

# Curriculum Vitae

## Qasarah Spencer

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

EdD in Educational Leadership, May 2021 – VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, Richmond, VA

Master of Social Work, May 2008 – VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, Richmond, VA

Master of Divinity, May 2008 – VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY, Richmond, VA

Bachelor of Social Work, May 2005 – NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY, Norfolk, VA

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor in Teaching, **Virginia Commonwealth University**, April 2022 – Present

External Field Instructor, **Virginia Commonwealth University**, October 2020 - Present

Community Embedded Faculty Peer Support, **Virginia Commonwealth University**, April 2022 - Present

Adjunct Faculty, **Virginia Commonwealth University**, August 2019 – April 2022

Field Instructor, **Virginia Commonwealth University**, August 2010 – April 2022

Founding Dean/Faculty Member, Koinonia School of Race and Justice, **Richmond Hill**, 2015-2017

Unpacking the Census Facilitator, **Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities and University of Richmond**, 2012

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lower School Administrator, **Anna Julia Cooper School**, July 2021 – April 2022

Principal, **Richmond Prep**, August 2019 – October 2020

Director of Admissions/Registrar, **Richmond Prep**, June 2017 – August 2019

Program Director, Micah Association, **Richmond Hill**, November 2014 – March 2017

### AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

- Social and emotional learning
- Educational equity
- Scholarship of learning and teaching in higher education
- Transformative teaching pedagogy
- Inclusive teaching pedagogy
- Resilience and healing centered pedagogy and practices

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

SLWK 313 Person in Society I/Writing Intensive

SLWK 311 Social Work and Oppressed Groups

SLWK 330 Person in Society II

SLWK 601 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

SLWK 603 Power, Privilege and Oppression (formerly Social Work & Social Justice

SLWK 610 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

SLWK 609 Foundations of Research in Social Work Practice

SLWK 604 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Groups & Families I

SLWK 605 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Groups & Families II

SLWK 608 Social Work Practice in Organizations and Communities for Advance Standing Students

SLWK 603 Power, Privilege and Oppression (formerly Social Work & Social Justice)

## **COURSES DEVELOPED**

SLWK 313 Person in Society I/Writing Intensive (online modality, Fall 2022)

## **UNPUBLISHED PAPERS**

1. (2019). *Seven Hills School: Diversity Audit*. [Unpublished Paper]. School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University.
2. (2019). *The promise of SEL strategies*. [Unpublished Paper]. School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University.
3. (2019). *Teacher education towards LGBTQ student equity*. [Unpublished Paper]. School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University.
4. Carter, V., Goranson, K., Maynes, E., Mustachio, J., and **Spencer, Q.** (2021) *Best practices for making all learning social and emotional at Caroline County Middle*. [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. School of Education, Virginia Commonwealth University.

## **INVITED/NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS**

Spencer, Q. (2023, Feb. 25). *Diversity, Equity, Justice and Inclusion at Seven Hills*. [Board presentation]. Seven Hills Board Retreat, Richmond, VA, United States.

## **INVITED PANEL PARTICIPATION**

Association of Black Social Workers at VCU, student chapter (host). (2022, April 28). *Black social work today panel and senior celebration*. [general body meeting].

Hudson, L. (host). (2023, September 30). *My Sister's Keeper*. [UNIV 191 Leadership development for women of color panel].

### **AWARDS/HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS**

Inclusive Teaching Fellowship, VA Commonwealth University, Fall 2021

Mary Ann Wright Scholarship in Educational Leadership, VA Commonwealth University, Fall 2020

Dale Kalkofen Scholarship in Educational Leadership, VA Commonwealth University, Fall 2020

Connecting Communities Fellowship Program, Initiatives of Change/Hope in the Cities, 2007

Grace E. Harris Minority Political Leadership Institute, VA Commonwealth University, 2006

Parsons Honors Scholar, Norfolk State University, 2005

### **SERVICE TO THE VCU SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

- Course Sequence Coordinator, SLWK 311 Social Work and Oppressed Groups (Aug 2022 - present)
- Course Sequence Coordinator, SLWK 313 Person in Society I/Writing Intensive (Aug 2022 - present)
- Course Sequence Coordinator, SLWK 603 (Aug 2022 - Aug 2023)
- Course Content Coordinator, SLWK 601, SLWK 610, SLWK 603 (Aug 2023 - present)
- Faculty Advisor, Association of Black Social Workers at VCU, student chapter (Aug 2022 - present)
- Member, MSW program committee (Apr 2022 - present)
- Invited member, BSW program committee (Aug 2023 - present)

### **SERVICE TO VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

- Member, Provost Repositioning Task Force (May 2023 - Oct 2023)
- Member, Provost Promotion and Tenure Task Force (Oct 2023 - Jan 2024)

### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Co-chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee, Seven Hills School for Boys Board (Oct 2022 - Sept 2023)
- Board member and Chair, DEI committee, Seven Hills School for Boys Board (Aug 2023 - present)

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS**

Spencer, Q. (2022, September 14). Building mutual relationships. Volunteer training for Anna Julia Cooper School: Richmond, VA

Spencer, Q. (2022, October 19). Building mutual relationships. Volunteer training for Anna Julia Cooper School: Richmond, VA