

CURRICULUM VITA
Karen A. Pressley

Education

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, KENNESAW, GA

Master of Arts in Professional Writing. Emphases in Applied Writing and Composition/Rhetoric
Honors Graduate, 4.0 GPA, May 2011.

B.S. in Communication, Emphases in Media and Public Relations
Honors College, Magna Cum Laude, December 2008

Teaching and Selected Academic Administrative Experience

- 2011 Adjunct Faculty - Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta, GA, Department of English, Technical Communication and New Media.** Prepare curriculum for onsite classroom instruction with online learning applications. Use Blackboard/GeorgiaView Vista course management system. Mentor students using portfolio assessment method.
Courses Developed:
ENGL 1101, First-Year Composition for the Technical Learning Community
- 2011 Teaching Intern - 6550 Document Design, M.A. in Professional Writing Program, KSU Dept. of English; Dr. Anne Richards, Associate Professor.** Delivered lectures on key concepts, supervised in-class workshops. Coordinated on-campus lab facilities for student work. Managed class website with Blackboard/GeorgiaView Vista technology. Coordinated with supervising instructor to help students achieve course objectives. Founding member of graduate student press, Paper & Pixel; released five print-on-demand books using Adobe InDesign.
Course Materials Developed:
PRWR 6550, Document Design - Created online tutorials in Adobe InDesign, Print-On-Demand e-publishing, and onsite and online workshops as part of the core teachings of this graduate level class
- 2010 - 2011 Graduate Research Assistant - KSU, Bagwell College of Education, Dr. Debra Coffey, Associate Professor of Elementary Education.** Developed website for literacy education in graduate and undergraduate level courses. Collaboratively developed visual and textual rhetoric throughout site. Researched literacy education resources. Edited faculty articles.
- 2009 Graduate Research Assistant - KSU, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Interim Executive Director.** Developed website for Institute initiatives and events. Wrote and designed visual and textual rhetoric for Institute documents and programs, including Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Ethics program, Graduate Student Experience program, and faculty development programs.
- 2007 - 2008 Internship Supervisor (2007-2008) KSU, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.** Established and supervised internship program for undergraduate Public Relations students. Mentored interns through program using portfolio assessments; submitted grades and evaluations.
Courses Developed: Internship Program for Public Relations Writing

- 2007 Public Relations and Technical Writer - Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, KSU.**
Interviewed business leaders, wrote news/feature stories for internal and external publications, press releases and web copy to support academic program enrollment and events. Began as a Presidential Honors Program student (Fall 2006), offered full-time position within a year.
- 2007 - Private Tutor, KSU undergraduate students** - Tutored students in English 1101 and 1102
2008 World History 1110 and American History 2112.
- 2002 - Lecturer/Guest Speaker** - Presented lectures in academic settings as a subject matter expert (writing, present and comparative world religions) in graduate and undergraduate classes, and professional conferences. Please see CV Presentations section for details.
- 2002 Online Teaching Assistant, World Religions & Cults course, Luther Rice Seminary, Dr. Bill Gordon.**
2005 Acted as first line of response for online student inquiries. Managed online discussion threads via Blackboard class management system. Responded to student postings.
Course Materials Developed: Developed discussion topics as a subject matter expert (comparative religious studies of Scientology and Christianity).

COURSEWORK SUPPORTING ABILITIES IN TEACHING ENGLISH STUDIES/COMMUNICATION

(4.0 IN ALL COURSES)

Graduate	Undergraduate
RHETORIC & COMPOSITION	
Digital Technology in the Writing Classroom (PRWR 7900)*	Communication Theory (Com 4480)
Teaching Writing in High Schools & Colleges (PRWR 6500)*	Persuasion Methods and Strategy (Com 4429)
Understanding Writing as Process (PRWR 6300)*	Communication Research (Com 4435)
History of Rhetoric: Context, Style, Audience (PRWR 6150)*	
Directed Study: Changing Rhetoric to Suit the Art (PRWR 7950)	
* Course materials developed: English 1101/1102 First-Year Composition with syllabi, grading rubrics, and a philosophy of education	
TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL WRITING	
Technical Writing (PRWR 6250)	Advanced Media Writing (Com 4420)
Professional & Academic Editing (PRWR 6440)	Organizational Publications (Com 4405)
Document Design - Teaching Internship (PRWR 6550)	Public Relations Writing (Com 3375)
Directed Study: Publication & Presentation of Memoir (7950)	News Reporting & Writing (Com 3330)
Intercultural Communication (PRWR 6860)	Writing Literature Reviews (Honors 3000)
Professional Writing Issues & Research (PRWR 6000)	Mass Communication (Com 2230)
Capstone/Thesis Project (PRWR 7960) - Literary non-fiction book chapters - <i>Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story</i>	Research & Writing for World Religions (Hon 4400) Senior Capstone: Public Relations Practicum - Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character (Hon 4499)
CREATIVE WRITING	
Creative Non-Fiction (PRWR 6520)	Advanced Creative Writing (Eng 4120)
	Fiction Writing (Eng 3120)

Professional Experience

- 2008 - present** - **Communications Director** - KAP Communications, Inc., Marietta, GA.
Analyze client constituents and goals and plan strategic communication materials. Write, edit, design digital and print deliverables for contract clients. Manage client relations, scheduling, delivery of materials in a timely manner. Please access portfolio at www.karenpressley.com.
- 2007 - 2008** - **PR/Marketing Director** - Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, KSU
Managed communications: researched, developed, wrote, and implemented PR and marketing materials for academic products and special events; wrote and edited publications including e-newsletters, mass e-mailings, brochures; supported executive correspondence, speechwriting and presentations; managed media relations. Also see internship supervisor role above.
- 2005 - 2006** - **Feature Writer & Client Relations** - *Building Edge Magazine*, Mableton, GA. (Internship led to employment). Interviewed business leaders, produced feature stories for publication; attended to client relations at photo shoots of client properties.
- 2002 - 2008** - **Communications Director** - (Part-time) Wings of Love Ministries, Atlanta, GA. Conducted educational presentations; provided conference speaking services; gave media interviews and managed media relations; created and implemented marketing materials.
- 2000 - 2002** - **Administrative Assistant** - North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA.
Provided communications support to director of Direct Evangelism Department; produced executive correspondence and presentations; coordinated travel arrangements; managed local and out-of-state event planning and execution; coordinated internal and external task forces. Administered \$1.5 million programs budget coordinated through four managers. Sustained excellent coordination as an intra- and inter-departmental liaison, and as a self-supervised assistant to director who travelled frequently.
- 1998 - 2000** - **Office Admin to Operations Manager** - Statewide Siding & Windows, Kennesaw, GA
Began as receptionist and admin, responsible for job files, accounts receivables, and customer scheduling. Promoted to Operations Manager for developing a tracking system to coordinate job starts, delivery of materials to job sites, and subcontractor scheduling. My system improved customer recommendations that expanded our sales and expansion.

Publications

Books - Published and In-Progress

- 2011** (In Progress) *Experiencing Creativity: Breaking Free from Spiritual Abuse and the Emergence of the Creative Self*. Manuscript represented by Legacy Management.
- 2006** (Accepted but unpublished). *Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story*. New Hope Publishers, Birmingham, AL.
- 2005** Day, Norma and Karen Pressley. *Seven Secrets to Timeless Beauty*. Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, OR.

Chapters and Manuscripts Submitted for Publication

- 2011** (Forthcoming) Wayne House, General Editor, *Baker Dictionary of Cults*. Word entries: "Clear, State of;" "Exteriorization;" "Operating Thetan;" "Dr. David Singer;" "The Way to Happiness." Baker Publishing Group, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2011** (Forthcoming) Researcher, writing assistant to Dr. Phil Roberts, President, Midwestern Theological Seminary. Chapter, "Christian Science: A Religious Matrix" and Chapter, "Scientology," for reference book on world religions produced by MBTS, St. Louis, MO.

- 2004** Ghostwriter/developmental editor for Atlanta author. Developed a 55-page treatment into a 650-page fiction manuscript.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2011** (Forthcoming). Pressley, Karen. Michael Langone, Ed. "From the Fire to a Blessing Field: Transitioning from an Unhealthy Relationship to a Life of Creativity." *ICSA Today*.
- 2010** Boeri, Miriam W. and Karen Pressley. Dana Wehle, Libbe Madsen, Ed. "Creativity and Cults from Sociological and Communication Perspectives: The Processes Involved in the Birth of a Secret Creative Self." *Cultic Studies Review* special edition, *Cults and Creativity*. Vol. 9, (1), pp. 173-213, December 2010. International Cultic Studies Association.
- 2008** Pressley, Karen. Craig Branch, Ed. "Out of Scientology's Labyrinth." *Areopagus*. Apologetics Resource Center, Birmingham, AL.

Technical Writing

- 2010** Website developer for Dr. Debra Coffey, KSU College of Education www.literacy4theworld.com.
- 2010** Website developer for *Taking Teaching and Learning Seriously* journal, Dr. Debra Coffey, KSU College of Education www.karenpressley.com/TTLS/home
- 2009** Website author/developer, KAP Communications, Inc. www.karenpressley.com.
- 2009** Website developer/copywriter, www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute. Included print and screen copy "The Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Ethics: An Academic Compass for Navigating Life's Personal and Professional Journey." Series of technical articles mapping the academic program including overview, admissions process, brochure, course descriptions, enrollment procedures, partner programs, and requirements. Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, KSU.
- 2007** Website author/developer, www.siegelinstitute.org

News, Feature Stories, and Public Relations Writing - Print and Electronic

- 2007** - Articles published by for The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, Kennesaw State University at www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute; also see portfolio, www.karenpressley.com.
- 2007** "Women's Economic Power Explained at Siegel Institute." *KSU Access*, Sept., p. 2.
- 2006** "JL Brooks Construction: A Treasure in the Heart of Cobb and Paulding County Communities." *Building Edge* magazine. March cover story, pp. 3-6.
- 2005** "Opportunity Knocks for Quality Homes, Quality People: Cliftwood Homes." *Building Edge* magazine. August cover story, pp. 10-14.
- 2005** "A Gourmet Blend of Building Services: Ben Nelson Contracting." *Building Edge* magazine. December cover story, pp. 6-8.
- 2005** "Connecting the Dots for the Building Industry." *Building Edge* magazine. December, pp. 12-13.
- 2005** "Tom Cruise and Scientology's War of the Worlds." North American Mission Board, www.4Truth.Net.
- 2004** "Karen's Story." *Bible Express*. LifeWay Christian Resources. February, pp. 48-49.
- 2002** "Wandering in the Wilderness." *On Mission* magazine. May-June, p. 38.
- 2002** "Wandering in the Wilderness." *GO!* magazine. July-August, p. 27.

Presentations, Lectures, and Conference Speaking

International

- 2010** Co-presented with Dr. Miriam Boeri. "Hegemonic Communication Model: The Power Dynamics in the Emergence of a Secret Creative Self." Panelist with panel moderator Dana Wehle, L.C.S.W. "The Impact of Cults on Creativity: Psychological, Sociological Aesthetic/Philosophical Views." International Cultic Studies Association annual conference, *Psychological Manipulation, Cultic Groups, and Harm*. New York, NY. July 3.

National

- 2010** Presenter. "Scientology Today: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" for two-day Interfaith workshop for Dr. Tal Davis, Interfaith Manager, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA. September 17-18.
- 2009** Guest speaker. "A Life of Entrepreneurship," Management 4121 Entrepreneurship & Creativity class. Dr. Herbert, Professor of Entrepreneurship and Management, KSU, Coles College of Business.
- 2009** Guest speaker. "Memoir and Ethics," PRWR 6000 Issues & Research class. Dr. Anne Richards, Associate Professor, Master of Arts in Professional Writing program, KSU.
- 2007** Team speaker. "Siegel Institute's Role in Ethics Across the Curriculum at KSU." *The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics III*. Sundance, Utah.
- 2007** Plenary speaker. "Scientology: A View from the Inside." *The Church as a Change Agent in Culture Conference*. Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, Birmingham, AL.
- 2007** Guest speaker, "Understanding Scientology." *World Religions and Cults Conference*, produced by Watchman Fellowship, Clearwater, FL.
- 2007** Keynote speaker, "What is Scientology?" Live cable broadcast interview by Dr. Jerry Johnston. Overland Park, KS.
- 2007** Guest speaker. Session One: "What is Scientology?" Session Two: "Working with Scientology in the Community." *57th Annual Shiloh Baptist Association Conference*. Plant City, FL.
- 2006** Guest lecturer. "Scientology and a Christian Response." Modern Cults and World Religions class. Guest of Dr. Phil Roberts, President, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2006** Breakout session leader. "Scientology Celebrities: War of the Worlds or Peaceful Revolution?" *A Clash of Cultures: The Marketplace of Religions* EMNR annual conference. Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL.
- 2005** Guest speaker and breakout session leader. "What is Scientology?" *Collegiate Week Conference*. North American Mission Board, Glorietta, NM.
- 2005** Guest speaker and breakout session leader. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed." *What People Believe Student Conference*. Holston Baptist Association, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.
- 2004** Guest speaker and breakout session leader. "Celebrity Spirituality." *Perilous Times Conference*. Kansas/Nebraska Baptist State Convention, Kansas City, KS.
- 2004** Breakout session leader. "Five Smooth Stones: Finding Your Courage." *Three Sisters Women's Conference*. Northwest Baptist Association, Redmond, OR.
- 2003** Guest speaker. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed," *Christianity in a World of New Religions Conference*. EMNR annual conference, Biola University, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2003** Breakout session leader. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed." *Counterfeits and Countercultures*. North American Mission Board Interfaith Conference. Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ.
- 2002** Breakout session leader. "Finding Your Courage." *Nevada State Annual Women's Conference*. Hendersonville, NV.
- 2002** Guest speaker with Dr. Tal Davis. "Chasing After the Wind." *Refining Responses to New and World Religions in the 21st Century*. EMNR annual conference. Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY.

Regional/Local

- 2010** Presenter. "Not in My Backyard: Cults, Communities, Concerns." Panel discussion member: "Rehabilitation or Religious Re-education? The Intersections of Therapeutic Communities, Synanon and Narconon." Georgia Sociological Association annual conference, *Healthy, Just, and Sustainable Communities*. Decatur, GA. Oct. 29.
- 2007** Breakout session speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Investing in Yourself." *Shaping a Legacy of Leadership: Investing in Yourself for Ultimate Results Phenomenal Women's Conference*. Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character, KSU.
- 2007** Guest lecturer, "Deviant Religions: Deviance from What?" Instructor Robyn Bartlett, Sociology 2201 class, April 11. KSU.
- 2007** Guest speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Shaping a Legacy." *Lunch Encounter Women's Conference*. Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.

- 2007** Guest speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Shaping a Legacy." *Young at Heart Luncheon*. Dunwoody, GA.
- 2007** Guest speaker. "An Insider's Story of Scientology," *Women's Lunch Conference*. Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006** Keynote speaker. "Scientology and Celebrity Spirituality." *Women's Enrichment Conference*. Conyers, GA.
- 2006** Keynote speaker. "Walking Upright in an Upside Down World." *Fall Women's Conference* (two days). Pearl, MS.
- 2006** Guest lecturer, "Deviance and New Religious Movements: A Look at Quakers, Krishna Consciousness, Wicca, Scientology, and Counter-Cult Apologetics." Sociology 2201 class, Instructor Robyn Bartlett, KSU. (Nov.)
- 2006** Guest lecturer. "What People Believe: Understanding Scientology." presentation. *Student Search for Truth Conference*. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.
- 2006** Guest lecturer. "What People Believe: Understanding Scientology" presentation. *Student Ministry Conference*. Marietta, GA.
- 2005** Keynote speaker. "Living Like There's No Tomorrow." *Women's Fall Conference*. Jackson, MS.
- 2005** Keynote speaker. "So You Want to Be a Writer?" *World of Writers Event*. Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004** Guest speaker. "Finding Your Voice." *World of Writers Event*. Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004** Guest speaker. "Finding Courage to Start Over." *The Christian Women's Network Conference*. Sheraton Hotel, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004** Guest speaker. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed" *Understanding World Religions in the 21st Century Conference*. Tucker, GA.
- 2004** Guest lecturer. "Scientology and the Christian Response" presentation. *World Religions Series*. First Baptist Church of Atlanta, GA.
- 2003** Guest lecturer. "Comparison of Scientology and Christianity." World Religions graduate class. Southeastern Seminary Satellite Center, Woodstock, GA. Dr. Tal Davis, Adjunct Professor.
- 2003** Workshop co-leader with Stacy Buchanan. "Fulfilling the Divine Design of Your Life." *Heart of Atlanta Lunch Workshops*. Network. Atlanta, GA.
- 2002** Guest lecturer. "Narconon Drug Rehabilitation" presentation. *Carrollton Association of Pastors Conference*. Carrollton, GA.

Interviews and Quotes by Media

Book Interviews Quoting Me

- 2011** Interviewed by Janet Reitman, *Inside Scientology*. Houghton-Mifflin Publishers, New York.
- 2008** Interviewed by Andrew Morton. *An Unauthorized Biography of Tom Cruise*. St. Martin's Press, New York.
- 2004** Interviewed by Ann Platz. *Reclaiming Your Dreams: Awaken Hope and Realize Your Destiny*. Harris-on House Publishers, Tulsa, OK.

International Media

- 2009** Produced by Paul DeGeneve. "Tom Cruise and Scientology" documentary. France 2 National Network. Interviewed Nov. 14, 2008, aired Feb. 2009.
- 2006** Produced by Frederic Martin. *Secrets d'Actualite* special segment on Tom Cruise and Scientology. M6 Television Network. Paris, France. Interviewed Oct. 15, 2005; aired Jan. 2006.

National Television, Radio, and Print

- 2009** *CBS Inside Edition*. Karen Pressley comments on the death of Jett Travolta and Scientology's views on medicine and medical treatment. Television broadcast, CBS Network. Jan. 7.
- 2006** *CNN's Paula Zahn Now*. Brooke Anderson, narrator. "Tom Cruise & Katie Holmes prepare to tie the knot." broadcast, Cable News Network. Nov. 17.
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0611/17/pzn.01.html>

- 2006** *Dateline NBC*. Hoda Kotb, interviewer. "Cruise control: Going deep inside the tightly controlled world of the superstar." Television broadcast. NBC Network. May 7.
- 2006** Farley, Rob. "Scientology nearly ready to unveil SuperPower." *St. Petersburg Times*. May 6. <http://www.sptimes.com/2006/05/06/Tampabay/Scientology/nearly/re.shtml/>
- 2006** "Escape from Scientology." *On Course* magazine. November 6. <http://oncourse.ag.org/article-scientology.cfm>.
- 2005** Christiansen, Kim and Claire Hoffman. "At inland base, Scientologists trained top gun." *Los Angeles Times*. Dec. 18.
- 2005** Westbury, Joe. "War of the Worlds: Marietta woman leaves Scientology, finds new faith." *The Christian Index*. Aug. 4, pp. 1-3.
- 2005** Bagwell, Ken. *Heads Up America*. Radio broadcast. November. 1350 AM Supertalk Radio, Asheville, NC.

Regional and Local Television, Radio, Print, CD, DVD

- 2010** Mefferd, Janet. *The Janet Mefferd Show*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 26. Dallas, TX.
- 2010,** Schwarz, Jeff. *Issues, Etc.* Radio broadcast. KFUE Radio. St. Louis, MO. (Feb. 10, 2008).
- 2008**
- 2009** "Life Application: Out of Scientology." *Teaching Experience for Pre-Teens*, Spring CD recording. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Christian Resources.
- 2008** Allen, Lorri and Larry Estepa. *Mornings with Lorri and Larry*. Television broadcast, FamilyNet Television, and Sirius Radio Channel 161. Atlanta, GA. June 26. <http://www.familynet.com/site/c.ouLXJ7MLKpH/b.4506589/k.DC50/Mornings.htm>
- 2008** Ryan, Marcus and Lisa. *Every Day with Marcus and Lisa*. Television broadcast. March 7. FamilyNet Television, Atlanta, GA. <http://www.familynet.com/site>
- 2008** Sloan, Townie. *Night Line*. Television broadcast. Oct. 23. WGGTV 16, Dove Broadcasting, Greenville, SC.
- 2008** Cope, Angel. *Dr. Beth Show*. Taped for cable television broadcast May 9. Realife 360, Inc. Studio, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008** Mason, Babbie. *Babbie's House*. Television broadcast. March 13. WATC TV 57, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008** Hendrix, Shelley. *Atlanta Live!* Television broadcast. Oct. 30. WATC TV 57. Atlanta, GA.
- 2008** Arnzen, Chris. *Iron Sharpens Iron*. Radio broadcast. July 22. WNYG 1440 AM New York and
- & 2007** Connecticut. <http://www.wnygspiritofny.com/> (Feb. 27, 2007).
- 2008** Wiles, Rick. *TruNews Radio*. Radio broadcast. June 30. Chattanooga, TN. http://www.trunews.com/Audio/m3U/6_30_08_monday_trunews2.m3u
- 2008** Mathis, Sandy. *Sandy Mathis Live*. Radio broadcast. May 27. WAEC Love860AM, Atlanta, GA. Second segment aired June 3, 2008.
- 2008** Sankey, Fran. *Test All Things*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 27. WVCH Radio, Philadelphia, PA. (2008 air dates: March 25, March 30, April 1, April 6, April 8, April 13). http://www.towertotruth.net/Other_Groups/other_groups_main.htm
- 2008** Anderson, John. *Voice of Reason*. Internet radio broadcast, Feb. 10. <http://www.lighthouseproductionsllc.com/broadcast.htm>
- 2007** Anderson, Rick and Lael Arrington. *Things That Matter Most*. Radio broadcast, Apr. 9. KSEV 700 AM Houston, KLVE 1160 Dallas. <http://www.thethingsthatmattermost.org/about.htm>
- 2007** Gravel, Kim. *Friends and Neighbors*. Television broadcast. Nov. 2. WATC TV 57, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006** Vallone, Michael. *Atlanta Live!* Television broadcast. Feb. 3. WATC TV 57, Atlanta, GA.
- & 2005** (January 7 and April 21, 2005).
- 2006** Ezell, Wiley. *We Talk Back*. Radio broadcast. June 10. KMLB 1440 AM, Louisiana.
- 2006** Johnson, Jerry. *Live from Criswell College*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 2. KCBI 90.9 FM, Dallas, TX.
- 2005** Ramage, Stephanie and Jennifer Smith. "Tom's World: An Atlanta Woman's View of Scientology." *Atlanta Sunday Paper*. July 3. pp. 15-16.

Service

Academic, Community, Professional

- 2009** Conference assistant (photographer, and introducer of The White House Project Speaker's Panel), Phenomenal Women's Conference, *Women Leading Social Change*. April 23, 2009. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2009** Planning committee member, event scriptwriter, publicist, stage director: *Celebrating History Through Her Story*. First annual Cobb County Women's History Month event. March 14. Co-sponsors: YWCA of Northwest Georgia, and League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb. Held at Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA.
- 2008** Advisory committee member, *Economic Empowerment of Women Phenomenal Women's Conference*, April 3. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2008** Publicity committee member, *WomenUp 2008 Conference*, Atlanta Women's Network, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008** Planning committee member. *2008 Peace Conference*. Kennesaw State University.
- 2007** Advisory committee member, *Shaping a Legacy of Leadership: Investing in Yourself for Ultimate Results Phenomenal Women's Conference*, Mar. 30-31. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2003** Volunteer ticket sales coordinator. *One City, Many Voices* fundraising concert for Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 - 2009** Volunteer team leader of Wings of Love Ministries, Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.

Continuing Education/Professional Development

- 2011** National Council for Teachers of English Conference on College Composition and Communication, "All Our Relations: Contested Space, Contested Knowledge" in Atlanta (Attended seven sessions, April 7-8).
- 2011** Guest lecture event - Dr. Amy Koerber, Professor of Technical Communication, Texas Tech University, "Publishing & Researching in Writing Studies: 21st Century Trends" at KSU (4/14).
- 2011** Guest lecture event - Dr. Deborah Brandt, Professor of English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "New Directions in Mass Literacy," at KSU (April 14).
- 2010** Attended "Media Law in the Digital Age" conference sponsored by Berkman Center for Internet and Society of Harvard Law School, and Center for Sustainable Journalism of Kennesaw State University, at Kennesaw State University.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Atlanta Press Club • Author's Guild • Georgia Writer's Association • International Cultic Studies Association • National Communication Association • National Council of Teachers of English • Society for Technical Communication