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Deirdre Foreman Class of 2025

Current Employer:

Ramapo College of New Jersey

Professional Background:

I am an Adjunct Professor of Africana Studies and Social Science and Associate Director of Educational Opportunity Fund Program at Ramapo College of New Jersey. My professional background includes working in higher education for over 20 years in the areas of teaching, curriculum design, faculty

development, financial planning, budget management, counseling and advisement, grant writing, staff supervision, fundraising and programming. My research interests include Africana Studies, Urban Sociology, Urban Anthropology, Urban Health, and Social Inequality. My philosophy of teaching emphasizes a commitment to providing a profound understanding of African and African-America history and culture through the humanities and social sciences. I developed my teaching philosophy based on my work in the United States and Africa. I am passionate about emphasizing African centered perspectives which encourage the development of intellectual and practical skills to fully examine a global society.

Major Accomplishments:

A notable accomplishment is my work at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana. I was guest lecturer, and coordinator and moderator for the first Annual Ghanaian and U.S. Relations Conference at the university. I designed the curriculum and taught the first African American Relations with Ghana: Service, Culture, & Society course. In addition, I wrote the grant, secured the funding, and managed the budget for the Ghana Study Abroad Program to provide an opportunity for low-income college students to travel to Africa. I founded the Ghana



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Research Action Project. I have presented papers at several professional conferences domestically, and internationally in Ghana, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, England, and the Dominican Republic. I have also attended and presented at several ASALH national conferences since becoming a member and look forward to attending the upcoming meeting in September. I have participated in several media interviews to include CBS with Ms. Dana Tyler.

Previous Service to ASALH:

Extensive branch work and leadership. Current President of the Manhattan Branch.

What I Hope to Accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:

If selected to be a member of the Executive Council, I would like to apply my wide range of experience to strengthen the ASALH brand, identity, reputation, and connections to the world. I would like to contribute to the expansion of community partnerships and increase in domestic and international memberships. I would like to assist with the financial planning, grant writing, publications, the Annual Meeting and Conference and other national program initiatives.

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