionizing Social Change in the Academy
Awarded \$30,000.00

2021 Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
Moving Forward through Activism and Advocacy
Awarded \$30,000.00

2020 Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University
REFLECT. REIMAGINE. RECONNECT.
Awarded \$27,000.00

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, \$500 | College of Education | TCU

2023 Graduate Student Pillar of University Leadership | TCU

2023 1st Place, Holmes Dissertation Funding Competition | AACTE

2023 Outstanding Graduate Student | CASHE | ACPA

2022 Outstanding Service Award | Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) | TCU

2022 Outstanding Doctoral Student | Communities of Practice | ACPA

2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award | College of Education | TCU

2021 Recipient of the Texas Christian University Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship | TCU

- 2020 Recipient of the Texas Christian University Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship | TCU
- 2020 Founder's Day Scholarship Award | Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
- 2019 Founder's Day Scholarship Award | Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education