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	<u>Degree</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Certificate	The University of the West Indies	05/2018
	(Certificate in	University Learning and Teaching)	
	Ph.D.	Regent University	05/2013
	M.Div.	B.M.A. Theological Seminary	05/2003
	M.A.	Harding School of Theology	05/2003
	B.A.	Harding University	12/1995
	B.Min.	Harding University	12/1995
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	Assoc. Prof.	Tennessee State University	08/2019 - Present
	Adjunct	Park University	03/2014 – Present
		*Peer Review of Online Teaching Fellow	
		*Online Course Developer	
	Lecturer	The University of the West Indies	01/2017 – 07/2019
		*Undergraduate Program Coordinator	
		*Graduate & Staff Seminar Coordinator	
	Asst. Prof.	Nicholls State University	08/2010 – 05/2017
		*Faculty Senate President	
Adjunct	Fletcher Tech. Comm. College	07/2015 – 05/2016	
Adjunct	So. Central LA Tech. College	08/2013 – 12/2013	
Adjunct	College of the Albemarle	08/2010 – 05/2011	
Adjunct	Regent University	09/2006 – 05/2009	

**PUBLICATIONS**

**A. Books Published**

1. Jeffress, M.S. (Editor). (2021). *Disability representation in film, tv and print media*. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
2. Jeffress, M. S. (2018). *Help! I need to make a speech: A step-by-step guide to effective and ethical public speaking*. Vol. 1. [Self-Published].
3. Jeffress, M. S. (Editor). (2018). *International perspectives on teaching with disability: Overcoming obstacles and enriching lives*. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
4. Jeffress, M. S. (Editor). (2017). *Pedagogy, disability and communication: Applying disability studies in the classroom*. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
5. Jeffress, M. S. (2015, 2017). *Communication, sport and disability: The case of power soccer*. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge

**B. Book Chapters**

1. Jeffress, M. S. (2021). Introduction. In *Disability representation in film, tv and print media*. Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
2. Jeffress, M. S. (2018). Editor's preface and introduction. In *International perspectives on teaching with disability: Overcoming obstacles and enriching lives*. (pp. xix-xxviii). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
3. Newton, P. T., Jeffress, M. S., & Thomas, A. K. (2018) Disclosing disability around the water cooler: Strategies for boosting collegiality in academe. Chapter in *International perspectives on teaching with disability: Overcoming obstacles and enriching lives*. (pp. 253-270). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
4. Brown, W. J., & Jeffress, M. S. (2018). "The impact of having a teacher with a disability on student attitudes toward persons with disabilities." Chapter in *International perspectives on teaching with disability: Overcoming obstacles and enriching lives*. (pp. 271-288). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.

5. Rugoho, T., & Jeffress, M. S. (2018). My class, My disability, My struggle. Chapter in *International perspectives on teaching with disability: Overcoming obstacles and enriching lives*. (pp. 50-61). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
6. Jeffress, M. S. (2017). "Editor's preface." Chapter in *Pedagogy, disability and communication: Applying disability studies in the classroom*. (pp. xv-xx). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
7. Baldwin, P. K., & Jeffress, M. S. (2017). "Incorporating disability studies into the communication classroom through a high impact engagement nonverbal communication assignment." Chapter in *Pedagogy, disability and communication: Applying disability studies in the classroom*. (pp. 49-64). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.
8. Brockmann, B., & Jeffress, M. S. (2017). "Unleashing disability perspectives in the public speaking course." Chapter in *Pedagogy, disability and communication: Applying disability studies in the classroom*. (pp.203-218). Interdisciplinary Disability Studies. New York: Routledge.

#### C. Refereed Articles Published

1. Jeffress, M. S. (2019). Disability framing in a Caribbean University newspaper. *Tout Moun: The Caribbean Journal of Cultural Studies*, 5(1), 1-14.  
[https://journals.sta.uwi.edu/toutmoun/papers/mar19/Tout\\_Moun\\_March\\_2019\\_Vol\\_5\\_No\\_1-5-JEFFRESS\\_Michael.pdf](https://journals.sta.uwi.edu/toutmoun/papers/mar19/Tout_Moun_March_2019_Vol_5_No_1-5-JEFFRESS_Michael.pdf)
2. Cottingham, M., Hums, M., Jeffress, M. S., Lee, D., & Richard, H. (2018). Women of power soccer: Exploring disability and gender in the first competitive team sport for powerchair users. *Sport in Society*. doi:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2017.1421174>
3. Jeffress, M. S. (2017). A study of the demographics, exposure levels, and perceptions of the viewing audience of Pastor Joel Osteen, America's most popular preacher. *Journal of Media Critiques*, 3(12), 291-309. doi:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17349/jmc117315>
4. Jeffress, M. S., & Brown, W. J. (2017). Opportunities and benefits for powerchair users through power soccer." *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*. 34(3), 233-255. doi: 10.1123/apaq.2016-0022
5. Jeffress, M. S., & Brown, W. J. (2017). Freedom of choice in *The Great Divorce*: C.S. Lewis's rhetorical vision of afterlife. *CSL: The Bulletin of the New York C. S. Lewis Society*, 48(2), 1-14.
6. Jeffress, M. S. (2015). Uses and effects of MySpace among Christian teens and young adults. *Journal of Media Critiques*, 1(1), 145-166. doi:  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.17349/jmc115208>

#### D. Works Submitted.

1. Medley, M. B., Breaud, M. F., Jeffress, M. S., Guillot, D. J., and Rebstock, J. (Under Review). Inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities: A mixed methods evaluation of peer sentiments, attitudes, and Concerns using the SACIE-R. Article submitted to *Review of Disability Studies*.
2. Jeffress, M.S., Ferris, J., Cypher, J., & Scott-Pollock, J.-A. (Editors). (Under contract). *The Palgrave Handbook of Disability and Communication*. London: Palgrave MacMillan.
3. Jeffress, M.S. (Editor). (In Process). *The Disability Studies Research Methods Handbook*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press

#### E. Published Reviews of Books

1. Moore, A. (2020). Review of: Jeffress, Michael. Ed. *Pedagogy, Disability, and Communication: Applying Disability Studies in the Classroom*. Routledge, 2017. *Disability Studies Quarterly* 40(1). <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315399423>
2. Fovet, F. (2019). Pedagogy, disability and communication. Applying disability studies in the classroom, *Disability & Society*, doi: 10.1080/09687599.2018.1563989
3. Soorenian, A. (2018). Pedagogy, disability and communication: applying disability studies in the classroom, *Disability & Society*, 33(3), 497-499, doi: 10.1080/09687599.2017.1414338
4. Arthur-Banning, S. G. (2016). "Communication, sport and disability: The case of power soccer." *International Journal of Sport Communication* 9(3). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1123/ijsc.2016-0059>

5. Malone, L. A., & Barfield, J. P. (2016). "Communication, sport and disability: The case of power soccer." *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly* 33(3). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1123/APAQ.2016-0078>
6. Cappe, S. (2016). "Communication, sport and disability: The case of power soccer." *Disability & Society* 31(7). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687599.2016.1198551>

**F. Recent Conference Papers/Academic Presentations**

1. (2021). "Disability, Intersectionality and Communication." Chair of paper panel presentation accepted for presentation at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 18, 2021.
2. (2021). "Transforming Interpersonal Interactions with Disabled People." Chair of paper panel presentation accepted for presentation at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 19, 2021.
3. (2021). "Navigating the Intersection of Disability and Health: Identity, Structure, and Experience." Respondent to paper panel presentation accepted for presentation at the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Seattle, WA, November 20, 2021.
4. (2020). "Best Practices in Addressing Hidden Dis/Abilities: Pedagogy, Praxis and Performance in the Basic Course." Presenter on a panel sponsored by NCA Diversity Council at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Virtual Conference, November 2020.
5. (2017). "Looking back, in and forward: Perspectives on the place and performance of differently-abled instructors." Chair of paper session presented to the Disability Issues Caucus of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, USA.
6. (2017). "Bridging the gap for differently-abled teachers through disclosure." Chair of paper session presented to the Disability Issues Caucus of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, USA.
7. (2017). "The Impact of Having an Instructor with Disability on Student Attitudes toward People with Disabilities." Paper presented to the Disability Issues Caucus of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, USA.
8. (2017). "Disclosing Disability around the Water Cooler: Strategies for Boosting Collegiality in Academe." Paper presented to the Disability Issues Caucus of the National Communication Association, Dallas, TX, USA.
9. (2017). "Bridging the gap for motorized wheelchair users: Power soccer, athletic identity and communication." Paper accepted for presentation to the Scholar-to-Scholar Division at the 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the National Communication Association, Dallas, Texas, USA, November 2017.
10. (2017). "Finally, a Sport for Us": A Reading and Discussion from the First Book on Power Soccer—The First Competitive Team Sport for Motorized Wheelchair Users. Presentation made to the annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 9, 2017.
11. (2017). "The Impact of Inclusive Classroom Experiences on the Perceptions of 'Mainstream Students.'" Paper presented to the annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity, Honolulu, Hawaii, October 10, 2017.
12. (2017). "Disability representation in a Caribbean university newspaper." Paper presented to the annual West Indian Literature Conference, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, October 4, 2017.
13. (2017). "'Finally a Sport for Us!': Participant experiences in power soccer—The first competitive team sport for motorized wheelchair users." Staff Seminar, The UWI, April 7, 2017.

**SERVICE**

**A. Service Record at Nicholls State University (08/2010-12/2016)**

1. Elected Faculty Senate President, May 2016
2. Served on the following academic committees:
  - i. President's Cabinet
  - ii. Academic Council
  - iii. Faculty Senate (three consecutive terms)
  - iv. Faculty Senate Executive Committee—President
  - v. Faculty Senate Committee on Committees
  - vi. University Budget Review Committee
  - vii. Faculty Welfare Committee

- viii. Distance Education Committee
  - ix. Student Media Committee
  - x. Committee on Transgender and Identity Issues
  - xi. Honorary Degree Committee
  - 3. Served as a judge in annual secondary school literary rally.
  - 4. Served as a debate coach for students and organized and moderated a campus-wide public debate speech forum each semester with average attendance of 300 students.
  - 5. Served as a volunteer judge in annual Humanities Symposium.
  - 6. Served as faculty adviser for Beta Sigma Iota student club.
  - 7. Conducted a power soccer clinic open to the public.
  - 8. Founded and coached a power soccer team.
  - 9. Played role of Governor Danforth in Nicholls Players' production of *The Crucible*, Spring 2014.
  - 10. Guest-hosted departmental talk radio program.
  - 11. Volunteered at events for numerous student organizations.
  - 12. Activity coordinator at Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp, Pollock, Louisiana, 2013.
  - 13. Taught Honors Abroad Course in England, July 2016.
  - 14. Made report at request of the Provost to Dean's Council regarding online education program (2016).
  - 15. Taught overload courses to help meet student demand.
  - 16. Developed two new online courses for the department.
  - 17. Developed new Special Topics course for the department.
- B. Service Record at The UWI (01/2017 – 07/2019)**
- 1. Thesis supervisor for four M.A. and one MPhil students.
  - 2. Served as alternate committee member at Graduate Prize Award Planning Meeting (November 9, 2017).
  - 3. Serve as a referee for submitted disability-themed articles to international peer-reviewed journal *Sport in Society* (January 2018-Present).
  - 4. Serve as a referee for submitted articles to international peer-reviewed journal *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly* (January 2018-Present).
  - 5. Conducted communication audit for National Carnival Commission of Trinidad and Tobago (March-April 2018).
  - 6. Appointed to Faculty Academic Advising Committee (April 2018).
  - 7. Appointed Post-graduate/Staff Seminar Coordinator (April 2018).
  - 8. Appointed undergraduate program coordinator (August 2018 – July 2019).
  - 9. Appointed to New Faculty Orientation Planning Committee (January 2019 – July 2019).