

## REBECCA A. DENTON, M.B.A., Ph.D.

### Personal Information

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### Education

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Ph.D.	<b>Saint Louis University</b> , St. Louis, MO Higher Education Administration	2006
M.Ed.	<b>Drury University</b> , Springfield, MO Education	1999
M.B.A.	<b>Missouri State University</b> , Springfield, MO Management and Administration	1995
B.S.	<b>Missouri State University</b> , Springfield, MO Business Management	1992

### Professional Work Experience

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2016 ~ 2017	Associate Dean, Drury University School of Education and Child Development
2015 ~ 2016	Director of Elementary Education, Drury University School of Education Child Development
2010 ~ 2017	Co-Founder & Director, Campamento de Alumnas Hispanas (Summer Camp for Latina Girls – Latina Teen Scholars)
2009 ~ 2017	Associate Professor of Education and Child Development, Drury University School of Education and Child Development
2004 ~ 2009	Assistant Professor of Education and Child Development, Drury University School of Education and Child Development
2001 ~ 2004	Instructor, Drury University School of Education and Child Development
2008 ~ 2009	Director, Drury University Convocation Series
2001 ~ 2011	Director, Drury University Diversity Center
2001 ~ 2006	Director, SW Missouri Center for Economic Education

1999 ~ 2001	Elementary School Teacher, Springfield R-XII Public
1998 ~ 1999	Assistant to the Principal, Springfield R-XII Public
1992 ~ 1995	Conference Director, Horizontal Network, Inc.
1990 ~ 1991	Auditor, United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Inspector General

### **University Courses Taught**

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EDUC 605	Advanced Educational Psychology & Assessment (Graduate)
EDUC 602	Capstone Seminar: Culminating Research Course for Master of Education Degree (Graduate)
EDUC 600	Introduction to Research (Graduate)
SS 642	Economics for Teachers (Graduate)
EDUC 207	The Psychology of Human Growth and Development
EDUC 302	Educational Psychology and Assessment
GLST 301	Global Futures
GLST 201	Global Awareness and Cultural Diversity
EDUC 476	Student Teaching: Elementary Education
GLST 101	Alpha Seminar: Yearlong Freshman Core
EDUC 203	The American Classroom
GLST 121	Personal Finance for Students
EDUC 331	Teaching Reading in the Content Field
EDUC 409	Methods of Teaching Language

### **University Recognized Student Group Sponsorship**

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2015 ~ 2016	Summit Park Students for Isabel's House Shelter
2008 ~ 2016	Drury Student Teacher Association
2008 ~ 2009	Summit Park Students for Abuse
2008 ~ 2009	Students for Equity and Fair Trade
2008 ~ 2009	Students for a Third Party

- 2004 ~ 2008 Bacchus: Students for an Alcohol Free Campus
- 2002 ~ 2008 Alliance of Minority Minds Student Organization ~ Faculty Co-Founder

### **National Publications/Books**

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- 2009 How Boards Go Wrong and Right: Observations on the Search and Selection of College Presidents. The Presidency: The American Council on Education, Washington, DC.  
(The Presidency is the American Council on Education's flagship journal.)
- 2008 Racial Attitudes among U.S. College Students: The Effect of Academic Major and Overall Aptitude on Racial Attitude. VDM Verlag: Saarbrücken, Germany  
ISBN-13: 978-3639077278  
ISBN-10: 363907727X
- 1999 The Toolbox for the Mind: Finding and Implementing Creative Solutions in the Workplace. McGraw-Hill: New York (Contributor)  
ISBN-13: 978-0873894487  
ISBN-10: 0873894480

### **National Scholarly Presentations**

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- 2015 **The Southern Sociological Society** 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: Stalled Revolutions? New Orleans, Louisiana. The Effects of Food Deserts on Poor Academic Achievement among Children: Using Experimental Field Work in the Classroom.
- 2013 **The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Student Success and the Quality Agenda Conference. Miami, Florida. The Community-Driven University: Increasing Access and Achievement through K-16 Collaborations.
- 2012 **The American Adoption Congress** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference: Many Faces of Adoption. Orlando, Florida. A Love Diverted.
- 2011 **The Regional Pedagogy Institute for Central Poland:** The Conference on Aggression and Violence at School – Child's Safety in the School Environment. Katowice, Poland. The American Public School System's Approach to Teaching Diverse Learners.
- 2010 **MIT Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. Cambridge, Massachusetts. Reunion.
- 2009 **The Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Network for Academic Renewal Conference: Civic Learning at the Intersections: Global Education and Democracy's Unfinished Work. Denver

- Colorado. Drury University's Global Curriculum.
- 2008 The **Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Minneapolis, Minnesota. Student Growth and Development: A Faculty Primer.
- 2007 **Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Shared Futures. Sonoma, California. Drury University's Global Curriculum (Team Presentation).
- 2007 **Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Denver Colorado. From Egocentric to Altruistic: Using Civic Engagement to Develop Civic and Intercultural Competence on Predominately White College Campuses.
- 2007 **Mid-America American Studies Association (MAASC)**. Kansas City, Missouri. Teaching as if American Studies Matters.
- 2006 **Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU)** Shared Futures. Smith College, North Hampton, Massachusetts. Drury University's Global Curriculum (Team Presentation).
- 2005 **American Council on Education (ACE) Conference**. Phoenix, Arizona. Teaching for Transition: Collaborative Efforts to Improve Educational Opportunities for Students.

### **Selected Regional Presentations**

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- 2008 Adolescents and Alcohol: What We Don't Know Could Destroy Them: New Research for Educators on the Effects of Alcohol on the Developing Adolescent Brain ~ The Academy of Educational Studies (AES), Branson, Missouri
- 2008 Differentiated Instruction ~ Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Springfield, Missouri
- 2005 Double Consciousness Panel Discussion on Racial Issues ~ Drury University Freshman Series
- 2005 Economics in the Public Schools ~ Southwest Baptist University Education Symposium
- 2004 Teaching Economics through Literature ~ Southwest Baptist University Education Symposium
- 2003 Teaching At-Risk Students ~ DSY Yale Conference
- 2003 The Benefits of a Diverse College Campus ~ DSY Yale Conference
- 2003 Working with Diverse Populations ~ The Southwest Missouri Association for Social Workers

- 2003 Working with Diverse Populations ~ Consumer Credit Counseling
- 2003 Understanding Diverse Students ~ Drury University Residence Hall Assistants
- 2003 Understanding and Appreciating Diversity ~ Drury University Leadership Series
- 2003 Teaching Economics to Students ~ Evangel U. Symposium
- 2003 Teaching Economics to Students ~ Southwest Baptist University Education Symposium
- 2002 Personal Finance Workshop for Parents ~ Bowerman Elementary School
- 2002 Personal Finance Workshop for Parents ~ Reed Middle School
- 2002 Celebrating Diversity ~ NAACP MLK, Jr. Rally Speaker
- 2002 Using Technology to Teach Economics ~ The Regional Consortium for Education and Technology Conference

### **Selected Conferences & Events Planned**

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- 2012 Co-Director: Drury University Summer Camp for At-Risk Latina Teenagers. Provided room, board, and extensive academic and socio-emotional courses and experiences for regional Latina teenagers considered at-risk.
- 2011 Co-Director: Drury University Summer Camp for At-Risk Latina Teenagers.
- 2010 Co-Director: Drury University Summer Camp for At-Risk Latina Teenagers.
- 2008 Director: Drury University National Convocation (Speakers) Series: Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Planned and coordinated over 25 nationally and internationally known speakers and presentations, including Dr. Carol Gilligan). Media coverage at several presentations.
- 2007 Expressions of Diversity ~ An Art Collaborative with the Boys and Girls Club of Springfield (with media coverage)
- 2006 The Roots of Racism (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2005 Tribal Traditions and Alcoholism ~ Diversity Center
- 2005 The Changing Face of the Ozarks (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center

- 2005 Ozarks Jews (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2005 A Call for Peace: The Gandhi Salt March (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2005 Before Roe v. Wade: Why We Can't Go Back (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2005 Social Welfare and Students: Advocacy for Students ~ Drury University
- 2005 Hate Groups: The Role of Women in the Christian Identity Movement
- 2004 Give Thanks: A Native American Musical Celebration
- 2004 Freshman Diversity Training ~ Drury University
- 2004 Racism and the Bible (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2004 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2004 Martin Luther King Jr. Children's Program ~ Diversity Center
- 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. /Civil Rights Rally for Peace ~ Drury University
- 2003 African Americans and Film Industry: Breaking through the White Barrier ~ Diversity Center
- 2003 And the Beat Goes On: The History of Jazz in the US (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2003 The Festival of Friends Hispanic Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Drury University
- 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2003 Diversity and the Disciples Conference ~ Drury University
- 2003 Hail to the Honkies: Racism through Mascots (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
- 2003 Mini-Society Series: Creating Democratic Classrooms
- 2002 Mini-Society Series: Creating Entrepreneurial Classrooms
- 2002 The Festival of Friends Hispanic Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Drury University

2002	Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
2002	Women's Studies Panel Discussion on Rape (with media coverage) ~ Diversity Center
2002	Muslim vs. Christian ~ Diversity Center
2001	The Festival of Friends Hispanic Celebration (with media coverage) ~ Drury University

### **Selected Service & Professional Committees**

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#### **National**

2008 ~ 2009	Planning Committee: The Association of American Colleges and Universities' Network for Academic Renewal
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#### **State**

2012 ~ 2012	Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Standards Committee
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#### **University**

#### **\* Indicates Chair of Committee**

2015 ~ 2017	Drury University Academic Affairs Committee*
2014 ~ 2015	Drury University AAUP – Secretary
2001 ~ 2017	Drury University Teacher Education Committee
2001 ~ 2017	Drury University Graduate Education Committee
2001 ~ 2017	Drury University Teacher Education Council
2012 ~ 2015	Drury University Promotion & Tenure Committee*
2012 ~ 2014	Drury University General Curriculum Core Council
2011 ~ 2012	Drury University Faculty Affairs Sub-Committee on Restructuring
2012 ~ 2013	Drury University Summit Park Leadership Advisor
2009 ~ 2010	Drury University Academic Affairs Committee
2009 ~ 2010	Drury University AAUP President
2008 ~ 2010	President's Council on Diversity

2008 ~ 2010 Drury University AAUW Executive Committee Officer

2008 ~ 2009 Drury University Convocation Co-Director: Drury University Theme Team

2008 ~ 2008 Drury University AAUP Executive Committee Officer

2007 ~ 2008 Drury University WGST Bodies and Identity Pathway Committee

2005 ~ 2010 Drury University Women and Gender Studies Steering Committee

2007 ~ 2007 Drury University Grievance Committee

2005 ~ 2007 Drury University Student Affairs Committee

2005 ~ 2006 Drury University Faculty Work Review Committee

2003 ~ 2004 Drury University Center for Faculty Excellence Search Committee

2004 ~ 2004 Drury University Computer Science Search Committee

2003 ~ 2004 Drury University Faculty Secretary

2002 ~ 2003 Drury University Diversity Task Force

**Community**

2015 ~ 2017 Springfield Public Schools Hall of Fame Committee

2011 ~ 2012 Springfield Kids First Committee

2006 ~ 2007 Springfield Public Schools District Accountability Committee

2005 ~ 2015 Springfield Public Schools Looking Beyond High School Committee

2004 ~ 2008 Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield Scholarship Committee Chairman

2004 ~ 2005 Family Violence Center Diversity Board of Directors

2003 ~ 2009 Junior Achievement Board of Directors

2003 ~ 2004 National Association for Economic Educators Committee

2002 ~ 2008 Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield Board of Directors and Executive Committee

2001 ~ 2003 Springfield Public Schools Multicultural Initiative

2002~ 2009 Consumer Credit Counseling Board of Directors

2001 ~ 2005 Ethnic Life Stories of the Ozarks Committee

2001 ~ 2002 MSU National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education

## **Professional Associations/Affiliations**

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The American Association of University Women

The American Association of University Professors

The American Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

The Missouri Council on Economics Education

The National Council on Economics

The National Association of Economic Educators

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

The Black Education Leaders Roundtable

The Consortium on Diversity and Affirmative Action- The American Council on Education

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education

## **Selected Awards and Recognitions**

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2015 Faculty Award for Excellence: Warren White Scholar

2009 Faculty Award for Excellence: Warren White Scholar

2008 Faculty Award for Excellence: Warren White Scholar

2008 President's Council for Sustainability Green Panther Award for Environmental Responsibility

2007 Outstanding Drury Faculty: Fraternity and Sorority Life Greek Excellence Award

2007 Faculty of the Year Finalist: Fraternity and Sorority Community of Drury University

2007 Faculty Award for Excellence: Warren White Scholar

2006 Faculty Award for Excellence: Warren White Scholar

2006 Drury University Faculty Award for Liberal Learning

2005 Drury University Faculty Award for Leadership Finalist

## **Selected Grants and Awards**

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### **\$10,000 ~ \$20,000 Range**

2003                      The Disciples of Christ: Diversity and the Disciples Grant

2003                      The Kauffman Foundation

2002                      The Kauffman Foundation

### **\$9,999 ~ \$5,000 Range**

2005                      The Kemper Foundation

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2002                      The Kemper Foundation

