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# DEBRA F. FAULK

# **Experience**

**2017 - Present** 

Prime Time Family Reading • Scholar • Kentucky Humanities, Inc.

2017 - 2018

Educator • Theatre Teacher • Family Care Center Teen Mom Parenting Class

2017 - 2017

**Board Member • WLXU 93.9FM and El Pulso Latino 95.7FM •** Lexington Community Radio

2016 - Present

Chautauqua Performer • Nancy Green • *Kentucky Humanities, Inc.*Performance Artist

2016 – 2017 Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center, Artistic Director

2016 - 2017 Lexington Fayette County Urban Government - Family Care Center, Theatre Teacher, Young Women's Division Leader

2015 - 2016

Instructor • Theatre Department • *University of Kentucky* Theatre History, Acting

2013 - 2015

Asian American Drug Addiction Program (AADAP) • Advisor • Asian American Drug Addiction Program (AADAP) Program Director, Educational Counselor, Life Skills Coach, Mentor.

2013 - 2015

After School Program • Scholar • Theatre of Hearts, Youth First
Guidance Counselor in Public Schools, Academic Adviser, Program
Services Coordinator, Youth-At-Risk Counselor, Self-Enrichment
Teacher, Life Skills Program.



2011 - 2015

Activities Coordinator • Liaison • Pacifica Assisted

Senior Living. Dementia Caregiver, Facilitator, Activity

Planner, Public Relations.

**2009-2013** California State University, Los Angeles Playwright, Graduate Assistant

2007-2008 Executive Assistant, University of Kentucky, College of Engineering

2007-2008 Theatre Teacher, Fayette County Public Schools

2007 – 2008 Diversity Recruiter, University of Kentucky, College of Fine Arts

2004 -2006 Department of Theatre, University of Kentucky

#### 2002-2004

On-Air Radio Personality, WRFL 88.1FM, University of Kentucky Radio Marketing, Voice Over, News, Public Service Announcements (PSA) and Interviews.

## 2002-2004

Multi-Media Engineer, University of Kentucky, School of Journalism. Student & Community Liaison. Sales and Promotions.

2000 - 2002 Los Angeles Valley Community College,

Radio Station General Manager Broadcasting Producer KVCM, Programming Director, Concert Coverage, Crowd Control, Sales, Producer, Weather Reports, Traffic News Coordinator, Promotions.



## 2000 – 2002 Los Angeles Valley Community College

Video/Audio Producer, Camera Person, Chyron Generator, Audio-Visual Technician, Teleprompter Operator, Video Disc Jockey. Broadcaster for Sporting Events. Speech Communications, Student Teacher, English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor.

# Education

**2009-2013** California State University – Los Angeles, California Master of Fine Arts – Media Studies (Television, Film & Theatre)

**2007-2008 University of Kentucky – College of Public Health,** Master of Public Health (*Post Bac*)

2002-2006 University of Kentucky - Lexington, Kentucky

Bachelor of Arts - Theatre, Performance Arts

Visual Storytelling, Acting/Directing (Realism) Costume Construction & Design. WRFL 88.1FM Radio show.

**2000-2002** Los Angeles Valley College - Valley Glen, California Teacher Assistant in Speech Communications, English as a Second Language (ESL) Instructor.

#### **RELATED CLASS WORK**

Writing for Mass Media Critical Studies
Broadcast Journalism (Radio) Oral Communication / Public Speaking
Television / Film / Theatre / Dance / Music
Visual Storytelling African Art History. Acting III Scene Study(Realism) Costume Construction & Design Directing II. Dramatic
Structure Critical Studies. Script Analysis Vocal Production for Stage
Make Up for the Theatre Scene Design. New Media. Marketing, Sales.
Promotional Advertising. Production. Publicist

#### Qualifications

Increased enrollment at Los Angeles Valley Community College. Promotion of Diversity Recruitment for the University of Kentucky. Implemented an Independent Living Program for Youth at Risk. Professional Stand-Up Comedienne and Mistress of Ceremonies. Producer of One Woman Show about Dementia / Alzheimer's disease.



#### **AWARDS**

Lola Robinson Theatre Scholarship for dedication to the art of theatre. Raymond Smith Theatre Scholarship for leadership. Carol S. Sutton Journalism Award for dedication to the art of Theatre. AIDS Benefit helped raised millions of dollars for AIDS Marathon to fund research. Crippled Children's Society: Headliner in comedy show fundraiser at *The World-Famous Comedy Store*.

#### **HONORS & ACTIVITIES**

Los Angeles Valley Community College Graduated Cum Laude, Dean's List. Commissioner of Student Government, Student Activity Board, Student of the Year Leadership Award, Mentor of the Year - YMCA Black Achiever's. Founder of Kentucky Association of Theatre Students (KATS) Student Organization. Carol S. Sutton Journalism Award.

### Non-Profit Organizations, Volunteer Experience, Hobbies

Founder of *Lina's Byrd Nest, Tammy Byrd Jones Merit Award,*Alzheimer's Association. Neighborhood Associations, Partners for
Youth, Gear Up Kentucky, Theatre in Diversion, Theatre of Hearts Youth First, Sickle Cell, Women's Downtown Center, Crippled
Children's Society, Public Health – AIDS Benefit & Fundraiser, Parades,
Concerts, Festivals and County Fairs.

**References** [Available upon request.]

#### **Publications**

**LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER** 

http://www.kentucky.com/2013/03/27/2576306/merlene-davis-troubled-lexington.html

#### **KENTUCKY KERNEL**

http://kykernel.com/2013/03/29/dd-rainbow-brings-bag-of-bits-back-home/

http://kykernel.com/2013/03/31/comedy-act-a-walk-through-performers-life/



DEBRA F. FAULK was born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky and graduated in 2007 from the University of Kentucky. She majored in Theatre and while a student at the University she interned for the *Theatre In Diversion* program which was a collaboration between UK and the Kentucky court system to encourage youth at risk. In 2013 Ms. Faulk received her Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Media Studies with emphasis on Television, Film & Theatre from California State University Los Angeles. While a master's student, she implemented a Life Skills Theatre course for the *Asian American Drug Addiction Program (AADAP)* as a part of the Los Angeles Mayor's office effort to reduce gang membership and gang violence.

Debra has been a professional comedienne for more than two decades and is the founder and artistic director of her own company called *Rainbow Attractions*, *LLC*. Her company combines entertainment with education highlighting serious health issues with added elements of humor and joy. *Rainbow Attractions* has featured Debra in her one woman show and *Ted Talk* called *Nobody Does It Alone* which helps explain the effects and symptoms of dementia on the elderly and their families. She has led a *Walk to End Alzheimer's* sponsored by the *National Alzheimer's Association* and has organized her own annual event through the *Veteran's Administration* (VA) to honor all veterans suffering from this illness. *Rainbow Attractions* has also presented the *Comedy Connections* workshop as a means of furthering Debra's interest in working with teenagers who are on the margins of society.

Debra has received the Lola Robinson Theatre Scholarship for dedication to the art of theatre, the Raymond Smith Theatre Scholarship for leadership and the Carol S. Sutton Journalism Award to students with strong writing skills and high academic standards. Debra had a radio show called Quality Time on UK's WRFL station. Some of Debra's entertainment credits include: Lorraine Hansberry's Raisin In The Sun (Mama), Lynn Nottage's Intimate Apparel, (Mrs. Dickson), Live at the Apollo in New York City, Let's Talk About Sex (New Line Pictures), How To Be A Player (Gramercy Pictures), Wayan Brothers Show (Paramount Studios), Malcolm & Eddie Show (Sony Studios) and served as thee mistress of ceremonies for the Bone Thugs-N-Harmony Tour & Me'Shell Ndegeocello concerts. Readers Magazine named Debra as the number one emcee in Los Angeles in the late nineties and FYI Magazine called her show the most entertaining in Los Angeles seen weekly by Hollywood's VIPs.

Currently, Debra is a scholar for *Prime Time Family Reading* with *Kentucky Humanities, Inc.* and also portrays Nancy Green in "Being Aunt Jemima The Pancake Queen" as a Chautauqua performer who travels to schools and community organizations throughout the state delivering historically accurate dramatizations of Kentuckians who made valuable contributions.