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Education

Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA **2023**
Ph.D. in Vedic Science

Dissertation: *The Experience of Pure Consciousness as Described Within Maharishi Vedic Science and Expressed Among Secular Thought and Life-Systems* ([Click to view defense video.](#))

Advisor: Frederick Travis, PhD

Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA **2009**
M.A. in Consciousness and Human Potential

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA **2005**
M.A. Sociology (2.5 Years of Coursework)

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA **2002**
B.A. in Sociology

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA **1998**
B.A. in History

Career

Maharishi International University

- **2023 – Present** - Adjunct Assistant Professor in Humanities
- **2021 – 2023** - Adjunct Instructor in Humanities

Maharishi Foundation USA, Inc.

- **2013 – Present** - Director and Certified Teacher of the Transcendental Meditation® (TM) program for Cambridge and Metropolitan Boston. Intervention Specialist for scientists conducting research on the TM technique. Responsibilities include delivering both on-site and off-site Introductory Talks on the technique discussing its efficacy for individuals, groups, and organizations seeking to increase effectiveness amongst all stakeholders. To-date, we have met and assisted thousands seeking to be and do better via TM.

Maharishi International University

- **2010 – 2013** - Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Vedic Science
- **2008 – 2010** - Community Assistant (aka Residential Assistant) - University Housing

Career, cont.

AID Atlanta, Inc.

- **2005 – 2006** - Director: Department of Information Technology – Atlanta, GA

Georgia State University

- **1995 – 2005** – Student Assistant; Systems Communications Analyst I; PC Systems Specialist; Systems Administrator – Atlanta, GA

Teaching and Lecturing Experience

Maharishi Foundation, USA Inc.

2013 – Present

- **Lecturer:** Introductory Talks on *Transcendental Meditation: Developing the Total Potential of the Human Brain*. Course is taught via Cambridge Center for Transcendental Meditation serving the larger Metropolitan area of Boston.

Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA

2010 – Present

- **Adjunct Assistant Professor:** *FOR485: A Survey of American History: The African American Experience (Celebrating Perseverance)* TBA; *HUM385: The African American Experience in American History* TBA
- **Adjunct Instructor:** *FOR485: A Survey of American History: The African American Experience (Celebrating Perseverance)* Spring 2021; *HUM385: The African American Experience in American History* Spring 2022
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2013 (Spring)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Higher States of Consciousness* – 2013 (Spring)
- **Lecturer:** *Leadership: Fulfilling Other's Desires While Fulfilling Your Own* – 2012 (Winter)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2012 (Spring)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Senior Capstone* – 2011 (Winter)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2011 (Fall)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Universal Principles of Life* – 2011 (Spring)
- **Lecturer:** *Science, Technology, and Consciousness* – 2010 (Fall)
- **Lecturer:** *Seed-to-Seed: Food, Agriculture, and You* – 2010 (Spring)

Publications

Jesse Owens and the Spurious Idea of Racial Superiority Deflated on A World Stage: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review*, Vol. 65, No. 5, pp. 14-15 (June 2024)

Moby Dick, Nature, Freemasonry, and the Quest to Become a Better Human: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review*, Vol. 63, No. 6, pp. 10-11 (July 2022)

Dr. Joseph Warren: Leadership and Success via Friends, Family, and Strangers: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review*, Vol. 62, No. 6, pp. 9-11 (July 2021)

MLS and the Importance of Masonic Education: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review*, Vol. 62, No. 2, pp. 6-7 (March 2021)

“To eat (after Ritual) or not to eat? That is the question”: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review*, Vol. 62, No. 1, pp. 12-13 (February 2021)

What Does It Take to Serve as a Point of Light in Times of Crisis?: *Trowel*—Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 21 & 29 (Spring 2020)

Are You Ready to Serve as a Point of Light, Brother?: *The Rocky Mountain Mason*—Issue 24, pp. 40-42 (2020)

From Dissonance to Self-Mastery: Southern California Research Lodge—*Fraternal Review* Vol. 61, No. 1, pp. 10-11 (February 2020)

Woodrow Morris Lodge Instituting Speech aka “We have all the Light We Need”: Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M.—*Grand Lodge Bulletin* Vol. 113, No. 3, pp. 46-47 Cedar Rapids, Iowa (September, 2012)

Areas of Interest

Transcendence and Consciousness & Human Potential: Director, Certified Teacher, and Intervention Specialist for researchers conducting research on the Transcendental Meditation® program re-establishing a viable Center for Teaching the technique in Cambridge, MA serving Metropolitan Boston. Our teaching activities focus on personal and professional development; transformational learning; leadership cultivation; adult development and education.

Freemasonry: Active member of Cambridge’s Amicable Lodge and The Harvard Lodge; Past Master of MIT’s Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge (2016); Awareness Officer for the Second Masonic District (2017 & 2018); District Deputy Grand Marshal (2019 & 2020); Master Second Lodge of Instruction (2021 & 2022); 73rd District Deputy Grand Master for Second Masonic District (2023).

Podcast Creator: [Connecting the Dots!](#) (Archive) and [On Transcendence](#) (In Development).

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences

- **April, 2024** – Podcast Interview – TM Talks Podcast – [*The Transcendental Meditation Technique and a Model for Perpetual Growth and Progress*](#) (Click title to be taken to Video.)
- **July, 2023** – Speaker – *A Model for Perpetual Growth and Progress: Supporting the Masonic Journey from Self-Interest to Self-Fulfilment* – Northeast Conference of Grand Masters, Boston, MA
- **March, 2020** – Panelist – *Beyond the Third Degree* – Grand Lodge of Masons In Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
- **June, 2019** – *Speaker* – *Mystical Experiences Among Freemasons* – *Allied Masonic Degrees* – *Newton, MA*:
- **November, 2017** – Speaker – 13Forest Art Gallery – [*Transcendental Meditation & State of Awareness at 13Forest Art Gallery*](#): Arlington, MA (Click title to be taken to YouTube Video.)
- **March, 2017** – Speaker – [*Hacking Consciousness: Meditation, Neuroscience, and Technology*](#): Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (Click title to be taken to YouTube Video.)
- **March, 2017** – Chairperson – North American Convocation of Academic Lodges, Boston, MA: The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.
- **February, 2017** – Lodge of Instruction: Second Masonic District: *How to Motivate Others*
- **October, 2016** – *A Reflection on The Meaning of Masonry* – Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge
- **April, 2014** – North American Convocation of Academic Lodges, Boston, MA: The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Talk titled *Mind, Meditation, and Masonry: An Examination of the Craft and its Role in Building Better Men*
- **June, 2012** – Arcadia Lodge #249, Ames, Iowa: Table Lodge. Talk titled *From Rough Ashlar to A Perfect Ashlar: A Modern Mason's Quest for the Philosopher's Stone*
- **May, 2012** – *We Have All the Light We Need*. Delivered during the Instituting Ceremony for the Founding of Woodrow Morris Lodge U.D. on 19 May 2012, before the Grand Lodge of Iowa with Grand Master Jerry Levay presiding.
- **January - May, 2010** – Facilitator, *The World is My Family: Diversity Lecture Series*
- **March, 2010** – Invited Radio Guest on KMCD 1570 AM – Fairfield, Iowa – *Spotlight Interview* with Show Host and Operations Director, Steve Smith
- **March, 2008** – NCBS (National Council of Black Studies) Atlanta, Georgia – Panelist – *Let the Circle Be Unbroken: An Exploration of Anténor Firmin and the Spiritual Component of Human Solidarity*
- **January, 2007** – NAASLC (National African American Student Leadership Conference) – Panelist – *Aligning Mind, Body, and Spirit on a Path to Mental Liberation* – Individual paper title: *The Power of Thought: Creating Better Lived Realities While Moving Toward (Mental) Liberation*. Co-presenters were Layli Maparyan, Ph.D. Georgia State University, Sarah Vitorino, Ph.D. Candidate - Emory University

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences, cont.

- **May, 2007** – Guest Lecturer – Georgia State University – with Dr. Layli Maparyan U.S. Social Forum Class on *Manual for a Perfect Government: How to Harness the Laws of Nature to Bring Maximum Success to Governmental Administration*
- **June, 2005** – Invited Radio Guest on WRFG 89.3 FM – Atlanta, Georgia – *Anti-Homophobic Activism in Atlanta* et al.
- **June, 2005** – Black Radical Congress National Meeting – Panelist – Georgia State University – *Messaging for Our Issues/Campaigns*
- **June, 2005** – Black Radical Congress National Meeting – Panelist – Georgia State University – *Homophobia in Our Community* with Dr. Layli Maparyan, Taliba Olugbala, Badili Jones, Kevin Bynes
- **June, 2005** – Lecture – Georgia State University with Dr. Layli Maparyan – *Disciplined Minds: A Critical Examination of Salaried Professionals and the Soul-Battering System That Shapes Their Lives*
- **June, 2005** – ASCAC (Assoc. for the Study of Classical African Civilizations) – Benedict College – Columbia, South Carolina. – Presenter – *“Finding Firmin: What the Ancestors Have Said.”*
- **April, 2005** – Lecture – Georgia State University with Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III, – *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*
- **March, 2000** – E.C.C.C (Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses) Georgia State University – Facilitator – *“Technology: The Emerging Global Capital”*
- **April, 1998** – E.C.C.C (Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses) Georgia State University – Facilitator – *“Black Skin, White Mask: The Socialization Process and Gaining Access to Cultural Capital”*
- **January, 1998** – Diversity Workshop: Facilitator – *“Diversity: What Does It Mean to You?”* –
- Held in conjunction with the Department of the Interior and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **November, 1997** – *“Hierarchical Structures within the African American Community: A Brief History”*
- **June, 1997** – Multimedia Presentation – *“Ancient KMT (Egypt): Aspects of Achievement, Ethics, and Leadership”*
- **May, 1997** – Research Presentation & Discussion – *“John Wesley Dobbs: The Grand of Auburn Avenue”*
- **April, 1997** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference (E.C.C.C.) – Facilitator – Georgia State University – *“International Travel for African Americans”*
- **April, 1997** – Sankofa Conference – Washington, DC
- **April, 1997** – Georgia Resident Assistant Saturday Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) – Valdosta State University
- **September, 1996** – Leadership Conclave – Dahlonoga, GA

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences, cont.

- **July, 1996** – Multimedia Presentation – Georgia State University – “*The African American Child: Innocence, Ignorance, and Hollywood's Influence*”
- **June, 1996** – National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) – San Antonio, TX
- **April, 1996** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference – Georgia State University
- **April, 1996** – Sankofa Conference – Washington, DC
- **March, 1996** – Multimedia Presentation – *African Retentions: A Phenomenologist's Perspective*
- **February, 1996** – Black Man's Think Tank – University of Cincinnati
- **February, 1996** – Human Relations Retreat – Facilitator – “*Knowing Thyself to Better Know Others*”
- **November, 1995** – Multimedia Presentation – “*W.E.B. Du Bois: The Man, the Life*”
- **February, 1995** – Producer – Georgia State University – “*OJ Simpson Verdict*” Colloquium
- **February, 1995** – African American Student Leadership Conference – Austin Peay State University
- **April, 1995** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference (E.C.C.C.) – Georgia State University

Specialized Experience

Doctoral Dissertation Research

Completed Fall, 2023

My research focused on mystical experiences among Freemasons employing both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Of particular note is our employing the M-Scale (1975) measure as developed by Ralph W. Hood, Jr., PhD, *Leroy A. Martin Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga*. The title of the dissertation is *The Experience of Pure Consciousness as Described within Maharishi Vedic Science and Expressed Among Secular Thought and Life-Systems*. The purpose of said research, in sum, is to highlight the practical application of meditative modalities such as Transcendental Meditation® alongside an understanding of consciousness and human potential as applied to not only Freemasons but also societal and personal concerns such as education, health, and inner peace for all via its proposed *Model for Perpetual Growth and Progress*. (See *Dissertation* to learn more.)

Teacher Training Course (TTC) for Transcendental Meditation®

2012—2013

This five-month intensive in-residence course is designed to teach the student about the tradition, technique, and science behind Transcendental Meditation® and its efficacy for individuals, groups, and the larger social world.

Specialized Experience, cont.

Radical Scholar, Inc.

2006—Present Founder

Radical Scholar, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) educational corporation founded December 2006 to foster dialogue between various thought communities. Additionally, Host of “Connecting the Dots” (www.connectingthedots.org), a podcast exploring the intersection of spirituality, science, and world affairs, was borne at this time.

Study Abroad

Ancient African Heritage Study Tour XIII – KMT (Egypt): Asa G. Hilliard, III Ph.D. (1933-2007) served as tour escort; offering clarification of terms, structures, and history. Participation consisted of an intense two (2) week study of the ancient culture, ethics, and political structure of the civilization. The study tour involved visiting various tombs, temples, and monuments in order to compile information for later discussions, research, and presentations. Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III also provided daily lectures.

Affiliations & Appointments

- District Deputy Grand Master: Second Masonic District – Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, 2023.
- Masonic Legacy Society – Co-Founder
- American Sociological Association: Member
- Candidate Education: Lodge of Instruction – Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, 2020
- District Deputy Grand Marshal: Second Masonic District – Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, 2019-2020
- Masonic Awareness Officer: Second Masonic District – Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, 2017-2018
- A.F. & A.M.: The Harvard Lodge
- A.F. & A.M.: Amicable Lodge
- A.F. & A.M.: Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge (MIT): Past Master (2016)
- A.F. & A.M.: Woodrow Morris Lodge, #680: Founding Senior Deacon (2012)
- A.F. & A.M.: Clinton Lodge #15: Director of Lodge Education (2009-2013)
- Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (SMJ): 32° Davenport Valley (2010-Present)
- Royal Arch Mason:
 - Cambridge Chapter (Massachusetts): Chaplain: 2013-2016
 - Clinton Chapter #9 (Iowa): Past High Priest (2013)
- Rosicrucian Order, AMORC: Member
- Scottish Rite Research Society: Member

Affiliations & Appointments, cont.

- Presidents Club: Maharishi University of Management
- President: Global Student Council – 2009-2010, Maharishi University of Management
- KMT Asen: Member
- President: Black Student Alliance – 95-96 & 96-97
- Signal (Georgia State University Student Publication) – Staff Writer – Op-Ed Column - 96-97
- Circle K International – Publicity Chairman – 97-98

Distinctions

In April 2008, Radical Scholar, Inc., and “Connecting the Dots” were recognized when Baruti was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Collegium of Scholars of **Morehouse College**. This award acknowledged Baruti’s work as a spiritually oriented public intellectual and change agent, with a particular vision around utilizing mass media and social networking as vehicles for raising consciousness on a wide scale. As Radical Scholar, Inc., continues to develop, its focus will remain the advancement of ideas and information that build consensus among groups of critical thinkers.

Honors and Awards

- 2009** – Maharishi University of Management – Development of Consciousness Award
- 2008** – Morehouse College – Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars Induction
- 2004** – Georgia State University Technology Fee Award: \$14,060.00 (Department of Sociology Student Lab Upgrade)
- 1997** – African American Studies Award – Academic Excellence: Departmental GPA 3.8
- 1996** – African American Heritage Award – Public Administration & Urban Studies