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J. Vern Cromartie **Class of 2027**

Current Employer:

Contra Costa College

Professional Background:

I am a professor of sociology and chairman of the Sociology Department at Contra Costa College. My research interests include race, social movements, and the sociology of education. I have earned the following eight college degrees: doctorate degree in organization and leadership from the

University of San Francisco; three master's degrees in sociology, humanities, and counseling from California State University, East Bay; bachelor's degree in human relations and organizational behavior from the University of San Francisco; and three associate's degrees in social science, psychology, and English from the College of Alameda. Prior to coming to Contra Costa College, I taught sociology at Chapman University; worked as the lead social worker for the Alameda County Social Services Agency's Community Housing and Shelter Services Program (CHASS); and worked as a program analyst for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Major Accomplishments:

I have published 14 books and I am the author of over 70 scholarly articles. My scholarly articles have been published by the National Social Science Association; Oxford University Press; Greenwood Press; National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates; Black Languages, Arts, and Culture Foundation; California Sociological Association; Clute Institute for Academic Research; and other entities. Presently, I serve elected vice president of African Heritage Studies Association; an elected member of the Governing Council of the California Sociological Association; an appointed member of



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the Board of Directors of the National Social Science Association (NSSA); editor of the California Sociological Bulletin; editor of the Black Languages, Arts, Culture Foundation Occasional Papers Series; president of the Jeremiah B. Sanderson Leadership Institute, Inc.; and president of Geechee Enterprises. I have also served as appointed member of the Pacific Sociological Association's Committee on Community Colleges; an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District (LMCHD); elected president of the Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers; an appointed member of the Editorial Board of Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies; an appointed member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Intercultural Studies; and an appointed member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Sociology and Anthropology; and an appointed editor-in-chief of the National Social Sciences Journal.

Previous Service to ASALH:

I am a longtime Life Member of ASALH. I have also presented scholarly papers at many ASALH conferences over the years. In addition to presenting, I have served as a session organizer and/or moderator of many paper sessions at ASALH conferences.

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

I hope to help the Executive Council of ASALH with my expertise in organization and leadership. I also want to help the Executive Council of ASALH to strengthen its programs by helping the organization to address conflict by transforming it from a negative to a positive. All organizations will experience conflict at one time or another, but successful organizations can handle the situation by adhering to its (1) Mission; (2) Code of Conduct; and (3) Constitution and By-Laws. I can help the organization to merge theory with practice.

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