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EDUCATION

- 2023 Doctor of Philosophy, College of Education
Division: Higher Educational Leadership
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas
Dissertation: *“The Test Does Not Define My Ability”*: A Critical Narrative Study
on First-Year Black College Students Who Took the SAT When Pursuing
Selective Four-Year Institutions
- 2016 Master of Business Administration, College of Business Administration
Division: Business Administration
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- 2015 Master of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences
Division: Communication Management
The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2014 Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, College of Business & Public Affairs
Division: Business Administration
Alabama A&M University, Huntsville, Alabama

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- 2023 Revolution U: Dismantling Systemic Racism in Faculty Hiring
Rutgers University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Fall 2023 Dissertation Prospectus, HIED 710-01W
Department of Higher Education and Learning Technologies
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

- Fall 2023 Qualitative Research Methods, HIED 696
Department of Higher Education and Learning Technologies
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

INVITED LECTURES

- 2023 TCU 150th Women in Excellence Alumnae Panel
Moderator
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

- 2023 Panelist, Holmes Career Fair (Academic Job Search Panel)
AACTE Annual Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts

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*.

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>

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>

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.

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

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>

Killham, J., Mejia, 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

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.

Ekpe, L. Adjuncting While Black. *Black Faculty Do It All: A Moment in The Life of a Blackademic*. Information Age Publishing.

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>

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.

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

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

Ekpe, L., Guyton, N., Mhlbauer, A. (November 2022). *We Have To Talk About Mental Health for Student-Athletes*. HigherEdJobs.
<https://www.higheredjobs.com/articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=3258>

Ekpe, L., & McCray, T. (August 2022). *Graduate Student Perspective: New Year for Opportunity*. HigherEdJobs.
<https://www.higheredjobs.com/Articles/articleDisplay.cfm?ID=3146&Title=Graduate%20Student%20Perspective%3A%20New%20Year%20for%20Opportunity>

Ekpe, L., Smith, S. L. (July 2020). *3 Tips for First-Generation Graduate Students Navigating Education During the Pandemic*. Diverse Education, www.diverseeducation.com/article/185452/.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

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| 2022 | UCEA Graduate Student Fellowship - The UCEA Center for Educational Leadership and Social Justice, Awarded \$2,500.00 |
| 2022 | Collab Day - Southern Methodist University (SMU) Grant to establish professional development for SMU and TCU graduate students; \$4,975.00 |
| 2022 | Diversity Day Conference - Texas Christian University Revolutionizing Social Change in the Academy |

Conference Coordinator, Grant \$30,000.00

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

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 *Revolutionizing Research for Social Change Workshop A Summer Institute in Anti-Racist and Decolonizing Research Information and Policies Center for Social Science Research*
George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia

2022 *Exploring Supportive Recruitment and Access Strategies: The Impact of Test-Optional Policies on Undocumented Students' Interest, Access, and Enrollment in Highly Selective Institutions* UCEA
Graduate Student Fellowship
UCEA Center for Leadership and Social Justice
Supervisor: Dr. Liliana Castrellón

2021 *Community Visioning Sessions: Evaluation Report for Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation*
Center for Public Education and Community Engagement
College of Education
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, \$500
College of Education
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

2023 Graduate Student Pillar of University Leadership
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

2023 1st Place, Holmes Dissertation Funding Competition

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)
Annual Conference
Indianapolis, Indiana

- 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student
American College Personnel Association (ACPA) - Commission for Academic
Support in Higher Education (CASHE)
- 2022 Outstanding Service Award
Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES)
Texas Christian University
- 2022 Outstanding Doctoral Student
American College Personnel Association (ACPA) - Communities of Practice
- 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, \$500
College of Education
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas
- 2021 Recipient of the Texas Christian University Bob Bolen Leadership Scholarship
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- 2020 Recipient of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
Founder's Day Scholarship Award
- 2019 Recipient of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
(TABPHE) Founder's Day Scholarship Award