



## Curriculum Vita

Fall 2024

**Instructor:** Dr. Sharonda Pruitt

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Education  
Texas A&M-Commerce, 2013

Master of Science  
Texas A&M-Commerce, 2002

Bachelor of Arts  
Southern Methodist University, 1997

### TEACHING and EXPERIENCE

2021-Present  
*Assistant Professor*

Courses Taught:

- Multicultural Education
- Educational Program Evaluation for School Leaders
- Leading Effective Schools
- Using Evaluation and Data to Improve Learning
- #LiveYourBestLife

### GRANTS

#### **FUNDED**

- United States Department of Education Rural Post-Secondary and Economic Development Grant: Attaining College Entry and Success, December 2021. **\$1.23 million**

**Principal Investigator: Sharonda Pruitt**

Co-Principal Investigators: Tammi Morton, Kriss Kemp-Graham, and Hattie Powell

**NOT FUNDED**

- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad (GPA) Program—Short-Term Projects; Spring 2023; **\$179, 976**  
**Principal Investigator: Sharonda Pruitt**
- TAMU-C Student Service Fee Grant: Aspire Community Teacher Program; Spring 2021, **\$25,000**  
**Principal Investigator: Sharonda Pruitt**
- Spencer Foundation Research Practitioner Grant: Aspire Community Teacher Program, Fall 2020; **\$379,000**  
**Principal Investigator: Sharonda Pruitt**

<b>UNIVERSITY and COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>
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*National Service*

- Member, Research on Women in Education Executive Leadership Board ( 2022-2023)
- Chair, Young Women’s Preparatory Network Executive Board
- Reviewer, Research on Women in Education
- Reviewer, School Leadership Review Journal
- Reviewer, University Council on Educational Administration
- Reviewer, TxEp Texas Educator Preparation Journal

*State Service*

- Chairwoman, Young Women’s Preparatory Network Texas SB1882 Board (2020-2023)

*University Service*

- Director, Pride Prep Dual Credit/Early College Enrollment Program (TAMUC) 2018-Present
- Member, First Year Trac Signature Redesign Team (TAMUC) Fall 2023
- Member, Faculty Senate Awards Committee (TAMUC) 2023
- Member, University Hearing Board (TAMUC) 2021-2022
- Advisor, Sista 2 Sista Living and Learning Community (TAMUC) 2019-2021

*College and Department Service*

- Team Lead, Quality Measures Principal Preparation Program Review (Texas Education Agency and Wallace Foundation), Spring 2023
- Chairwoman, College of Education and Human Services, Community Engagement Committee (TAMUC) (2020-2021)
- Coordinator, Department of Educational Leadership Masters Comprehensive Exam Coordinator (TAMUC) (2021-Present)
- Course Lead: EDAD 515
- Courses Created: Live Your Best Live Signature Course; University and the Student Attaining College Entry and Success Course

*Local Service*

- Member, Commerce Community Action Program Executive Board (Commerce, Texas) 2021-Present
- Chairwoman, Clifton Porter Scholarship Fund (2011-Present)

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association Of Black Women in Higher Education
- Kappa Gamma Key Women Educators Texas Association of Teacher Educators
- Texas Council of Professors of Educational Administration
- Texas Association of Blacks in Higher Education
- Texas Association of School Administrators
- American Education Research Association
- Research on Women in Education

#### AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND HONORS

2023: Wallac Foundation, Quality Matters Cohort Team Leader

2022: TAMUC Researcher of the Year Runner up

2022: Presidential Graduate Assistant for Research Initiative Award. Texas A&M University Commerce.

2022: Immerse Fellowship Recipient; University of South Carolina

#### PRESENTATIONS

- Kriss Kemp-Graham and **Sharonda Pruitt**. (June 2023). Strategies for Rural School Leaders that Support Student College and Career Readiness Via Leveraging of Community/Industry/University Partnerships. Texas Rural Education Association Conference. Round Rock Texas.
- Kriss Kemp-Graham and **Sharonda Pruitt**. (June 2023). Missed Opportunities: Moving Rural Grant University/Community Program Outcomes to Empirical Research. Texas Council of Professors for Educational Administration. Round Rock, Texas.
- Sharon Ross, **Sharonda Pruitt**, and Stephanie Atchley. (October 2022). Matters of the Heart - Supporting from the Office to the Classroom. Consortium of State Organizations For Texas Teacher Education. San Marcos, Texas.
- **Sharonda Pruitt**. International Emerging Rural Scholar Conference. Post-secondary readiness economic development in rural areas (September 2022). University of Canberra, Australia. Virtual
- **Sharonda Pruitt**, Kriss Kemp-Graham and Tami Morton. (March 2022). Attaining College entry and Success. Presented at the Canadian National Congress on Rural Education. Saskatchewan, Canada
- **Sharonda Pruitt** (2021, October). Aspire Community Teacher Program: Skills and Knowledge Learned by Female Education Leaders from Aspiring Teachers and Community Members. Presented at the Research on Women In Education Conference, Virtual

- Kriss Kemp-Graham and **Sharonda Pruitt** (August 2021). #BlackGirlsMatter in Rural Schools. Presented at the 2021 Fall International Conference of Professors in Education Leadership, Virtual.
- **Sharonda Pruitt**. (April 2021) Pride Prep and CTE. Presented at Region 10 College and Career Readiness Conference, Virtual
- **Sharonda Pruitt** (February 2019) Early Childhood Interventions and Strategies; Dallas Regional Association of School Psychologists, Dallas, Texas
- **Sharonda Pruitt** (January 2019) ASPIRE! A School Partnership for Innovation, Recreation and Enrichment; Texas Association of School Administrators, Austin, Texas

<b>RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES</b>
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Shraon Ross, **Sharonda Pruitt**, and Stephanie Atchley. Matters of the Heart: Supporting from the Office to the Classroom. TxEp: Texas Educator Preparation. Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education 2023 ( Volume 7).

Lexi Bubenchik, **Sharonda Pruitt**, Dean Culpepper, & Sarah Mitchel. COVID-19 Stress Levels On Returning Student-Athletes. International Journal of Applied Science and Research. May 2022 (Issue 5).

**Sharonda Pruitt**. I Know the Trouble I've Seen: A Resilient Black School Administrator Experiences Joy. American Journal of Education Forum. April 2022

**Sharonda Pruitt**, Childs, Kamisha and Powell Hattie. When I Grow Up: Collected Stories of Second Career Black Women in Higher Education. The Future of Black Leadership in Higher Education: Firsthand Experiences and Global Impact. Smith and Smith (Eds). IGI-Global. (2023)

**Sharonda Pruitt**. Whew, Chile!: A Black Journey from K-12 into Higher Education. In Brommel and Vines (Eds) Teacher Reflections on Transitioning from K-12 to Higher Education Classrooms. IGI-Global. March 2022

Kemp-Graham, Kriss and **Sharonda Pruitt**. A Closer Look at Urban Schools and Urban Students. In Vornberg, Oliveras-Ortiz and Templeton (Eds) Texas Public School Organization and Administration. Kendall Hunt. August 2022.