

Sister Cities Commission

*Vacancies as of
August 13, 2023*

The commission shall consist of **thirteen (13) members**, of whom at least one shall be a member of Council. The members shall be appointed by City Council. Members appointed to the commission shall either **reside or work** in the city of Richmond.

(Assigned to the Governmental Operations Standing Committee)

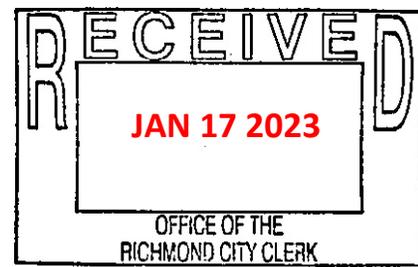
Current Vacancies				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live / Work District	Term	Terminate
Thomas A. Lisk	Reside or work	2 nd	Second	07/25/2023
			<i>Term limit</i>	
Shirl Rhoades	Reside or work	5 th District Employment	First	11/28/2023
			<i>Resigned</i>	
My Lan Tran	Reside or work	6 th District Employment	Second	07/25/2023
			<i>Term limit</i>	
Current Membership				
Member Name	Criteria for Appointment	Live / Work District	Term	Terminate
Aisha Bullard	Reside or work	3 rd District Employment	First	03/21/2025
Julianne Condrey	Reside or work	3 rd	First	01/09/2024
Patricia Cummins	Reside or work	2 nd District Employment	First	07/25/2026
Marcus Henderson	Reside or work	6 th	First	03/21/2022
Hwan Hill	Reside or work	5 th	Second	10/24/2023
Kejie Meng	Reside or work	3 rd	First	11/10/2023
Nin Aseeeya Ra-El	Reside or work	3 rd District Employment	Second	10/07/2024
Nicolai Shuman	Reside or work	1 st	First	09/09/2024
Ronald Timmons	Reside or work	2 nd District Employment	First	09/23/2023
Ann-Frances Lambert	City Council Representative	3 rd	First	12/31/2024

Contact:

My Lan Tran, Chair
 4611 Kayhoe Rd.
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 804-344-1540 (o)
aabac@aabac.org



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**Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces
Application**

(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Title: Mrs
Name: Jonette Danielle Meade Barley
Home Address: 002917 MONTEITH ROAD RICHMOND VA 23235
Home Telephone: 8045609534 Home Fax:
Personal E-Mail Address: Jonette_Meade@yahoo.com
Employer: City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities
Job Title: Utilities Tech Services Supervisor How Long? 3
Business Address: 000400 RICHMOND HIGHWAY RICHMOND VA 23224
Business Telephone: 8043897176 Ext: Business Fax:
Business E-Mail Address: jonette.meadebarley@rva.gov
Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond Yes
Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? No If Yes, Which County?
Are You A City Resident? Yes If Yes, Which City Council District? 4 Number of Years? 7

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

N/A

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

Currently I serve as the Ward Chair for the Richmond City Democratic Committee's 4th District as well as serving as their State Delegate. I have developed an exceptional background in people and project management and a professional style based on excellent inter-personal communications and an ability to make the best possible use of my personal network.

I have an Associate of Arts Degree from Strayer University in Business Administration (2008); a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Strayer University with a concentration in Marketing (2009); a Master of Business Administration Degree from Strayer University with a concentration in Management (2011) Magna cum Lauda; and a Master of Science Degree from Strayer University with a concentration in Project Management (2013) Magna cum Lauda.

In the past, I have volunteered, organized, and hosted events for the Susan G. Komen Foundation; the American Cancer Society; the Virginia Breast Care Foundation; the Sisters Network of Virginia and in 2007 Richmond BMW along with Susan G. Komen for the Cure recognized Jonette as an Honorable Supporter of Breast Cancer Awareness. Jonette has received numerous awards for her work to help fight Breast Cancer from the Honorable Senator Ryan T McDougle; Richmond City Council East End 7th District, City Councilwoman Deloris McQuinn along with the University Of Virginia Hospital located

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Other Community Involvement:

I recently served on the Minority Business Enterprise and Emerging Small Business Advisory Board in which my term ended on January 10, 2023

(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.

4th District Ward Chair for Richmond City Democratic Committee, Treasurer for National Pan-Hellenic Council - Metro Richmond, Divine 9 membership chair for the Richmond NAACP, Social Action Chair for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Easter Region Reclamation Coordinator for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and I am a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

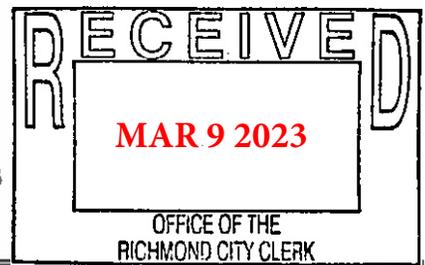
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I have developed an exceptional background in people and project management and a professional style

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces**



(Please Print or Type)

Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force: Sister Cities Commission	
Title: Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss. <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/>	
Last Name: BLONDIN	First Name: JILL
Home Street Address: 9649 Farr Lane	Home Telephone: 903363 7795
Home City, Zip Code: RICHMOND, 23235	Home Fax: -
Personal E-Mail Address: jillebowman@hotmail.com	
Employer: VCU	
Job Title: Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives	How Long? 9 1/2 yrs
Business Street Address: 912 W Grace Street	Business Telephone: 828 4711
Business City, Zip Code: RICHMOND, 23284	Business Fax: -
Business E-Mail Address: jblondin@vcu.edu	
Is your place of employment located in the city of Richmond? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is your place of employment located in the county? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which county?	
Are you a city resident? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which City Council district? Number of years?	
Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.	
Please list your educational background and/or other expertise or qualifications you will bring to this authority, board, commission or task force: Please see attached	

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List other city of Richmond authorities, boards, commissions or task forces you currently or have previously served on. Please give date(s) and office(s) held, if applicable.

Entity: _____
Date(s) Served: _____ Office(s) Held: _____

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Other community involvement:

St Edward's Catholic Church (chesterfield county), substitute religious education teacher & volunteer
Maggie L Walker Governor's School (SAC - Parent/student/faculty advisory council)
James River High School Regiment (Marching band/commissions volunteer)

OPTIONAL

Please list additional information you would like considered, or you may attach your resume or other information.

Please see attached (paragraph)

Check this box if your resume is attached.

How did you hear about or who referred you to apply for appointment to this authority, board, commission or task force?

Pat CUMMINS of sister cities recommended that I apply

Signature: _____

Julie Bland

Date: _____

3/6/23

(By signing, forwarding or otherwise transmitting this form, you certify that all information submitted for consideration is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge)

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From: Jill Bowman jblondin@vcu.edu

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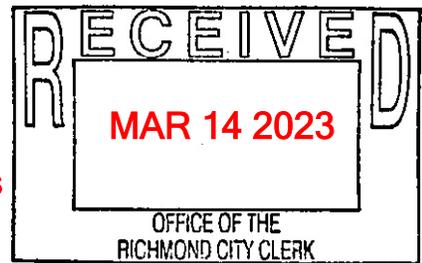
To: Jill Bowman jblondin@vcu.edu

I hold a B.A. in art history from Indiana University, and an A.M. and Ph.D. in art history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Currently I serve as the Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives at Virginia Commonwealth University, where I direct the Global Education Office. I have extensive experience leading comprehensive internationalization strategy, curriculum internationalization, strategic budgeting for internationalization, study abroad logistics and global learning, international partnership development, international office creation and organization, and am an ideal candidate. I recently served as a USA Study Abroad Expert Speaker for the University of Guyana in which I facilitated multiple workshops on the establishment of an international office. I have also served as a USA Study Abroad Expert Speaker in Portugal, in which I delivered a one-day workshop, "Creating and Promoting Attractive Study Abroad Programs," as well as a virtual workshop on U.S. international education for the Fulbright Commission Portugal. Two prestigious awards that I received demonstrate my expertise: the 2018 IIE Andrew Heiskell Award for Internationalizing the Campus and NAFSA's 2015 Paul Simon Spotlight Award. These awards are a testament to my ability to create successful strategies and outcomes for the university and its stakeholders. I also served as a Fulbright Specialist to Brazil for which I designed and delivered a three-day conference on innovative and comprehensive approaches to campus-wide internationalization. The conference incorporated the data and information that I gathered during visits to five institutions, and gave the participants an unbiased picture of the challenges and opportunities that institutions in Brazil face as they globalize their campuses. Furthermore, I am collegial, collaborative, and have excellent and engaging presentation skills, as demonstrated by my 2010 University of Texas System Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award, the most prestigious teaching award given by the University of Texas System. My experiences would help me to advise in meetings with a variety of stakeholders. For all of these reasons, I am the ideal candidate to serve on the Sister Cities Commission.



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(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Title: *Mr*

Name: *Wyatt Gordon*

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Home Telephone: *8044297765*

Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: *yitgordon@gmail.com*

Employer: *Virginia Conservation Network*

Job Title: *Senior Policy Manager*

How Long?

Business Address: *000701 E FRANKLIN STREET, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219*

Business Telephone: *8044297765*

Ext:

Business

Fax:

Business E-Mail Address: *wyatt@vcnva.org*

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? *Yes*

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? *Yes*

Yes

If Yes, Which County?

Are You A City Resident? *Yes*

If Yes, Which City Council District?

6

Number of Years? *4*

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? *No*

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If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

I have lived abroad in Indonesia for two years, Germany for three years, and Spain for one year, so I think I could help build new sister city relationships abroad. I also speak Indonesian, Malaysian, German, and Spanish fluently.

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Bachelor's in International Studies, Master's in Urban and Regional Planning

Other Community Involvement:

None

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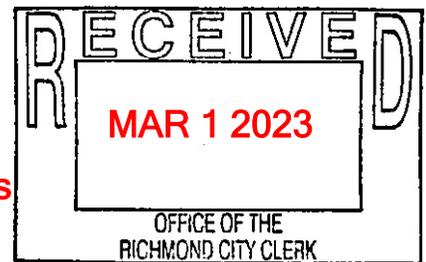
Hwan Hill, a sitting member of this commission

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(Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force)

SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Title: _____

Name: *EL HADJI DJIBRIL NIANG*

Home Address: *003126 S BATTLEBRIDGE DRIVE, NORTH CHESTERFIELD, VA 23224*

Home Telephone: *804-389-4488* Home Fax: _____

Personal E-Mail Address: _____

Employer: *SELF EMPLOYED*

Job Title: *MANAGER* How Long? *12*

Business Address: *006108 JAHNKE ROAD*

Business Telephone: *8043894488* Ext: _____ Business Fax: _____

Business E-Mail Address: *galgui-g@hotmail.com*

Is Your Place of Employment Located in the city of Richmond? *Yes*

Is your Place of Employment Located in the County? *No* If Yes, Which County? _____

Are You A City Resident? *No* If Yes, Which City Council District? _____ Number of Years? _____

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If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please List Your Educational Background and/or Other Expertise or Qualifications You Will Bring to This Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:

I have an IT background and was a co-owner of Sysinfos (System Information System) an IT small business Company in Senegal.

I was elected the President of the Network of Youth Entrepreneurs of Senegal and helped many young men start their own business.

I was the President of the African Community Network (ACN) a local nonprofit organization serving the immigration population.

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? University of Dakar (ISI) AS, Information Technology 1993 Dakar, Senegal.
? Technical School of Dakar Certificate Computer Maintenance and Repair Technician 1997, Dakar Senegal. (OASIS)
? CompTIA A+ in USA
? Professional Insurance Agent (PIA)
As a commissioner I will bring my excellent quality network building and my problem solving skill to help grow the organization.

Other Community Involvement:

In 2008 and 2011 I worked with the city Economic Development Authority.
In 2018, 2019, 2021 work with the Mayor's office and the Park and recreation Department organizing the City African Festival
In 2020 I serve on the Mayor's task force on reimagining Public Safety.
2020-2020 Executive Member of the office of New American Advisory Board
2022- Present member Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health equity (ACHDHE)

(OPTIONAL) Please List Additional Information You Would Like Considered, or You May Copy and Paste Your Short Resume.

Through our nonprofit organization we have been working to bridge the gap between the African community and other communities.
Active member of Masjid Bilal in the City of Richmond .

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EL HADJI DJIBRIL NIANG
3126 S. Battlebridge Dr, North Chesterfield, VA 23224
E-mail: djibyniang42

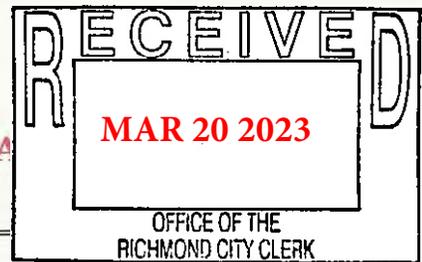
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Authorities, Boards, Commissions and Task Forces A

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Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force:
SISTER CITIES COMMISSION

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr. Other:

Last Name: **WaKabongo** First Name: **Musau**

Home Street Address: **3315 5th Avenue** Home Telephone: **909-528-5223**

Home City, Zip Code: **Richmond, 23222** Home Fax:

Personal E-Mail Address: **mwakabongo@gmail.com**

Employer: **Dr. Musau WaKabongo Science Education, Inc**

Job Title: **CEO and Founder** How Long? **3**

Business Street Address: **3315 5th Avenue** Business Telephone: **909-528-5223**

Business City, Zip Code: **Richmond, VA 23222** Business Fax:

Business E-Mail Address: **mwakabongo@gmail.com**

Is your place of employment located in the city of Richmond? Yes No

Is your place of employment located in the county? Yes No If yes, which county?

Are you a city resident? Yes No If yes, which City Council district? **6th** Number of years? **2.5**

Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? Yes No

If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract.

Please list your educational background and/or other expertise or qualifications you will bring to this authority, board, commission or task force:

She holds a Certificate of Completion, LabAspire, Public Health Laboratory Director Training Program, California Department of Public Health, California. She trained in the Los Angeles Public Health Laboratory (2009). She holds a M.S. in Education, Option in Online Teaching & Learning. California State University, Hayward Extended and Continuing Education, Hayward, California (2004). She completed her Postdoctoral Fellow in Medical and Public Health Microbiology. Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA (1991). She holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Experimental Pathology/Clinical Microbiology, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA (1989); a Master Degree (M.S.) of Microbiology from Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA (1982) and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass (1977). Will bring wealth of experience working with communities.

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Date(s) Served: _____ Office(s) Held: _____

Other community involvement:

Currently a Volunteer for the 4-H -Henrico (involved in Science Technology Engineering and Math). Selected Community Honors and Awards: Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding leadership for 20 years. Presented at the 20th Leja Bulela Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. " Celebrating 20 years of service-sacrifice-and success" (2013). Recipient of the Adult Community Service Award. Presented by the National Black Child Development Institute ~ Des Moines Affiliate. Presented in honor of an adult that have impacted the lives of African American youth and families, or community in general (2004).

OPTIONAL

Please list additional information you would like considered, or you may attach your resume or other information.

I was born in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I speak French, Swahili and Tshiluba. I am citizen of US. I have been in this country for more than 40 years. Please see attached Biographical Sketch.

Check this box if your resume is attached.

How did you hear about or who referred you to apply for appointment to this authority, board, commission or task force?

Tavares M. Floyd, Esq, Liaison, Richmond City Council. The Honorable Ellen Robertson, 6th District. Richmond City Council Executive Offices

Signature: Musau Wilson Date: 3/20/2023
(By signing, forwarding or otherwise transmitting this form, you certify that all information submitted for consideration is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge)

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Musau WaKabongo, Ph.D., HCLD/CC (ABB) – Biographical Sketch

She is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo DRC. Her desire for Science and Microbiology started there. She learned Science from pictures in books because there were no microscope or hands-on laboratory exercises. This situation exists even today. She is deeply passionate about teaching science through hands on methodology to students, especially the youth. She has involved youth in science throughout her career. She would like the youngsters from the Congo and Africa at large to use their heads for clearer thinking, hearts for greater loyalty, their hands for larger service and their health to better their living in their clubs, communities, country, and the world just like the 4-H youth program which empowers young people with skills to lead for a lifetime. Currently she is the Volunteer Facilitator of the Henrico County 4H program in Richmond Virginia. She facilitates the Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) program. She would like to start a 4-H program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

She is the Founder, President and Executive Officer of the **Dr. Musau WaKabongo Science Education, Inc, (DMWSE, Inc)** a non-profit corporation whose purpose of is to be a source of scientific knowledge, inventiveness, and innovations to solve community problems and prevent acquisition and/or spread of diseases. She believes in **“AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE “(BENJAMIN FRANKLIN).**

DMWSE, sponsored an awareness campaign for the October 15, 2020 Global Hand-washing Day, in 4 major cities in DRC. Handwashing is a powerful tool to combat infectious diseases.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION: She is a Board Certified, High Complexity Clinical Laboratory Director (HCLD); Clinical Consultant [(CC(ABB)] American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB) and she is a certified Public Health Microbiologist.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND: She holds a **Certificate of Completion, LabAspire**, Public Health Laboratory Director Training Program, California Department of Public Health, California. She trained in the Los Angeles Public Health Laboratory (2009). She holds a **M.S. in Education**, Option in Online Teaching & Learning. California State University, Hayward Extended and Continuing Education, Hayward, California (2004). She completed her **Postdoctoral Fellow in Medical and Public Health Microbiology**. Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA (1991). She holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Experimental **Pathology/Clinical Microbiology**, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA (1989); a **Master Degree (M.S.)** of Microbiology from Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA (1982) and a **Bachelor of Science (B.S.)** in Biology from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, Mass (1977).

EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF MICROBIOLOGY: Dr. WaKabongo served as Counties Public Health Laboratories in California for 9 years (2010-2018, Counties of Placer and Merced) and was a tenured Associated Professor of Microbiology at the Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center (DMU), Des Moines, Iowa for 19 years (1991-2010).

Professional Memberships and Selected Leadership Roles:

Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL): **Chair** of the Training Mentoring Products Development and Implementation Subcommittee, November 15, 2011 to March 14, 2013.

American Society for Microbiology (ASM) (since 1986): Appointed as a full member of the International Membership Committee (IMC) and **Chair** of the African Task Force on October 31, 2004 to May 2007. This is the birth of the African Initiative Group (AIG) - 2003. She is the Co-Founder and Chief Financial Officer of the AIG.

SigmaXi, The Scientific Research Society (1993 - 2005): **President**, Des Moines chapter, 1998.

Des Moines University): Faculty President, Des Moines University (July 2004 – July 2005).

Reviewer: The Journal of Clinical Microbiology (April 27, 2004 to 2005)

Test Items Writer: National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME), 2000 to 2005. National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME), 2003 to 2005.

Course/System Administration (DMU): Designer and Coordinator of the “Problem-Based-Learning Microbiology Course” (MICR*1123/1223) using the Blackboard platform for first year Osteopathic and Podiatric students (2003). **Designer and Coordinator** of the “Online Training for Online Facilitators of Clinical Cases in Microbiology MICR* 2002.

Selected Honors and Awards – Academia and Public Health

Distinguished Career Service Award In recognition of dedicated service to the association, the profession, and the people of the State of California Director, Public Health Laboratory, Placer

County July 2010 to April 2018. Certificate in Recognition Outstanding Service to the ASM, International Membership Committee, as Chair of the Africa Task Force. On the 107th ASM General Meeting, Toronto, Canada (May 21, 2007). Plaque and monetary award; Dean’s Award for Outstanding Community Service, for her commitment, professionalism, and support of the osteopathic profession through her outstanding service in the community, Des Moines University, College of Osteopathic Medicine (2005). Plaque presented by the DMU Faculty in recognition of Outstanding Service on behalf of the Faculty- Faculty President (2004). Certificate of Recognition presented by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners for composing items for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' COMLEX (2003). Plaque of

Appreciation from the Multicultural Education Exhibits for Sponsoring of the George Washington Carver Academy at DMU (2003). Certificate of Recognition of Honor for outstanding support, presented by the Superintendent of the Des Moines Public Schools (2002). The Distinguished Faculty Award for exemplary contributions toward gender equity in education, presented by the Iowa American Association of University Women. Areas of consideration include research and professional development, teaching and advising, and service outreach (2000).

Selected Public Health Laboratory Grants

- California Office of Emergency Services, Homeland Security Grant in the amount of **\$57,100** for the purchase of the Cepheid Gene Expert Instrument, a Cartridge-based assay to detect DNA of biothreat organisms such as *Bacillus anthracis*, influenza virus and other emerging or re-emerging infectious agents. Merced Public Health Laboratory, Merced, CA 2019.
- Received from the California Department of Public Health, **\$34,332** for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 to train a fellow for the California Public Health Laboratory (CAPHLD) LabAspire Public Health Laboratory Assistant Director Fellowship Program, Richmond, CA
- From 2013 to 2018, received \$106,936 training grant from the California Department of Public Health, Laboratory Field Services, Richmond, CA. A total of 13 trainees successfully completed the program and were all certified as California Public Health Microbiologist.

Selected Grants – Youth Science Education and Hand On.

Principal Coordinator, Medical Microbiology Practicum Summer Program. Received **\$66,600** from The Foundation for Microbiology (1998 -2003). Principal Coordinator for Medical Microbiology Practicum Summer Program. Approved May 10, 2002, The Iowa Academy of Science. **Principal Coordinator:** Musau WaKabongo, Ph.D., Assistant coordinators: Terry F. Simpson, MT (ASCP), Deborah Potym Torbert, MT (ASCP). Amount awarded **\$5,000 (2002)**

Selected Services to Students: Dissertation Committee Member: Jo Boston Jones, D.H.Sc, Shopping Carts and Restaurant Menus as Community Fomites: A Pilot Study in Henrico County, Virginia. A.T. Still University College of Graduate Health Studies. 2017. **Senior Theses and Research Advisor** (1998-2004). **Scientist Advisor and Mentor** to high school students (2001-2003).

Selected Publication: Ammon's Book of Numbers (written in 3 language: Tshiluba, French and English). This book is in Memory of her grandson Ammon Jabhari Ditu who

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