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Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Prince F. Ellis, from Cincinnati, Clermont County, Ohio, as a Member of the New African Immigrants Commission for a new term beginning December 22, 2023 and ending at the close of business October 7, 2025, replacing Prince F. Ellis, whose term expired.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

Mike DeWine
Governor

Dr. Prince F. Ellis, DBA, MSIS, MSAE

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cincinnati

Associate Professor (FT), Business, Economics & Finance (UC Clermont)

2020-present

Adjunct Faculty (UC Lindner College of Business)

2019-present

Assistant Professor, Business, Economics & Finance (UC Clermont)

2014-2020

- Design/teach courses in business, economics, finance, and information technology (on-ground, blended/hybrid, and online)
- Ongoing scholarship/research/grant writing
- Assess, assist, and guide adjunct faculty
- Service to the department, college, university, and community
- Participate and support departmental duties and initiatives

SPECIAL DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS @ University of Cincinnati

- Chair, BLT eRPT Committee (2020-Present)
- Chair Student Affairs Committee (2021-Present)
- Co-Chair, UCC Faculty Learning Committee (2018-Present)
- Tutor, UCC Learning Resource Center (2014-present)
- Member, UCC Student Affairs Committee (2020-2021)
- Coordinator, Economics and Finance (2015-2019)
- Advisory member, UCI Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Strategy Group (2014-present)
- Founder/Faculty Advisor, Finance and Investment Club at UCC (Fall 2015-Present)
- Faculty Advisor, NEO Consulting at UC Lindner College of Business (2019-Present)
- Tutor, UCC Learning Resource Center (2014-present)
- Chair, UCC Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (2018-2020)
- Coordinator, Finance Management Technology program (2017-2020)
- Chair, Academic Assessment Committee for UCC (2016-2018)
- Member, UCC Academic Assessment At-Large member (2015-2016)
- Member, UCC Instructional Technology Committee (2016-2018)
- Member, UC IT Faculty Senate Committee (2017-2018)
- Member, UCC Student Appeals/Instructor Evaluation Committee member (2014-2016)
- Advisor, UCC Economics and Finance (Fall 2015)

Brown Mackie College, Cincinnati OH

Department Head/Chair (2010-2014)

2008-2014

- Managed staff, and provided administrative support to the following technology programs: Information Technology (IT), Architectural Design and Drafting (AD&D), Computer Networking and Application (CN&A), and Biomedical Equipment Technology (BMET)

Technology and Business Professor (2008-2010)

- Taught online, blended, and on-ground courses in technology and business
- Provided competency-based education through the development of syllabi and instructional plans to meet course competencies and the development of activities which support lesson objectives

ITT Technical Institute, Norwood, OH

Adjunct Professor of Business and Information Technology

2006-2010

- Taught online, blended, and on-ground courses in technology, math, and business from approved curriculum
- Advised students on matters related to academics, such as behaviors, attendance, and grades
- Participated in school retention initiatives and assisted students in achieving completion of objectives

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PERN Consulting LLC

President & CEO

2007-present

- Specialize in technology and learning solutions
- Research, speaking engagements, and training
- eLearning, data analytics, and instructional design
- Consulting services

Fidelity Investment, Cincinnati, OH

Investment Broker & Financial Services Representative

2005-2008

- Helped customers with all their mutual funds trading needs using Retail Order Web Entry
- Offered financial services, insurance protection, retirement programs, college funding plan, elder care protection, and estate transfer solutions
- Provided clients with need-based financial planning for their medium and long-term goals

Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, OH

Wire Transfer Analyst/Research Staff

2000-2005

- Performed wire transfer maintenance using the money transfer system (MTS)
- Provided customer service to retail banking centers, corporate customers and commercial officers
- Coordinated initial setup, maintenance, and deletion of all Wire Transfer services as requested/needed by internal and external customers according to Bank policy and departmental standards

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Graduate Student /Student Assistant/Tutor

1999-2004

- Performed research work that included benchmark analysis, confidentiality, data entry, database maintenance, and office procedures, and university procedures
- Telephone skills, special projects, filing, shelving, and routing, copying and distributing information

Kroger Company, Cincinnati, OH

Management Intern

Summer 2001

- Provided customer service, employee training, hiring assistance, risk management claims evaluations, and assisted with special projects
- Collected and consolidated a wide range of data for analysis and reporting processes
- Participated in the reporting process by preparing charts/graphs for periodic management report

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati Lindner College of Business

Master of Science in Applied Economics

2015-2018

Argosy University, Phoenix, AZ

Doctor of Business Administration

2008-2013

Concentration: International Business - Dissertation: "Corporate eLearning's Impact on Employees"

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Master of Science in Information Systems

2002-2004

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

Bachelor of Science in Finance

1999-2002

AWARDS/HONORS/APPOINTMENTS

- Reappointed by Governor Mike DeWine to serve as a commissioner on the New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC), 2019-present
- Appointed by Major John Cranley to serve on the Greater Cincinnati 2020 Count committee, 2019-2020
- Appointed by former Governor John Kasich to serve as a commissioner on the New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC), 2018-2019
- Recipient of the 2016 Exemplify Teaching Excellence Award at the University of Cincinnati Clermont
- Nominated by students for the 2016 Exemplify Teaching Excellence Award for promoting student-faculty relations
- Nominated by students for the 2015 Exemplify Teaching Excellence Award for promoting student-faculty relations
- Member of BLT 2015 Marian Spencer Diversity Ambassador Department Award (April 2015)
- 2014 BDPA Epsilon Award Recipient for Most Promising Technologist during the 36th Annual National BDPA Technology Conference
- 2013 APNET Trailblazer Award for Excellence During Annual APNET Symposium
- Inducted into Brown Mackie College-Cincinnati Alpha Beta Kappa Honor Society (2013)
- Faculty of the Month, May 2010 at BMC-CI
- The Valerie C. Miles "Spirit of Student Support" Award 2010 Recipient at BMC-CI
- Recipient of TPAP Award (Teaching Performance Award Program) at ITT –TECH
- Employee of the Month, May 2008 at ITT TECH
- Inducted into the NKU Honor Society, the Omicron Delta Kappa, the Golden Key Honor Society, and the Pinnacle Honor Society
- Awarded a special recognition for dedicated services as a Math Tutor at NKU
- Recipient of 2001 P&G Scholarship to attend Ohio Valley Summer Leadership Conference
- 2003 Toyota Leadership Conference & 2001 Ohio Valley Leadership Institute certificate
- Recipient of the 2001 Kroger Garnes-Ward Scholarship
- Recipient of the Fidelity Investment Scholarship for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002
- Recipient of the National Black MBA Association Cincinnati Chapter's Undergraduate Scholarship
- Recipient of the "Most Outstanding Peer Mentor" and the "Most Outstanding Junior" awards at NKU
- Nominated for the "Most Outstanding Senior," the "Most Outstanding Leader," and the "Most Outstanding Graduate Student" at NKU

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Nonprofit Board Leader, 2021
- Quality Matters (QM) Master Reviewer Certification, 2020
- Item-Writing for Fin, Bus, & Mkt, CETE Digital Badge @ OSU, 2015
- Quality Matter (QM) Rubric , APPQMR, 2014
- QM Online Peer Reviewer, 2014
- Microsoft Office Suites, 2009
- Business System Analyst Certified by InQuestra Learning, 2008
- Health Life and Variable Annuity by Ohio Department of Insurance, 2005
- Series 7 & 63 by Fidelity Investments, 2004

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND GRANTS

- Book author, Corporate eLearning: Impact on Employees published by Outskirts Press (August 2018)
- Presenter and member of the planning committee at the at Teaching, Techniques, & Technology (3T) Conference on eLearning accessibility tools/best practices on March 17, 2017
- Attended the Conference on Active Learning on October 13, 2016 in Langsam Library's Digital Commons
- Presented at the 27th Annual Teaching Economics Conference from February 19-21 at Robert Morris University, Moon Township, PA
- Attended the 6th Annual Diversity Conference on April 1, 2015, on the fourth floor of Tangeman University Center. Part of the recipient of the *2015 Marian Spencer Diversity Ambassador Award* to showcase our support for diversity and inclusion initiatives
- Co-Presenter at the 6th Annual Clermont Business Plan Competition (July 2015)
- Co-chairman of the first Diversity Inclusive all-day Conference on eLearning accessibility (October 7, 2015)
- Helped organize the first Diversity Inclusive all-day Conference on October 7, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at UC Clermont campus. The conference focused on eLearning accessibility with people with disabilities.
- \$10,000 Diversity Grant Award to provide training on eLearning accessible to those with disabilities (June 2015)
- NSF Grant proposal submission on diversity grant (May 2015)
- Presenter/Moderator at Teaching, Techniques, & Technology (3T) Conference on (April 2015)
- Co-presenter at Graduate School's Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program (Jan 2015)
- Co-Author, publication on "Corporate eLearning Impact on Employees," October 2014, Global Journal of Business Research

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- As president of APNET, worked with leadership/advisory board to provide mentoring for students, services to the needy, and career development programs.
- Future Academic Unit Head Leadership Session: honored as an up-and-coming faculty leader at UC by having been nominated for an invitation to a special leadership session at UC to learn more about the role of the academic unit head at UC.
- Guest Speaker, Finance and Investment Club Workshop focusing on "Best Practices for Investments and How to be Financially Independent" on March 29, 2016 at UCC

- Attended an “Insight and Inclusion” event, entitled “Empowering People with Disabilities in Our Workforce and Our Community” on December 2, 2015.
- 2015 DECA District Judge: I served as a competition judge on January 27 UC Clermont College. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe.
- Co-presenter at Graduate School's Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) program on January 27, 2015 at the Uptown Campus. The presenters talked to doctoral students in the PFF program about important aspects of higher education, such as job announcements, putting together a CV, writing an effective cover letter, interviewing, and negotiating for a position.
- The OSU Business, Finance and Marketing Item Writing Workshop: Selected as a Subject-Matter expert (SME) in the WebXam test development process. Participated in the Business, Finance, and Marketing B2 Item Writing workshop (all day) for the Technical Testing Project (TTP) held at CETE at The Ohio State University on February 5-6, 2015.
- APNET Leadership Training at Hooven-Dayton Corporation (HDC): Attended an all-day leadership training event at Hooven-Dayton Corporation (a subsidiary of Che International Group) on April 3, 2015. Met with the executives of HDC, such as the president/CEO, CFO, and COO and learned business value propositions and ways to lead effectively.
- Attended virtual Summit for Business and Economics on April 17, 2015.
- Attended an Intensive Grant-Writing Workshop/Seminar on April 21, 2015.
- Co-Presenter at the Sixth Annual Clermont Business Plan Competition Courses
- Attended Diversity Leadership Training on November 7, 2014 at UC Clermont.
- Co-presenter at UC Clermont Financial Literacy Workshop: This program was organized by the College Success Program and held on November 11, 2014. I co-presented with Chris Wright from the Center for Wealth Management to educate students, faculty, and staff on investments options, better savings habits, and financial freedom techniques.
- Co-presenter at UC Clermont Professor's Perspective Panel: This was a talk session organized by Student Services on August 20, 2014 to orient new students toward general college survival skills and advice for academic success.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

- Doctoral Dissertation Committee member: I served as a summative committee member for Abel Gyan's Doctor of Health Science program on malaria treatment and prevention to provide didactic knowledge and/or clinical expertise in order to review the practicum report and the educational product. I provided feedback on his doctoral research (2015-2016)
- Conducted department peer evaluation on most adjunct ECON instructors and some full-time professors
- Conducted interdepartmental, internal peer evaluations
- Served as an external peer reviewer for Quality Matters (QM) to meet QM standards and guidelines
- Conducted a book review of *Macroeconomics*, 1/e textbook (Pearson Education, Mishkin/Perloff) in August 2015 and provided feedback on content, layout, and design improvement
- QM Peer Reviewer Course (PRC) certification: This was a two-week training course held from October 16-29, 2014. It prepared me to become a Quality Matters Certified Peer Reviewer. I acquired information and skills that helped me improve my online course content design and review process.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING/PARTNERSHIPS

- Met with different African delegations at UC International Office to discuss international partnerships

- Traveled with Vice Provost Dr. Raj Mehta from January 20-30, 2017. Visited three universities in Ghana (University of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, and University of Development Studies) and explored opportunities for mutual interest.
- Served as a co-advisor to the Portland & Atlanta Business Exploration trips and supported experiential learning trips
- Organized company visits and workshops for students with the Finance and Investment Club (FIC).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

State Commissioner, New African Immigrant Commission, 2018-present

- advocates for the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the state's sub-Saharan African population.

President/Co-Founder, African Professionals Network (APNET), 2010-present

- Served at the board chair, help raised 100K+ to support events/programs, awarded proclamation by mayor of Cincinnati, awarded a second proclamation by the Hamilton County Commission, helped organized 7-10 events/programs to serve the immigrant/refugee communities.

Member, Instructional Designers Association, 2017-present

Member, Midwest Economics Association, 2017-present

Board Member & VP Strategic Partnership, BDPA Cincinnati Chapter, 2010-2014

Board Member, Afram Plains Foundation, 2017-2018

Volunteer, American Red Cross, 2011-present

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appointment Date: 12/22/2023

Name of Appointee: Prince F. Ellis

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Term Begins: 10/8/2022

Term Ends: 10/7/2025

Party Affiliation: Independent

Senate Confirmation: Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate

Financial Disclosure: Confidential disclosure required

Vice: Prince F. Ellis

