

In Memoriam: Terry Kershaw



Dr. Terry Kershaw was Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Cincinnati (2009-2015), recruited from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to develop a M.A. and Ph.D. program in Africana Studies at the University of Cincinnati. He has also served as: Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Sociology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1999-2008), Associate Professor of African and African American Studies; Director, Off-Campus Study Programs Cape Verde, West Africa and Cross-Cultural Field Program in the Southern United States at Antioch College (1997-1999), Associate Professor of African American Studies; Coordinator of Departmental Assistantships at Temple University (1993-1997), Associate Professor (1991-1993); Assistant Professor (1985-1991), Sociology, The College of Wooster (1985-1993), Instructor of Sociology (1980-83); chair of the Social Science Division (1982-1983) at Whitworth College, director of Multicultural Affairs (1983-1985) at Whitworth College (1980-May 1985).

He held a Ph.D. (1985) in Sociology from Washington State University, Pullman, Washington with an emphasis in demography, human ecology, environmental sociology and social organization, a M.A. (1978) in Black Studies from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio with an emphasis in history, economic development and community organization, and a B.A. (1976) in Sociology and Black Studies from the State University of New York College at Cortland.

Dr. Kershaw was a member of the editorial board of the *International Journal of Africana Studies*, *Africana Studies Review*, *Journal of Race and Policy*, a co-editor (1994-1997) of the *Journal of Black Studies*, editorial advisor of the *Wooster Review* (1987-1989), assistant editor of the *Western Journal of Black Studies* (1979-1980), reviewer for *Social Forces*, the *American Educational Research Journal*, the *Journal of Race and Policy*, and invited to the advisory board of the *Journal of Pan African Studies* (November 27, 2014). Some of his publications include: "Africana Studies and the Production of Future Scholars" in the *Western Journal of Black Studies* (vol. 34, No. 2 June, 2010); "Scholarship and the Emerging Scholar-Activist Paradigm in Black Studies" in the *International Journal of Africana Studies* (vol. 14, No.1 June 2008); "The Dynamics of Race and Class" in the *Journal of Race and Politics* (vol.1, No.1. 2005); "The Black Studies Paradigm: The Making of Scholar-Activists" in *Afrocentricity and Philosophy* edited by James Conyers (McFarland and Company Publishers, 2003); "African American National Leadership: A Model for Complimentarily" in the *Western Journal of Black Studies* (vol.25, No. 4 2001);

“Research Methods in Black Studies” in *Africana: An Introduction and Study* edited by Leonard L. Bethel. Kendall-Hunt Publishing Co., 1999; "Afrocentrism and the Afrocentric Method" in the *Western Journal of Black Studies* (vol. 16, No. 3 1992); "The Effects of Educational Tracking on the Social Mobility of African Americans," in the *Journal of Black Studies* (vol. 23, No. 1, September 1992); "Toward a Black Studies Paradigm: An Assessment and Some Directions" in the *Journal of Black Studies* (vol. 22, No. 4, June 1992); Great Thinkers of the West: Karl Marx," in *Great Thinkers of the Western World*, Ian McGreal (ed.) Harper and Row, September 1992; "The Emerging Paradigm of Black Studies," in the *Western Journal of Black Studies* (vol. 13, No. 1 Spring, 1989); and "A Sociological Analysis of the Male-Female Roles in Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*," in *Feminism in Practice: Extending Boundaries* Kate Loring (ed.) 1987.

His areas of research was on research methods in Africana Studies; race, gender, class and social change; African American leadership, scholar-Activist research methodology, and chaired 15 M.A. and Ph.D. committees and served as a committee member on at least 40 more. He was a panelist for Diversity Dissertation and Post-Doc Fellowships for the Ford Foundation, Faculty Mentor of the Year from Southern Educational Regional Board (March 2008), a recipient of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Graduate School 2005-2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Advisor Award, a recipient of the National Council for Black Studies 2004 Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Africana Studies, the Mini Lilly chair at Marquette University (February 1995), a member of the board of the National Council for Black Studies (a former vice president), visiting professor at Temple University in the Department of African American Studies (1991-1992), a staff member of the Great Lakes Colleges Association General and Multicultural Course Design and Teaching Workshop (1989-2000), a Wye Faculty Fellow at the Aspen Summer Institute (Summer 1989), a faculty fellow at Indiana University Department of Sociology (June-August 1987), participated in the Harvest Foundation for the Development of Grassroots Leadership in Martinsville, Henry and Patrick Counties as a principle investigator, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ASPIRES grant for the development of faculty research in diversity areas as a principle investigator.