

Sonji G. Barnes, PhD, M.Ed., M.S.

EDUCATION:

Erikson Institute

Master of Science in Education: Early Childhood: Leadership & Advocacy

Chicago, IL
May 2022

University of Illinois at Chicago

Doctor of Philosophy in Education: Curriculum & Instruction

Chicago, IL
May 2008

Tuskegee University

Master of Education: Counseling & Student Development

Tuskegee, AL
May 1997

Tuskegee University

Bachelor of Science in Business: Marketing

Tuskegee, AL
May 1995

EXPERIENCE:

Chicago Public Schools

Office of Student Health and Wellness

Program Manager 2022-present

Chicago, IL

ITAV Early Childhood Educational Center

Director 2019-2022

Chicago, IL

Catapult Learning, Inc.: Children of Peace Catholic School

Title 1 Teacher 2018-2019

Chicago, IL

Miami-Dade Public Schools: Fulford Elementary School

Reading Interventionist 2016-2018

Miami, FL

Barlan and Associates, Inc.

Vice President/Director: Research, Education and Training 2007-2016

Miami, FL

Chicago Public Schools Board of Education

Office of Specialized Services/Office of Diverse Learner Supports & Services:

Manager 2003-2007

Chicago, IL

University of Illinois at Chicago

Office of the Dean

Coordinator/Assistant to the Dean 1999-2003

Chicago, IL

Robert Morris University

Office of Student Services

Coordinated \$2M State funded Program 1997-1999

Chicago, IL

Research:

University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Education

Vision and Reading for low-income, African American Children
2006-2008

Barlan and Associates, Inc.

International Business Development
“Doing Business as a Foreigner in a Foreign Country”
2010-2015

Teaching:

2023 - current Adjunct Professor
Computer Systems Institute
Undergraduate & Graduate: College of Business Administration
Finance, Marketing, and Customer Service

2023-current Adjunct Professor
Graduate: Erikson Institute
Early Childhood Education

2019 - Instructor
Northwestern University
School of Education & Social Policy: Center for Talent Development
Writing Essentials

2016 – 2018 Adjunct Professor
ASA College (Advanced Software Analysis College)
College of Business Administration and College of Arts and Sciences
Undergraduate:
Business Administration; Business Ethics; Business Management; Career Development; Freshman Seminar; Introduction to Business; Introduction to Hospitality Management; Introduction to Human Resources Management; Microeconomics; Organizational Behavior

2013- 2014 Visiting Adjunct Professor
UNIBE- Universidad Iberoamericana
College of Business: Hospitality Management & Tourism
Undergraduate:
Business Administration; Marketing; Hospitality Management and Tourism; Business Concepts for Professionals

2008 Instructor
Loyola University - Chicago
Department of Continuing Education
Business: Your Passport into an International Career

2004-2005 Instructor
Chicago Public Schools– Tilden High School (After School Matters)
Business Elective: Your Passport into an International Career

2002-2004 Adjunct Professor
City Colleges of Chicago: Olive Harvey College & Malcolm X College
Department of Business Administration and Department of Arts and Sciences
Undergraduate: Business Administration; Microsoft Excel; English

1997-1999 Adjunct Professor
Robert Morris University-Chicago
Department of Business Administration & Department of Arts and Sciences
Undergraduate: Finance; Psychology

Non-Academic, Internships & Study Abroad:

1996-1997 Lucent Technologies – Asset Manager Atlanta, GA
Managed \$8M market accounts for the federal government

1995-1996 Dow United Technologies – Quality Control Specialist (Intern) Tallahassee, AL

Monitored quality and inspection of parts: Improved quality by 100% compliance

1994 Toyota Motor Corporation – Lexus Parts Marketing (Intern) Torrance, CA
Responsible for marketing research, increased sales from 33% to 110%

1993 G.E. Capital Mortgage Corporation – Contract Services (Intern) Raleigh, NC
Responsible for commercial mortgage accounts exceeding \$500,000.00

Service & Study Abroad:

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Volunteer Coordinator in developing communities and schools, 2010-2011

Tegucigalpa, Honduras (Ojojona and Danli)

LensCrafters - “Giving the Gift of Sight”

Mission Team Member, 2006

Provided 19,500 free eye exams & glasses in a two week time frame

Sao Paulo, Brazil

University of Getulio Vargas - “Doing Business in Brazil”

English Teacher and Student 2003

Funding/Grants:

2017-2018 Target Corporation Grant for Girls Playing Soccer in Sunny Isles Beach, FL

2010-2015 Barlan and Associates, Inc.

Research: Solicited Funding for various business programs in the amounts of: \$300,000-\$900,000 annually

2003-2007 Chicago Public School Board of Education

Vision Program: Prepared RFP for state funded program and was awarded grants in the amounts of \$500,000-\$3M

1999-2000 University of Illinois at Chicago

College of Pharmacy: Received funding from Pharmaceutical Companies through solicitation: \$10,000-\$250,000

Service to Profession:

AERA American Educational Research Association

Member 2000-2020

EESAC Educational Excellence School Advisory Committee

Board Member 2015-2018

NABSE National Alliance of Black School Educators

Member 2000-2020

ACA American Counseling Association

Member 1996-2020

NMAAHC National Museum of African American History and

Culture Charter Member, 2016-present

Publications

S. Barnes, A Case Study Examination of Successful Vision Follow-up Rates of African-American Students UMI, ProQuest Publishing 368936L V00006B/624/P 2008

Fellowships, Awards and Honors:

Toyota/UNCF Scholar: (Tuskegee University, 1991-1995)

Graduate Fellow (Tuskegee University, 1996)

Conference Presentations

S. Barnes: University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Education: Education and the Public Good: Interdisciplinary Trends in Graduate Scholarship 2006

S. Barnes: Northwestern University: College of Education: Yesterday’s Promise, Tomorrow’s Vision 2006

- S. Barnes:** Illinois Consortium for Education Opportunity Program Conference 2004
- S. Barnes:** University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Education: The Souls of Black Folks Conference 2003
- S. Barnes:** University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Conference 2003
- S. Barnes:** University of Illinois at Chicago: Women's Leadership Symposium: Keeping You One Step Ahead

Conferences, Workshops & Trainings

- Erikson Institute: Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate 2023-2025
- Harvard Graduate School of Education: Educational Webinars 2023 Experimenting with AI in the Classroom, How to Help Kids Become More Skilled Citizens, Understanding the Relationship between Parent and Teen mental Health
- DePaul University: Supporting Educators in Challenging Times 2022
- DePaul University: Educating for an Equitable Democracy 2021
- Harvard Graduate School of Education: Language Behavior and the Brain: Designing Effective Learning Environments and Experiences 2021
- Harvard Graduate School of Education: Women in Education Leadership 2021
- University of Chicago: Women in STEM Symposium 2019
- DePaul University EDSA Spring Conference: Education and Social Justice 2019
- Erikson Institute: Grist for the Mill: Supervisory Child-Parent Psychotherapy 2019
- University of Illinois at Chicago: Institute on Race and Research for Public Policy 2019
- Chicago Foundation for Women: Investing in the Leadership of Black Women and Girls 2019
- International Visible Thinking Conference "Learning by Thinking" Florida International University 2015
- Women of Power Summit March 2015- Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- UNIBE Marketing Expo
- UNIBE CONPEHT
- Unite for Sight Conference – Yale University
- Yesterday's Promise, Tomorrow's Vision Conference - Northwestern University
- Educational Research Conference – University of Illinois (Chicago)
- American Education Research Association Conference – University of California (San Diego)
- (IEP) Individual Educational Plan Development Training
- (LRE) Least Restrictive Environment Code Determination Training
- "Shaping the Minds & Lives of Children" Conference
- "Get in Shape for School" Health Fair

- Teacher Summer Institute (IEP Concerns)
- CPS Work Keys
- Key Train - Reading & Math
- New Case Managers Training
- New Counselors Training
- Office of Specialized Services Professional Development Conference
- Lobby Day Chicago Principals and Administrators Association
- Office of All Kinds of Minds Conference

Extracurricular Activities

- St. Jude Children’s Research: Hot Chocolate 10K (Participant) 2019-2022
- Cal’s Angels Pediatric Cancer Research: Stan’s Donut 5K (Participant) 2022
- Chicago Marathon: Bank of America (Volunteer) 2019-2023
- Chicago Foundation for Women (Member) 2019
- 8K Shamrock Shuffle: Boys and Girls Club (Volunteer and Participant) 2019
- 5k Bunny Rock Hop: Red Door Animal Shelter (Participant) 2019
- 5K Santa Hustle 2018: Pediatric Cancer Foundation (Volunteer and Participant) 2018 -2019
- 5K Turkey Trot: The Greater Chicago Food Depository (Volunteer and Participant) 2018-2021
- Hospitality Management: ASA College “International Students Chocolate Day” – Faculty Advisor 2017
- Saturday Reading School, Fulford Elementary 2017 – Volunteer
- Immunization and Health Screening, Sunny Isles Beach School 2016-2017 Volunteer
- Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) 2014-present - Member
- International Business and Educational Internship Program 2010- 2014
- American Educational Research Association Member 2000-present
- UNIBE Marketing Expo - Volunteer
- UNIBE CONPEHT Conference - Volunteer
- DR Moms Club International
- Gabriel’s Café International Back to School Event Punta Cana, DR
- “Helping the Children of Juanillo” in Punta Cana, DR

- Family Assistance Program in Veron, DR
- English Instructor (Dominican Republic)
- Volunteer Give the Gift of Sight
- Operation Eye Sight Universal Member 2006-present
- Unite for Sight Member 2006-present
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Member 1995-present
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Chapter President) 2008 and 2009
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Chapter Vice President) 2007 and 2008
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Education Chairman 2005 – 2011

References:

Available upon request