

SONNY KELLY

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EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Communication, UNC Chapel Hill, Aug 2015-present

Dissertation: *Pipeline to Pathways: Reframing and Reclaiming Black Youth Identity through Performance*

MA, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, May 2008

Communication Studies

Capstone Project: *A Guide to Relationship-Based Selling*

BA, Stanford University, June 1998

International Relations Major/Economics Minor. Economic Development in Latin America and Latin American Language and Cultural Studies

ADVANCED STUDY & TRAINING

- *Blackboard* Instructor Certification, Fayetteville Technical Community College (2015)
- *Moodle* Online Instructor Certification, Robeson Community College (2015)
- Courses in Pedagogy and Spanish, Fayetteville State University (15hrs)(2001-2002)
- Intensive Spanish Language Course, Academia Malaga Plus, Malaga, Spain (2001)
- Graduate Intelligence Officer Course, U.S. Air Force (May, 1999)
- Stanford University Theater Department Training (1994 – 1998)

SKILLS

- Fluent in Spanish and English
- Master group communication facilitator
- Actor, writer, playwright
- Adept user of Microsoft Office software

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Graduate Instructor: *Intro to Performance of Culture* (2019), *Intro to Performance* (2018), *Intro To Performing Literature*(2018), UNC Chapel Hill
- Teaching Assistant, *Performing African American History*, UNC Chapel Hill (2017)
- Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Performance*, UNC Chapel Hill (2017)
- Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Organizational Communication*, UNC Chapel Hill (2016)
- Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Media Production*, UNC Chapel Hill (2016)
- Facilitator of Self-Expression Workshops and Public Performances for youth, Boomerang Youth, Inc., Chapel Hill, NC & Find-A-Friend, Fayetteville, NC (2015 – present)
- Facilitator of Interactive Theater, *Theater Delta*, Durham, NC (2015 - present)
- Adjunct Instructor, *Public Speaking*, Robeson Community College, Lumberton, NC (Feb., 2015 – 2017)
- Adjunct Instructor, *Public Speaking*, Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville, NC (Aug., 2015 – 2017)
- Adjunct Instructor, *Fundamentals of Speech & Communication*, Northeast Lakeview College, San Antonio, TX (Aug., 2008 - Dec.2011)
 - Rated by over 500 students in the top 10th percentile for quality of instruction
- *Co-Founder/Trainer*, Power of Words, San Antonio, TX (Sep., 2009 – Dec., 2011)
 - Corporate trainer of organizational and interpersonal communication

- *Guest Trainer*, Pfizer Learning Center, Ryebrook, NY (Jul., 2008)
 - Rated by students as “Excellent” in survey (average rating of 4.97 out of 5)
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Alan Cirlin for undergraduate courses: *Business and Professional Communication* (Spring, 2005), *Fundamentals of Oral Communication* (Fall, 2006), St. Mary’s University (2005 – 2006)
- Part-Time Instructor, *English as a Second Language*, Fayetteville Technical Community College Adult Basic Skills Department (Jun., 2003 - Aug., 2003)
- Adjunct Instructor, *Success and Study Skills*) at *Fayetteville Technical Community College* (FTCC) (Jan., 2003 - Dec., 2003)
 - Rated in the top 5 percentile among students in post-course surveys (scored 4.9/5)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Communication, *Sherrill-Pence Award for Applied/ Engaged Communication*, 2019
- *Tanner Teaching Assistants Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*, 2018
- *Arts Council of Fayetteville & Cumberland County Artist in Schools performer*, 2016 - 2018
- *UNC Student Undergraduate Teaching and Staff Award for Undergrad Teaching*, 2017
- *The Maynard Adams Fellowship for Public Humanities Fellow*, 2017-2018
- *Carolina Center for Public Service Community Engagement Fellow*, 2017
- *UNC Institute of African Amer. Research Grad Student Summer Research Grant* ,2017
- *UNC Grad Certificate in Participatory Research Seed Grant*, summer 2016
- *Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County Regional Artist Project Grant*, 2016
- *FTCC Foundation, Inc. Award for community performances* 2016
- *UNC Performing Arts Special Activity Grant - community performance*, 2015 – 2016
- *UNC North Carolina Excellence Fellowship*, 2015 – 2016
- *Fayetteville Observer’s 40 Under 40 Award*, 2016
- *National Association of Black Storytellers “Tall Tale Award,”* 2014
- *United Way of Cumberland County Volunteer of the Year*, 2013
- *Pfizer Inc. Vice President’s Cabinet for top sales nationally*, 2007 and 2008
- *Sonny Kelly Excellence in Mentoring Award*, Fayetteville Urban Min., 2004

PERFORMANCE

FILM/TV

<i>Friday Night Lights</i>	Featured Guest	NBC
<i>Short Film Cinema</i>	Co-Host	Jabez Productions
<i>Sandwich</i>	Supporting Actor	P.U.S.H. Productions
<i>Chasing the Light/Siguiendo la Luz</i>	Narrator(bilingual)	Bauhaus Media Group, Inc.
<i>Path of Life</i>	Supporting Actor	Promobile Productions
<i>Stairway to Heaven</i>	Supporting Actor	Lensville Productions

INDUSTRIAL VIDEO PROJECTS

<i>Battlemind Training Video</i>	Lead Actor	Kudzo Productions & U.S. Army
<i>FAFSA Instructional Video ('07, '08, '09)</i>	Host on Camera	T.G., Elephant Prod,
<i>Freedom Calls</i>	HOC	Motivational Productions
<i>Texas Dept of Health Training Video</i>	HOC (Bilingual)	Clear Pictures
<i>ACH Fryer Management Training Video</i>	HOC (Bilingual)	Hanahawk Communications, Inc.

THEATER

<i>The Talk</i>	Actor/Writer	UNC Chapel Hill, Traveling
<i>The Color of Courage</i>	Actor/Producer	UNC Chapel Hill, FTCC, Traveling
<i>Interactive Theater-Communication</i>	Actor/Facilitator	Theater Delta, Chapel Hill, NC
<i>Measure for Measure</i>	Duke	Sweet Tea Shakespeare, NC
<i>A Dickens Holiday 2014 & 2015</i>	Ira Aldridge	Arts Council of Fayetteville, NC
<i>Black, Blue & Invisible</i>	Actor	Mike Wiley Productions, NC
<i>Hope's Light</i>	Writer/Director/Actor	SonnyRey Productions, NC
<i>The Piano Lesson</i>	Avery	Cape Fear Regional Theatre, NC
<i>The Parchman Hour</i>	Stokely Carmichael	Cape Fear Regional Theatre, NC
<i>Othello</i>	Iago	Cape Fear Regional Theatre, NC
<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>	Tom Robinson	Cape Fear Regional Theatre, NC
<i>African American Story Telling</i>	Story Teller	Play Pen Theatre Troupe, NC
<i>As You Like It</i>	Orlando	The Gilbert Theater, NC
<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>	Bassanio	The Gilbert Theater, NC
<i>In the Blood</i>	Jabber	The Gilbert Theater, NC
<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>	Petruchio	The Gilbert Theater, NC
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Oberon	The Gilbert Theater, NC
<i>The Bear</i>	Director	Divided Sky Theater, NC

THEATER (cont'd)

<i>May 19th</i>	Steven	Divided Sky Theater, NC
<i>Kiss Me Kate</i>	Stage Manager	Temple Theatre, NC
<i>Bram Stoker's Dracula</i>	Dracula	Angelo Civic Theater, TX
<i>Arsenic and Old Lace</i>	O'hara	Angelo State Univ. Drama Dept,
<i>Statements After An Arrest...</i>	Errol Philander	Stanford Univ. Drama Dept
<i>Tales From the Sea</i>	Male Lead	Stanford Univ. Drama Dept

STORYTELLING & PUBLIC SPEAKING

<i>Annual MLK Community Day</i>	MC and Speaker	St. Andrew's University, 2016, 2017, 2018
<i>In-School Presentations</i>	Storyteller	Cumberland & Pit County Schools 2013-18
<i>Military Experience & Perf. Arts</i>	MC	Duke University Forum for Scholars and Publics, 2017
<i>Annual Conference</i>	Featured Storyteller	National Association of Black Storytellers
<i>Annual Storyteller Showcase</i>	Featured Storyteller	Black Storytellers Alliance, Minneapolis, MN, 2015, 2016
<i>NCJSA Spring Conference</i>	Keynote Speaker	NC Juvenile Services Association, 2015
<i>Interactive Theater Workshops</i>	Facilitator	Theater Delta, 2015 - present
<i>2014 Annual Banquet</i>	Master of Ceremonies	Cumberland County Human Relations
<i>President's Coffee Club</i>	Master of Ceremonies	Fayetteville Area Chamber
<i>Scholarship Pageant</i>	Master of Ceremonies	Dublin Peanut Festival 2013 & 2014
<i>CCAP Aspire Graduation</i>	Keynote Speaker	Cumberland Community Action Program

FACILITATIONS & COMMUNITY/TEAM BUILDING

<i>Floraffiti</i>	Poetry & Writing	Floraffiti, 2016 - present
<i>Boomerang Youth Inc.</i>	Self-Expression	Boomerang Youth, Inc., 2015- present
<i>USO Reboot Workshops</i>	Family Reconnection	Hidden Voices, 2015 – present
<i>My Life Matters</i>	Youth Empowerment	Find-A-Friend, Fay. Urb. Min., 2014 – present