

# Ms. Abeni El-Amin, ABD

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## EDUCATION

*Clark Atlanta University* - Atlanta, GA

**Ph.D. Candidate**

August 2000 – Present

Department of Political Science

*Areas of Specialization*

- ◆ African Studies
- ◆ American Government
- ◆ Comparative Politics
- ◆ Public Administration

**Courses Completed:** Comparative Political Systems 3, Politics in Developing States 3, Government & Politics of Modern Africa 3, Politics of Revolutionary Change 3, Political Theory 3, Soc Cleavages & Political Conflict 3, American Political Process 3, Blacks & the American Political System 3, Scopes & Method of Political Inquiry 3, U.S. Constitutional Law 3, Atlanta City Politics 3

*Dissertation Topic:* *The Impact of Service-Learning on Civic Engagement and Community Development: A Political Systems Theory Approach*

**Peace College & The Women's Forum of NC** – Raleigh, NC: 2007

North Carolina Women in Public Service Institute

**Kentucky State University** - Frankfort, KY: August 1992 – December 1998

**Masters Level – Public Administration**

Human Resource Management, MPA - December 1998

Management Information Systems, MPA - December 1998

**Bachelors Level – Business Administration,**

Marketing/Economics, BA – May 1997

**Associates Level – Liberal Studies**

Whitney M. Young Honors Liberal Studies Program, AA

**Communications, Speech, and Theater, Minor**

**LANGUAGES STUDIED:** English, Arabic, German, Spanish, Japanese, Latin, Mandinka, French

**COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES TRAVELLED:** Canada, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Costa Rica, Switzerland, Germany, South Africa, Nigeria, The Gambia, Senegal, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, St. Croix (Virgin Islands) Jamaica

## PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ “Programming Black Culture in Black Cultural Centers” *Moderated and Discussant*, 16<sup>th</sup> Association for Black Culture Center Conference. Theme: Centering Black Culture on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campuses November 2006 Raleigh, NC
- ◆ “Service-Learning for Social Change: Institutional Models and Practices” (Presentation incorporated Saint Augustine’s Students) *Developed, Presented and Moderated*, National Conference of Black Political Scientists March 2006 Atlanta, GA
- ◆ Paper Submission - *The Journal of Public Affairs And Issues* “Student’s Perceptions on The Impact Of Service-Learning On Community Based Organizations”, Albany State University, Albany, GA. May 2006
- ◆ “Non-Verbal Communication in the Workplace: Domestic and International Implications” Presentation Developed for Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity - February 21, 2005. Mercer University. Macon, Georgia
- ◆ “Youth Workforce Development Initiatives in Savannah, Georgia and the Correlation to Societal Outcomes” Presentation Developed for the 4th Annual Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education - February 4-5, 2005. Savannah, Georgia
- ◆ “Post-Colonialist Theory and the Impact of Walter Rodney on Social Movements in the Caribbean”, 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Caribbean Literature – November 3-5, 2004. St Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ◆ “Healthy Habits – *A Lifestyle*” Freshman Experience, Savannah State University – February 17, 2004. Savannah, Georgia
- ◆ “Human Rights, Terrorism, and War” *Panel Discussant*, National Conference of Black Political Scientist – March 2003 Oakland, California
- ◆ “I’ll Fly Away ~ Experiences from The Dominican Republic and Haiti - The Challenges and Benefit of Study Abroad.” Clark Atlanta University – October 2002. Atlanta, Georgia

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Shaw University, Raleigh, NC, January 2008 – present  
Department of Social Sciences  
**Adjunct Instructor**

Classes Taught: Introduction to Social Sciences ( S2008) Introduction to Public Policy (S2008), African-Americans in US Politics (S2008)

Wake Technical College, Raleigh, NC, August 2007 – present  
Department of Health and Human Services and Social Sciences  
**Adjunct Instructor**

Classes Taught: Social Work: Working With Diversity (F2007), Human Services and Technology Health Care Concepts (F2007), Introduction to Politics: online (S2008)

North Carolina State University, August 2006 – present  
African-American Cultural Center  
Colonel Guion Bluford Saturday Program for Academic and Cultural Education (SPACE)  
**African-American History and Cultural Awareness Instructor**

SPACE serves as an academic and cultural enrichment supplement to the instruction students receive during the regular academic year. In this section we explore the following topics: Tribal Villages to African Empires, The African Slave Trade – 1492-1787, Africans in America – 1787-1890, American Apartheid “Separate But Equal in America” – 1890-1954, The Civil-Rights Revolution – 1954-present, Black Hero/Heroines Celebration, Poetry Tribute to Hero/Heroines, The Education Revolution, Social Movements: Marcus Garvey “Back to Africa”, Reparations, Civic Engagement, and Communication Through Reverberation: The Djembe Drum, Scat, Jazz, R&B and Hip-Hop.

St. Augustine’s College, Raleigh, NC, August 2005 - December 2006  
Department of History and Political Science  
**Assistant Professor**

Classes Taught: American National Government, American Legislative Process, American Executive Process, American Judicial Process, American State And Local Government, Public Policy, Political Ideologies, and Comparative Politics. Advised students on course loads, career planning and life skills. Initiated Pre-Law Society, Participated in the Council On Legal Education (CLEO) LSAT Training, Received Grant For Students To Travel to NCOBPS from SAC Institutional Advancement, Wrote Grant Proposal for American Cancer Society Targeted Community Investment Grant. Served on the following committees: Publicity Committee (Chaired), June Kay Campbell Leadership Conference (Fundraising Chair), Campus Representative for City-wide Strength In Numbers Campaign 2006, and Law Day Forum. Appointed as faculty representative to recruit students in NYC and New Jersey. Instructed SAC students in South Africa for study aboard experiential learning at Cape Tech Peninsula University December 2006.

North Carolina State University, April 2006 – July 2006  
Science House Photonics Leaders and Xplorers Program  
**Leadership Development Instructor**

The 2006 Leaders summer high school preparation component enhanced students' ability to Research, Organize, use Technology and Communication techniques (ROTC) within Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) careers and endeavors. Lessons allowed students to do self-assessments designed to survey organizational aspects of career, academic, and life; career exposure; and expose students to workplace environments through job shadowing.

Mercer University – Macon Campus, August 2004 – May 2005  
Department of Political Science  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**

Traveled In-broad with students to Washington DC. (American Government FX) S/2005. Invited speaker from EEOC to present on Equal Opportunity and Equal Pay: "Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling" S/2005. Organized a symposium entitled, Reparations: Reasonable or Ridiculous? I incorporated WEBCT and Service Learning into courses. Developed a Writing Guide for the Mercer Department of Political Science, and organized a scholarship contest for students with the League of Women Voters.

Savannah State University, August 2003 – May 2004  
Department of Political Science, Public Administration and Urban Affairs  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**

Classes taught: American Government, Contemporary Political Theory and Introduction to Politics. I encouraged SSU students to start a Young Democrats Club. I was advisor to a student organization. I assisted students with planning a National Black Empowerment Summit. Took students to visit Mercer Law School on 2 occasions.

Savannah State University, March 2, 2004 – August 2004  
**Continuing Education Provider - Fitness Education**

Healthy Habits - "24 Hours To A New You" This class explores nutrition, weight management, and exercise formats for participants wanting to increase their fitness and health. Participants learn to appreciate their existing body type while gaining insight as to how to improve overall health, which may or may not result in body composition change; learn the differences in various food pyramids and are encouraged to adopt one that most identifies with their current lifestyle; learn that a reduction of calorie consumption will result in weight loss; will be exposed to several aerobic exercise formats to help them decide which activity best suits their preference and lifestyle; will be coached on proper food selection to maximize results so that commitment levels to their newfound lifestyle will thrive.

Clark Atlanta University August 2002 – May 2003  
Department of Political Science  
**Teaching Assistant**

Politics and Global Issues: The course presented foundational knowledge on the various fields of political science - comparative politics, political theory, and international relations - as well as it opened up the dialogue for interdisciplinary discourse. Students developed theoretical and conceptual as well as factual knowledge in the field of political science. Alongside the teaching of political content, this course also trained students to use the learning skills of critical thinking, writing, speaking, and technology use.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Clark Atlanta University • Neighborhood Initiatives Program • Housing and Urban Development

**Graduate Fellow** - November 2001-June 2002

CAU/NIP - Researched welfare-to-work issues in the 30314 zip code of Atlanta, Georgia. Was placed with Antioch Urban Ministries/Northyards Collaborative Employment Initiative (NCEI). Tasks at hand were the development and the teaching of their Life Skills Training module, computer training modules, resource guide, community forum, Global Positioning System integration, and career placement database.

Clark Atlanta University IMAS Project • Political Science Department

**Graduate Project Coordinator** - January 2001- August 2003

IMAS – Interdisciplinary Minor in African Studies ⇒ Coordinated activities such as: Africa Week, Marketing Activities, and Acquisition/Cataloguing of Films and Books for IMAS and Woodruff libraries.

Southern Center for Public Policy Studies

**Research Assistant** - August 2000 – May 2001

Researched projects pertaining to public policy studies and compiled legislative summaries for the United States Department of Defense. Scheduled and managed undergraduate students.

**Technology:** Blackboard, Web CT, Socrates, Apple I Movie, ARC View - Global Positioning System/Geographical Informational Systems Training, Mapics, Dun and Bradstreet System/IBM TCIP Telenet, TSO Nomad Query Language, PC-File 6.5, Corel WP, Lotus 1-2-3 for Windows, Lotus 1-2-3 Classical, Lotus Notes, Prodigy, World Wide Webb, AmiPro, Harvard Graphics, Freelance, Microsoft Office and Works, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Publisher, IBM Tap, DOS, Lotus Organizer, SPSS

## PROFESSIONAL OR SCHOOL AFFILIATIONS

- ◆ Wake County Democratic Party, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair
- ◆ Wake County Democratic Party Young Democrats Executive Board
- ◆ Healthy Mothers - Healthy Babies Board Member, November 2006
- ◆ City Of Raleigh - Human Relations Commission Appointment, March 2006
- ◆ City Of Raleigh - Citizens' Participation Leadership Institute, March 2006
- ◆ Raleigh-Apex NAACP - Secretary
- ◆ Haven House Services Community Service – Fitness Education
- ◆ Upward Bound Instructor – English/Fitness, Mercer University, Summer 2005
- ◆ League of Women Voters - Macon , Georgia 2004 - present
- ◆ College Board AP Reading: US Government and Politics, Fort Collins, CO. 2004
- ◆ State of Georgia Notary Public 2004-2008
- ◆ Nominated to Chatham County Democrats - 2004
- ◆ National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) 2001-Present
- ◆ American Association of Aerobics and Fitness (AFAA)  
Certified Aerobic Instructor: September 2002 - present
- ◆ Ujamaa – CAU Graduate Political Science Organization  
Treasurer 2003-2004, President 2002-2003, Academic Secretary 2001-2002, Admin. Secretary 2000-2001
- ◆ Clark Atlanta University Student Government Association  
House of Delegates Commuter Students 2001-2002
- ◆ Trust Order, Inc.  
President 2000 - Present
- ◆ Kentucky Colonial Recipient 1998
- ◆ Delta Sigma Theta Sorority – Kentucky State University, Alpha Pi Chapter  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President 1994-1995  
Parliamentarian 1995-1996

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Hillshire Farm & Kahn's, December 1998-September 2000  
**Operator Sales Representative**
  - \*Created Brand Awareness for HF&K products in the Atlanta market and other territories; resulting in operator loyalty and sales penetration
  - \*Conducted Foodservice Food Shows and Distributor Sales Meetings
  - \*Territory consists of Georgia, Alabama, Florida Panhandle, Appalachia North Carolina, Mississippi, and Southern Tennessee
- ◆ State of Kentucky Governors Office, December 1997-March 1998  
**Assistant to the Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor, Stephen L. Henry, M.D.**
  - \*Prepared and edited speeches
  - \*Advanced Lt. Governor on relevant issues
  - \*Researched and Attended legislative and observance programs
- ◆ Lexmark International, August 1995-May 1997  
**Junior Buyer, Indirect Purchasing, Communications Buyer and Marketing Interface**
  - \*Purchased cell-phones and pagers site-wide
  - \*Successfully integrated end-users world-wide from purchase order system to credit card system as a means to track expenditures
  - \*Responsible for a one million dollar budget
  - \*Negotiated price reductions and terms and conditions
  - \*Implemented the Pre-professional Council
  - \*Extended and terminated non-active contracts
- ◆ Lexmark International, May 1995-August 1995  
**Business Analyst, Production Purchasing, Metals and Sub-Assemblies**
  - \*Analyzed purchase part requirements, supplier capabilities, and performance
  - \*Assisted in placing orders with suppliers and searched for needed parts
  - \*Assisted in key purchasing programs such as: integrating new product parts and programs, supplier visits, supplier councils, supplier reviews, and briefings.

### ***Additional Experience:***

- 01/07-present Omega Independent Living Services – **Associate Professional**
- 01/02-present Aerobics Inc – **Fitness, Health and Nutrition Consultant**
- 01/03-01/05 Institute for Career Empowerment – **Executive Director**
- 07/95-02/96 Power 1250 (WNVL) Radio Station - **Advertising/Sales Representative**
- 07/95-02/96 Power 1250 (WNVL) Radio Station - **Disc Jockey**
- 06/94-12/94 Social Security Administration - **Claims Representative CO-OP**
- 12/91-08/93 New World Fashions - **Sales Representative/Advertising Coordinator**
- 02/92-04/92 Human Rights Commission - **Claims CO-OP**
- 01/88-05/91 Little Tots Day Care - **Teacher Aide**

***Accomplishments:*** CLEO - Diversity Award 2006, Served as a professional for the Youth Motivational Tasks Force, Albany State University 2006, CAU Departmental Ford Fellowship 2000-2004, Conference of Minority Public Administrators Award Recipient 1998, National Conference of Public Administrators Award Recipient 1998, Awarded MPA Graduate Assistantship 1997-1998, Miss Kentucky State University 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up 1996, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Pi Vice-President 1996, 1993 Kentucky State University Oratorical Award, Recipient of Kentucky State University Lexington Alumni Scholarship 1992-1993, KSU Cheerleader 1992-1995, Captain-KSU Women's Tennis Team 1995-1997, Tennis Academic Award 1996