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## Experience

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Prairie View A&M University |  
Prairie View, TX  
Division Director and Assistant  
Professor of Kinesiology and  
Physical Education  
*08/2023 - present*

- Develop and articulate a clear vision for the division that aligns with the School of Public and Allied Health and the institution's academic goals and priorities.
- Lead curriculum development and revision processes to ensure programs are current, relevant, and high quality.
- Recruit, mentor, and support faculty members, facilitating their professional growth and development in teaching, research, and service.
- Conduct performance evaluations of faculty, providing constructive feedback and recognizing achievements.
- Oversee the division's budget, ensuring resources are allocated effectively to support teaching, research, and service activities.
- Advocate for division needs with upper administration, securing funding and resources to support departmental initiatives.
- Foster an inclusive and supportive environment for students, enhancing student engagement and success.
- Oversee academic advising, mentorship programs, and other initiatives aimed at improving student retention, satisfaction, and academic achievement
- Encourage and support faculty research, scholarship, and creative activities, enhancing the division's academic reputation and contributions to the field.
- Represent the division and its programs to external audiences, highlighting achievements and seeking opportunities for collaboration.
- Ensure the department's programs meet the standards of accrediting bodies, leading accreditation processes and maintaining compliance with educational standards.
- Address conflicts within the department, mediating disputes among faculty or between faculty and students to maintain a collegial and productive academic environment.
- Engage students in lectures by encouraging sharing of opinions and group interactions.
- Evaluate student progress, graded assignments, and provided students with feedback.
- Attend faculty meetings and participated in student outcome assessments with departmental members.
- Perform research in kinesiology and related disciplines.

Prairie View A&M University |  
Prairie View, TX  
Program Coordinator and  
Assistant Professor  
*01/2019 - 08/2023*

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- Resolved student and faculty issues and escalated major concerns to department head.
- Collaborated with Kinesiology program faculty to evaluate successes and failures and make proactive changes.
- Liaised between department head and Kinesiology faculty to keep program planning and execution on track.

North Carolina A&T State  
University | Greensboro, NC  
Assistant Professor  
08/2010 - 09/2017

- Participated in faculty meetings to discuss department goals and strategy. Created lesson plans and developed instructional materials covering required topics and learning objectives.
- Mentored graduate students in thesis research and development. Tutored students requiring additional assistance to improve overall comprehension of difficult concepts.
- Evaluated and supervised student activities and performance levels to provide reports on academic progress.
- Performed research in disability sport and published papers in national journals.
- Advised students individually on improving Human Performance and Leisure Studies fluency through mentoring and course scheduling.
- Served on committees at the department, college, and university levels.

## Education and Training

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PROPEL  
HBCU Cybersecurity Fellows Program  
*Expected completion 06/2025*

PROPEL  
HBCU Faculty Fellows Academy  
*Expected completion 06/2025*

Baylor College of Medicine | Houston, TX  
*All of Us* Biomedical Researcher Scholars Program  
*Expected completion 06/2024*

University of The People | Online  
**Master of Business Administration**  
*Expected completion 08/2024*

Mediation Dynamics | Online  
**Trained Mediator**  
04/2022

Middle Tennessee State University | Murfreesboro, TN  
**Doctor of Philosophy** in Health and Human Performance  
05/2009

Middle Tennessee State University | Murfreesboro, TN  
**Master of Science** in Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety  
08/2005

Tennessee State University | Nashville, TN  
**Bachelor of Science** in Computer Science (Cum Laude)  
05/2002

## Research

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- Ford, D.W.** (*In preparation*). Examining the relationship between SES and children with disabilities participation in sport. (Data collection stage)
- Ford, D.W.** (*In preparation*). The impact of digital media and online gaming on traditional sportsmanship values: A physical education perspective.
- Kisavi-Atatah, C., Atatah, P., Branch-Vital, A., **Ford, D.**, & Sande, B. (2024). Developing and evaluating culturally sensitive mental health interventions: How the scrutiny of diversity, equity, and inclusion (dei) initiatives can affect treatment. *COJ Nursing & Healthcare Journal*. (*In press*).
- Ford, D. W.** (2024). Beyond traditional teaching: AI-driven models for enhanced student engagement and achievement. (In Press). United States Distance Learning Association AI for All.
- Ford, D.W.** (2024). Wheels on the Court. *WinhTellingStories, LLC*.
- Ford, D. W.** (2024). Defamation or Duty? A Legal Lesson from Youth Tennis. *JOPERD*, 92(7).
- Richardson, D., Lyons, R., Lindsey, R., & **Ford, D. W.** (2023). Assessing HIV perception among African American undergraduate Health and Human Performance majors. *The North Carolina Journal*.
- Ford, D. W.**, Lee, M. & Elliott, G. (2016). Undergraduate student attitudes toward disabled persons and volunteerism in disability sport. *Journal of Physical Education and Sports Management*, 4(2).
- Ford, D. W.**, Elliott, G., & Lee, M. (2015). Persons with disabilities and sport: Undergraduate students' perceptions and awareness. *The North Carolina Journal*, 49(1).
- Ford, D.W.**, Jubenville, C.B. & Phillips, M. B. (2012). Management Whitepaper: The effect of the STAR sportsmanship education module on parents' self-perceived sportsmanship behaviors in youth sport. *Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision*, 4(1).
- Ford, D.W.**, Jubenville, C.B. & Phillips, M. B. (2012). The effect of the STAR sportsmanship education module on parents' self-perceived sportsmanship behaviors in youth sport. *Journal of Sport Administration and Supervision*, 4(1), 114-127.
- Ford, D. W.** (2011) Nutrition education for college freshmen: What works and what does not. *JOPERD*, 82(7), 52.

## Grants

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- Ford, D. W.** (Spring 2024). CAREER: , \$1,000,000 (Submitted).
- Ford, D.W.** (Spring 2024). R & I RISE Summer Faculty Research Development Grant, \$6,111 (Funded).
- Sande, B., Kisavi-Atatah, C., & **Ford, D.W.** (Spring 2024). Project SPOT – Supporting Physical and Occupational Therapists, U.S. Dept of Education, \$642,441 (Not Funded).
- Branch-Vital, A., **Ford, D. W.**, Hamilton, J., Kisavi-Atatah, C., & Ford, K. (Fall 2023). Title III HBCU Grant, \$1,056,000 (Funded).
- Schaffer, K., Starne, J., **Ford, D. W.**, Ford, K., McDonald, A. & Kisavi-Atatah, C. (Fall 2022). Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board - Designing and Teaching an Online Course, \$50,000 (Funded).
- Elliott, G., Fuller, T., & **Ford, D. W.** (Fall 2013). National Education Week/Artist in School: Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, \$1,200 (Funded).
- Fuller, T., Rotich, J., & **Ford, D. W.** (Spring 2012). New York Ready to Run: Events to Run, Field Day with the Aggies, \$500 (Funded).
- Swearingen, B., Dail, T. K., Fuller, T., & **Ford, D. W.** (Spring 2012). BCBSNC Foundation: Growing Healthy Families Initiative, \$5,000 (Funded).

## Teaching Experience

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Motor Learning and Control	Intro to Sport Management	Nutrition for Sport & Fitness
Applied Anatomy and Kinesiology	Fitness and Aging	Internship
Information Technology for Human Performance and Leisure Studies	Ethical and Legal Issues and Risk Management in Sport	Research and Contemporary Issues in Health
Fitness Program	Fitness Facilities Management	Drugs and Health
Administration and Management of Kinesiology	Measurement and Evaluation in Physical Education and Recreation	Advanced Principles of Strength and Conditioning
Secondary Kinesiology	Fitness Leadership	Sociology of Sport

Measurement and Evaluation  
Health and Biological Function  
Fitness Walking  
Research Methods  
Research Statistics for Physical  
Education

Graduate Research Seminar  
Mental Hygiene  
Fitness for Life  
Applied Anatomy  
Health Behavior and Health  
Education

Epidemiology  
Diseases and Consumer Health  
Adapted Physical Education  
Sport Facility and Event Management

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## Presentations

**Presenter**, 2025 NAKHE (National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education) Conference, "Policy innovations for disability sport," San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 5-8, 2025.

**Presenter**, Black Digital Humanities Virtual Symposium, Lightning Talks, Virtual, April 12, 2024.

**Presenter**, Faculty Research Day, "Examining the Relationship between SES and Children with Disabilities Participation in Sport," Prairie View, TX, April 5, 2024.

**Presenter**, AI for All Summit, "AI-driven models boosting student engagement and success," Nashville, TN, June 5-7, 2024.

**Panelist**, Black Excellence Panel, Prairie View, TX, February 29, 2024.

**Presenter**, 2024 NAKHE (National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education) Conference, "The Relationship between SES and Children with Disabilities Sport Participation," Phoenix, AZ, January 3-5, 2024.

**Presenter**, Faculty Research Day, "Exploring HIV Perception among African American Health and Human Performance Majors," Prairie View, TX, April 14, 2023.

**Guest Speaker**, Prairie View A&M University Classic Dance Ensemble Performance Concert "Rhythmic Transitions", November 11, 2023,

**Co-Presenter**, 2015 SHAPE America National Convention and Expo, "Student Perception and Involvement in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Disability Sport," Seattle, WA, March 17-21, 2015.

**Co-Presenter**, 2015 SHAPE America Southern District Convention, "Building Effective Public School-University Partnerships for Health and Physical Activity Outcomes," Atlanta, GA, February 18-21, 2015.

**Co-Presenter**, 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAAPERD-SM Convention, "Building Effective and Fulfilling Public School-University Partnerships," Raleigh, NC, November 21-22, 2014.

**Co-Presenter**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Human Performance and Leisure Studies Symposium, "8 Step Model for the Development of Successful Community Partnerships," Greensboro, NC, April 25, 2014.

**Co-Presenter**, 65<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAAPERD Convention, "Perception and Awareness of Disability Sport in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Raleigh, NC, November 21-23, 2013.

**Co-Presenter**, 2013 AAHPERD National Convention and Exposition, "Duality Crossroads and Obesity Among Diverse Immigrants in Developed Countries," Charlotte, NC, April 23-27, 2013.

**Co-Presenter**, International Writing Centers Association Collaborative, "HBCU Writing Centers: Claiming an Identity," Las Vegas, NV, March 13-16, 2013.

**Co-Presenter**, The Annual Human Performance and Leisure Studies Symposium, "Increasing Sport Participation for Middle and High School Youth," Greensboro, NC, October 19, 2012.

**Presenter**, North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) Conference, "The Effect of the STAR Sportsmanship Education Module on Parents Self-Perceived Sportsmanship Behaviors in Youth Sport," London, Ontario, Canada, June 1-4, 2011.

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## Conferences

**Attendee**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All of Us Evenings with Genetics (AoUEwG) Research Program's Biomedical Faculty Summit (BRFS), Houston, TX, May 15-18, 2024

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## Departmental Service

### PVAMU

**Advisor**, Phi Epsilon Kappa Honors Fraternity

**Chair**, Grade Appeal Committee

## NCATSU

**Advisor**, Sport Science Majors Club, Pulse 72  
**Chair**, Assessment Committee  
**Chair**, Graduate Council  
**Chair**, Graduation Recognition and Award Recognition Committee  
**Chair**, F.I.T. Living Learning Community  
**Coordinator**, Advisement and Retention  
**Member**, Grade Appeals Committee  
**Member**, Grant Writing Team  
**Member**, Research/Publication Team  
**Member**, Graduation Recognition and Award Recognition Committee  
**Member**, Technology Committee  
**Member**, Graduate Council  
**Member**, QEP (Alternate)  
**Member**, Curriculum Committee

## Professional Honors/Awards

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**Recipient**, NC A&T State University Academy of Teaching and Learning Grant (2015)  
**Recipient**, NC A&T State University SOE Outstanding Service for Student Organization Advisement (2011)  
**Recipient**, NC A&T State University Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) Certificate of Participation in 2nd Critical Thinking Institute for Faculty (2011)

## Professional Organizations

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National Association of Kinesiology in Higher Education (NAKHE)  
SHAPE America  
National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)  
Phi Epsilon Kappa Honors Fraternity, Inc.

## School of Education Service

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**Chair**, Curriculum Committee  
**Co-Chair**, School of Education Grade Appeal Board  
**Member**, Curriculum Committee  
**Member**, School of Education Grade Appeal Board  
**Member**, Technology

## College of Health and Human Sciences

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**Member**, Curriculum and Faculty Development Committee

## University Service

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### PVAMU

**Chair**, Faculty Handbook

### NCATSU

**Chair**, Faculty Senate  
**Vice-President**, Faculty Senate  
**Chair**, Faculty Senate – Handbook Committee

**Member**, Chancellor's Special Student Success Committee  
**Member**, Faculty Senate – Handbook Committee  
**Member**, Faculty Senate – Educational Policy Committee  
**Member**, Faculty Senate (Alternate)  
**Member**, Faculty Senate – Faculty Workload Committee  
**Member**, Faculty Senate – Constitution Committee  
**Member**, University Judicial Tribunal  
**Member**, University Public Safety Advisory Committee  
**Member**, QEP

## Student Service

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### PVAMU

**Advisor**, M.E.L.A.N.I.N.

### NCATSU

**Member**, Dissertation Committee for Terrance McAdoo (2015)  
**Member**, Dissertation Committee for Audrea Caesar (2016)

## Community Service

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**Volunteer Teacher/Tutor**, Literacy Advance Houston  
**Data Entry Volunteer**, Leupold Music Archives  
**Volunteer Tutor**, Reading Connections, Greensboro, NC  
**Volunteer**, NC African Services Coalition, Greensboro, NC  
**Volunteer**, The Human Race, Greensboro, NC

## Sport And Physical Education Related Experience

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**Athletic Director**, Made In His Image (MIHI) – Born Again Church, Nashville, TN  
**Director of Game Operations**, Murfreesboro Musicians (Professional Basketball), Murfreesboro, TN  
**Runner**, Sun-Belt Conference Basketball Tournament, Murfreesboro, TN  
**Intern**, Arkansas Twisters (Arena Football League), North Little Rock, AR