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EDUCATION:

Doctorate of Philosophy in Library and Information Science, completed August, 2013
University of South Carolina, Columbia SC

Master of Science in Library Service, 1977
Atlanta University School of Library Service, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts May 1973
Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

28 years work experience as a professional librarian in public and school library settings

Elementary school library media specialist at Pontiac Elementary School/ Richland School District Two, Columbia SC - August 1992 to Retirement in June 2007

Elementary school library media specialist at Edward E. Taylor Elementary School/ Richland School District One, Columbia SC - August 1990 to June 1992

Elementary school library media specialist at Lower Lee Primary School/ Lee County Schools, Maysville, SC – August 1988 to May 1990

Elementary school library media specialist in Kershaw County, South Carolina from August 1986 to May 1987

Public Librarian in Children's Services from 1977 to 1986 at the Greenville County Public Library, Greenville, South Carolina

Instructor of Record, SLIS 325: Children's Literature; SLIS 756: Children's Materials; SLIS 752: Diversity in Libraries

Member of the USC/SLIS Diversity Leadership Group

Member of the Search Committee for the USC/SLIS Augusta Baker Chair

Member of the Executive Board of SCASL for two years as the Intellectual Freedom Committee Chair

Writer for the SCASL Media Messenger Newsletter for three years

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS:

- Montgomery, B. J. (2013, September) An Exploration of the Roots of Literacy of Older African Americans before Brown vs the Board of Education in South Carolina, Presentation for the Institute of African American Research, University of South Carolina.
- Kurz, R. and Montgomery, B. J. (2012, September) Strength in Numbers: Building Cross-Cultural Coalitions in Youth Services Education and Practice through Critical Racial Theories. Poster accepted for presentation at the Joint Conference for Librarians of Color
- Montgomery, B. J. (2012). The "Qualified" Black Librarian. An essay published in *the 21st-Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges* by Jackson, A.P., Jefferson, J. Jr. (editor), and Nosakhere, A. S. (editor).
- Montgomery, B. J. (2011, October). An Exploration of the Roots of Literacy of Older African Americans before Brown vs the Board of Education in South Carolina, Presentation for the South Carolina Library Association Conference
- Kurz, R., and Montgomery, B. (2010, January). Moving Beyond the "Multicultural" Unit: Integrating Critical Race Theory into the Children's and Young Adult Literature Classroom. Research poster presentation ALISE Conference, San Diego, Cal.
- Montgomery, B. J. (2010, February) An exploration of the roots of illiteracy in South Carolina. Presentation for SLIS728, Public Library Systems
- Montgomery, B. J., Wallace, C., Davis, E. W and Hill, E. L. Jr. (2010, January) Dismantling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline: Four crusaders for successful children (guest panelist). Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Richland County Public Library, Columbia, SC
- Montgomery, B. J. (2009, May). *One too many: An exploration of the roots of illiteracy in South Carolina* (Preliminary Study). Research poster presented at the 2009 University of South Carolina Annual Graduate Student Day, Columbia, SC
- Montgomery, B. J. (2009, November). *One too many: An exploration of the roots of illiteracy in the Southeastern United States* (Preliminary Study). Research poster presented at the 2009 South Carolina Library Association Conference, Columbia, SC
- Copeland, C., Montgomery, B. J., Naidoo, J. and Roughen, P. (2008, April) 1st Annual National Latino Children's Literature Conference: Connecting Cultures and Celebrating Cuentos. A presentation of the 2008 Pura Belpre Award Winners
- Naidoo, J.S., Copeland, C.A., Curran, C., McClain, E., Montgomery, B., & Roughen, P. (2009, Spring). A survey of microform users. *Microforms and Imaging Review*, 38(2)

HONORS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2011 Recipient of a University of South Carolina Institute of African American Research Grant
2009 second place winner, Graduate Student Day poster presentation, University of South Carolina
Member, Golden Key International Honor Society
National Board Professional Teaching Services Certification in School Library Media 2002
Member, Black Caucus of the American Library Association
Member, American Library Association
Member, American Association of School Librarians
Member, South Carolina Association of School Librarians
Member, Association for Library and Information Science Education
Member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated