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Professional Summary

For more than six decades in higher education, I have devoted much of my research, teaching, and public service to African Studies and the Black experience in the Diaspora. My focus includes public policy issues, human/civil rights, organizational capacity building and sustainability, transformational leadership, public health issues including substance abuse prevention and treatment. Among my scholarly works are: 34 books, 8 training manuals, 11 monographs, 15 chapters, 35 refereed articles in academic journals, 25 research reports, 76 papers, numerous abstracts, editorial works, films, and interviews.

My research activities have largely informed my leadership, teaching, and public service. I have directed and/or served on 25 doctoral dissertation committees and 15 master's thesis committees. I received and managed approximately \$4.5 million in research and community service grants during my tenure at the University of Kansas. I retired from KU in 2004 as the first African American Professor Emeritus. I have continued to be professionally active and engaged.

In 2012, I received an award to serve as a Fulbright Senior Specialist to Ghana. Upon completion of that assignment, I was appointed as the Kwame Nkrumah Endowed Chair in African Studies at the University of Ghana, 2012-2015. In 2013 I received a grant of \$110,000 from the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) to study African Presidential Leadership and Governance.

I currently serve on the Boards of the United Nations Association-USA Gainesville Chapter, University of Florida African American Studies Program, International Bullying Prevention Association (IBPA), Alachua County African American History Task Force; and I am a founding Board Member of the Alachua County African & African American Historical Society, Inc.

Education

Ph.D., History	Michigan State University, 1967
M.A., History	Howard University, 1964
B.A., History	Bethune-Cookman University, 1962
Inter-B.Sc., Economic History	University College of Addis Ababa, 1959

Certificate	Center for Creative Leadership, San Diego, CA, 1995
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Gerontology	University of Southern California, 1978
LL.D (Honorary)	Union Theological Seminary, 1971

Languages

Fluent: English, Itsekiri, Urhobo Conversational: Yoruba, Edo, Pidgin English

Academic and Administrative Positions

- 2004-present Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas
- 2004-present President & CEO, American Health Coalition, Inc., (a non-profit corporation)
- 2012-2015 Kwame Nkrumah Endowed Chair in African Studies, University of Ghana.
- 2012 Senior Specialist, Fulbright Program, University of Ghana.
- 1980-2004 Executive Director, Center for Multicultural Leadership, University of Kansas
Research Fellow, Institute for Life Span Studies, University of Kansas
- 1980-2004 Professor of African and African American Studies, University of Kansas
Courtesy Professor, American Studies, University of Kansas
- 1984 Visiting Professor, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- 1970- 1980 Founder and Chair, Department of African and African American Studies.
University of Kansas
- 1967-1970 Associate Professor and Chairman, Department of History and Political Science
Albany State University, Albany Georgia
- 1964-1965 Instructor and Acting Dean of Men, Rust College. Holly Springs, Mississippi

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Gordon, Jacob U and Paul Ortiz, eds. (2021). *African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida.
- Gordon, Jacob ZU. (2021). *The Selected Works of an African Scholar in the Diaspora: A Retrospective Analysis*. Porter Ranch, CA: New World African Press.
- Gordon, Jacob U. (2020). *Africa and the African Diaspora in the Development of the Global North: The American Story*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.
- Gordon, Jacob U. (2018). *African Studies Matters: A History of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, 1961-2007*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.
- Gordon, Jacob U., ed. (2018). *Bullying Prevention and Intervention a School: Integrating Theory and Research into Best Practices*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Publishers.
- Gordon, Jacob U. (2018). *Double Heritage: A Memoir*. Porter Ranch, CA: New World African Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Stephen Owoahene-Acheampong (2018). *African Presidential Leadership: Selected Case Studies*. Porter Ranch, CA: New World African Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Stephen Owoahene-Acheampong. (2017). *The Anthology of African Leadership and Governance*. Accra: SmartLine Publishers.

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Gordon, Jacob U. (2016). *Revisiting Kwame-Nkrumah: Pathways for the Future*. New Jersey: Africa World Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Stephen Owoahene-Acheampong. (2016). *Trends in African Studies*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2014). *African Traditional Leadership: Past, Present and the Future*. Accra: SmartLine Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2011). *Winning the Future for Africa and the Diaspora*. Hauppauge, NY: NOVA Science Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2004). *African Studies for the 21st Century*. Hauppauge, NY: NOVA Science Publishers.

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Gordon, Jacob U. (2002) *The Black Male in White America*. Hauppauge, NY: NOVA Science Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2002). *African Leadership in the Twentieth Century: An Enduring Experiment in Democracy*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2000). *The African-American Male in American Life and Thought. Special Issues of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Newbury Park, CA.

Gordon, Jacob U. (2000) *Black Leadership for Social Change*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Elmer C. Jackson. (1999) *Search for Equal Justice by African*

American Lawyers: A History of the National Bar Association. New York, NY: Vantage Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. (1999). *An American Journey: The Civil Rights Movement.* Atlanta, GA: College Enterprise, Inc.

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Gordon, Jacob U. (1997). *A Systems Change Approach to Substance Abuse Prevention.* Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellon Press.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Richard Majors. (1994). *The African American Male: His Present Status and His Future.* Chicago: Nelson-Hall.

Gordon, Jacob U., Edith Freeman, and Janine Lee. (1994) *Supplemental Readings for Training in Multicultural Substance Abuse: Continuum of Care for the 21st Century.* Topeka, KS: Mainstream, Inc.

Gordon, Jacob U. (1994) *Managing Multiculturalism in Substance Abuse Services.* Newbury Park, CA: Sage Publications.

Gordon, Jacob U. (1993). *Narratives of African Americans in Kansas. 1870-1992: Beyond the Exodus Movement.* Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press

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Gordon, Jacob U. (1977). *African Studies at Kansas.* College of Liberal Arts and Science Lawrence, Kansas: University of Kansas.

Gordon, Jacob U. and James Rosser. (1974). *The Black Studies Debate.* Lawrence, Kansas, KU Office of Academic Affairs

Book Chapters (Selected)

Gordon, Jacob U. and Stephen Owoahene-Acheampong.
2014 "African Studies: Beyond Knowledge Production." *Journal of Contemporary African Studies.* Accra: Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 2013 "Toward an African Historiography." In *African Studies and Knowledge Production*, edited by Stephen Owoahene Acheampong. Accra: Sub-Saharan Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 2002 "Prince Gordon, the Dishwasher: My American Journey," in *Foreign-Born African Americans: Silenced Voices in the Discourse on Race*, Festus Obiakor and Peter Grant, eds. Hauppauge, NY: NOVA Science Publishers.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 2002 "Towards an African Historiography," in *Egypt vs. Greece and the American Academy*, Molefi Asante and Ama Mazama, eds. Chicago, IL: African American Images.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1991 "Racism and Colonialism in Modern World History," in *Western Civilization* by James Woelfel, ed. pp. 467- 472. Needham Heights, Mass: Ginn Press.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1990 "African-Americans and U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa," *Third World at the Crossroads*, Sheikh Ali, ed. pp. 95-103. New York: Praeger.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1993 "A Culturally Specific Approach to Ethnic Minority Young Adults", in *Substance Abuse Treatment: A Family Systems Perspective*. Edith Freeman, ed. pp. 71-99. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Articles in Refereed Journals (Selected)

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 2016 "Culture Matters: The 'Oga' Factor in African Higher Education," *International Journal of Humanities and Cultural Studies (IJHCS)*. January-March 2016 issue.

Gordon, Jacob U

- 2011 "Civil Rights in the Great Plains Region." *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*. Lincoln, Nebraska. University of Nebraska, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 197-215

Gordon, Jacob U

- 1997 "Black Leadership in Gang Movement: New Directions" in *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, ed. by John Alverado and Alberto Mata, vol. 25, no. 1. pp. 51-58

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1992 "Key Public Policy Issues in African American Education." *Journal of Law and Public Policy*, vol. 2, pp. 49-60.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1981 "An Analysis of the Jim Scale: Academic Achievement Motivation for Low- Income Students." *Journal of Ethnic Studies*. pp. 3-29.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1981 "The Minority Elderly in Kansas." *An Inquiry-Issue Paper--The Governor's White House Conference on Aging*. pp. 55-68.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1980 "Blacks in the Humanities: Implications for the Future." *Journal of the Society of Ethnic and Special Studies*, vol. 4, no. 1.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1979 "The Aged: An Africanist Perspective." *The University of Kansas Gerontology Review*, vol. 2, no. 1.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1979 "Intelligence, Education and Criminal Behavior: A Case Study of Leavenworth Inmates." *National Council on Crime and Delinquency* (NCCD).

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1979 "Yoruba Cosmology and Culture in Brazil: A Study of African Survivals in the New World." *Journal of Black Studies*, vol.10, no. 2, pp 231-244.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1977 "West African City-State: A Study of Sapele Town Council and Development." *UMOJA*, vol. 1, no. 2, pp. 71-89.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1979 "Use of Aging Services by Elderly Blacks in Kansas." *The Journal of Minority Aging* June, vol. 3, no. 6.

Gordon, Jacob U.

- 1978 "The Nigerian Student Movement in the United States, 1949-1967." *A Current Bibliography on African Affairs*, vol. 10, no. 2, pp. 110-146.

Gordon, Jacob U

- 1976 "The Black Dimension in our School Programs." *The Educator's Guide to Multi-Cultural Education*, pp. 38-68.

Gordon, Jacob U

- 1976 "Teaching the African Experience: A Pan-Africanist Approach." *African Studies Review*, vol. XIX, no. 3 pp. 109-117.

Gordon, Jacob U

- 1971 "Black America and Recent African Civilization." *Afro-American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. vol. 1, pp. 221-225.

Gordon, Jacob U

1971 "The Politics of Contemporary African Literature." *The Black Academy Review, Spring/Summer*, vol. 2, pp. 23-24.

Gordon, Jacob U.

1971 "Toward a New African Historiography for the 21st Century." *Journal of Black Studies*

Monographs & Pamphlets (Selected)

Mary McLeod Bethune National Alumni Association History at a Glance. Daytona Beach, Florida: MMB-NAA. 2022, 44 pp.

Proceedings of the 84th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, "The Legacy of African-American Leadership for the Present and the Future." Lawrence, KS: Center for Multicultural Leadership, 1999, 138pp.

The Black Church in Kansas: A Guide to the Black Community. Lawrence, Kansas, The Institute for Public Policy and Business Research, 1985, 61 pp.

Multi-Cultural Dimensions in the Aging Network: Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Gerontology. (1981) published for the Kansas Department on Aging. 59 pp.

Conversations with Inmates: A Humanist Study of Kansas State Penitentiary. Ed. Lawrence, Kansas: The Kansas Committee for the Humanities, January, 1976, 97 pp.

Introduction to African Studies: Africa and the African Diaspora. Lawrence, Kansas, Extramural Independent Study Center, The University of Kansas 1974, 52 pp.

A Directory of Kansas Manpower in African and Afro- American Studies. Lawrence, Kansas, African Studies Center, The University of Kansas, 1973, 16 pp.

Training Manuals (Selected)

Gordon, Jacob U.

2011 Building Organizational Capacity. Gainesville, FL. American Health Coalition, Inc.

Gordon, Jacob U.

2006 Sustainability: Donor development and Fundraising. Washington, DC. Institute for youth Development.

Gordon, Jacob U.

2006 Sustainability: Building Partnerships. Washington, DC. Institute for Youth Development

Gordon, Jacob U.

2005 Cultural Competence Training Manual for Substance Abuse Treatment. Silver Spring, MD. JBS/SAMHSA

Gordon, Jacob U.

1995 African-American Faith Community Substance Abuse Prevention: A Manual for Training by Trainers. Project Neighborhood, Kansas City, MO.

Gordon, Jacob U. and Edith Freeman

1994 Community Capacity Building: A Training Manual on Substance Abuse Prevention and Community Empowerment. Project Neighborhood, Kansas City, MO.

Gordon, Jacob U., Jon A. Blubaugh, Robert Carey, and Ernest Coleman

1974 Educator's Guide to Multi-Cultural Education. Lawrence, Kansas, Lawrence Unified School District #497.

Gordon, Jacob U., Edith Freeman, and Janine Lee

1974 Valuing Cultural Diversity: A Training Manual on Multicultural Substance Abuse Services. Topeka, Mainstream, Inc.

Creative Works

1993 "The Voices of Diversity." A 35-minute video on five major cultural perspectives on Substance Abuse. Mainstream, Inc. Topeka

1976 "Black Values and Public Policy: Education, Housing and Employment."
A 26-minute slide/tape documentary produced through a grant by the Kansas Committee for the Humanities (KCH). The documentary is available at the KU Audio Visual Center for teaching purposes and the Kansas Collection, for research purposes.

"Kansas Black Legislative Exhibit." funded by KCH.

1975 "The Lansing Prison: A Penal Institution in Transition." A 28-minute film produced through a grant by the Kansas Committee for the Humanities. The film is available at the K.U. Audio Visual Center for teaching purposes.

Current Research in Progress

A Biography of Dr. James Emman Kwegyir Aggrey

The Black Presence in Alachua County, Florida

Other Scholarly Presentations (More than 90 from 1968 to 2011, sent upon request)

Major Grants

\$110,000	Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) to study African Presidential Leadership and Governance. 2013-2014
\$260,000	Village Foundation for National Collaboration of Black Males. 1998-2001
\$1.2 million	W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Fund for African American Male Leadership Academy. 1992-1998
\$226,000	Journal of African American Males Studies (JAAMS). 1991
\$140,000	National Archives. Black History Collection. 1985
\$424,000	U.S. Department of Education. Upward Bound College Preparatory Program. 1974-1979
\$325,000	U.S. Department of Education. Teacher Corps. 1973-1974
\$450,000	Additional Grants and Funding (Cumulative). 1975-2001