



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., Mhlbauer, 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

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2020 Founder's Day Scholarship Award | Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
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