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**OBJECTIVE:** To conduct a research project based on unlearning attitudes of prejudice and violence towards different cultural/ethnic groups

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- Founder and Executive Director of ICU...Inspire, Create, Unite, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that celebrates heritage and folk art, 2001-2008
- Co-chair for MLK EAST, a community organization that celebrates diversity and non-violence in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. yearly, 2007-2009
- Facilitator with multi-generational mentoring and cultural understanding projects in the Dayton community directed towards at-risk youth, 1999-2008
- Community activist in organizing volunteers in the restoration and clean-up of two abandoned pioneer cemeteries in the City of Dayton, Ohio, 1999-2008
- Genealogist having conducted and documented family research with ancestral lines dating back prior to 900 AD, 1999-2008
- Certified member of the Cherokee Wolf Clan, [www.cherokeewofclan.org](http://www.cherokeewofclan.org), Yuma, Tennessee, 2004-2008
- Historian in the study of American history, particularly the pre/post Civil War Era in Ohio's Miami Valley, 1999-2008
- Storyteller/presenter of ICU's *Miami Valley Underground Railroad Story Quilt* designed for *touching the future by exploring the past*, 2003-2008
- Alumni President of Patterson Co-op Class of 1977, an association that excels in celebrating diversity and long-term friendships, 1997-2008
- Panel participant on a National Issues Forum regarding "Violent Kids, Can We Change the Trend?" broadcasted by DATV in September of 2007
- Facilitator/Participant in *The Mystery of Love* project, a nationwide community dialogue initiative about race relations and diversity, 2006-2008
- Legal Researcher/Title Examiner of Ohio county records, Ohio court cases and Federal Court case dockets, 1978-2003
- Rowing Instructor for the Greater Dayton Rowing Association's *Learn to Row* program in teaching adults/youth beginning sculling and crew, 2000-2001

**EDUCATION:** Working towards completing two (2) Associate Degree of Arts in Sociology and Communication Arts by fall of 2008 from Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio

**ACADEMIC**

**AWARD:** ***Speech Meet Competition Participation Award*** given by the Communication Arts Department of Sinclair Community College for effective public speaking, 2008

**COMMUNITY**

**AWARD:**

- ***Appalachian Unsung Hero Award*** received in 2007 by Sinclair Community College's *Appalachian Outreach Committee* in providing Dayton's urban Appalachian youth community with programs and services that eliminate barriers and ensure access to the learning process
- ***Volunteers are Superheroes Award*** received in 2006 from Ohio's City of Dayton Mayor, Rhine McLin, for contributing over 200 volunteer hours of community service towards improving Dayton

**HONORS**

**ACTIVITY:**

- ***Honors Program*** at Sinclair Community College, Sociology 205 on *Social Problems in a Diverse Society*, 2008
- Member of ***Student Achievement in Research And Scholarships (STARS)*** by Sinclair Community College, 2008

**VOLUNTEER:**

- Mentor of youth at East End Youth/Teen Center, a division of East End Community Services, 1999-2008
- Youth Director at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Dayton, Ohio in initiating youth volunteerism and multi-cultural programming, 2007
- Supporter of *Initiatives of Change*, a National Forum that explores building trust in relationships and creating healthy inclusive communities, 2007
- Committee member for Buckeye Trails Girl Scout Council *Pampered Camper* fundraising event towards youth programming and scholarships, 2006- 2007

**HOBBIES:**

- Irish dancing for Dayton's *Celtic Academy of Irish Dance* from 1999-2003 and Celtic Festival supporter from 2004-2008
- Backpacking, camping and hiking on trips to National Parks, Kentucky and Ohio State Parks, 2004-2008
- Quilting by hand, as well as machine using computer design with embroidery/quilting machines, 2000-2008
- Dancing at Native American Powwows and Ohio cultural festival (i.e, African, Appalachian, Greek, Latin Middle Eastern, Polish, Scottish, etc) 1999-2007
- Costuming for Ohio cultural festivals and historic reenactments (i.e., Mountain Days, Celtic Festival, New Boston Fair, Renaissance, Civil War) 1999-2008
- Flower/vegetable gardening with attempts made at canning home-grown vegetables and fruits in order to promote a healthy nutritious diet
- Yoga as a way to connect with mind, body and spirit

**REFERENCES:** Available upon request