PORTRAIT UNVEILING, VANDERBILT PIONEERS

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Black Cultural Center

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As Chancellor Zeppos often notes, Vanderbilt University has many living pioneers. Some Vanderbilt pioneers are on campus. Because Vanderbilt does not share its records with the faculty, we know that this list is not complete. We need your help to identify more of our pioneers on campus. Please celebrate the people that we have identified and please send additional names and information to the Provost’s office for future celebrations

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PIONEERS

Sandra Barnes, PhD
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

First African American faculty member appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor (2016)

C. André Christie-Mizell, PhD
Senior Associate Dean, College of Arts and Science

First Black full professor in the Department of Sociology (2016)
First Black Senior Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Science (2016)
Andre L. Churchwell, MD
Levi Watkins, Jr., M.D. Chair
Chief Diversity Officer, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Professor of Medicine (Cardiology)
Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences
Professor of Biomedical Engineering
Senior Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

First recipient of the Levi Watkins Chair (2015)
First Chief Diversity Officer for VUMC (2016)
First African American Professor in the Division of Cardiology
First African American alumnus of the School of Engineering to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award (2010)

Charlene M. Dewey, MD
Professor of Medicine

First African American to chair the Vanderbilt University Faculty Senate (2016-17)
First African American full professor of Medical Education and Administration (2016)
First Dean of Educator Development (2014)
Idit Dobbs-Weinstein, PhD
Associate Professor, College of Arts and Science

First openly lesbian Vanderbilt University faculty member, first female faculty appointment in Philosophy (1987)
Only woman in the Philosophy department for seventeen years (1987 to 2004)

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Donna Y Ford, PhD
Professor, Peabody College of Education and Human Development

First Black full professor
First Black Harvie Branscomb endowed chair (2004)
First Black Cornelius Vanderbilt Endowed Chair (2017) at the Peabody College of Education and Human Development

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Vivien Green Fryd, PhD
Professor, Department of History of Art

In the Department of Fine Arts, first female full professor of History of Art (2003 to present)
First female Chair of History of Art (Spring 2009-Spring 2012)
George C. Hill, Ph.D.

First Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (2015 to 2017)
First Chief Diversity Officer (2015 to 2017)

Rolanda Johnson, PHD
Associate Professor, School of Nursing

First African American to hold vice-chair position on the Vanderbilt Faculty Senate (2014)
First African American Assistant Dean of Academics in the School of Nursing (2016)

Susan L. Kay, J.D.
Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Clinical Professor of Law

First woman to receive a 25 year chair for service to the University (2005)
First female Associate Dean of the Law School Clinics (2002)
Nancy King, JD
Lee S. and Charles A. Speir Chair in Law

First female Associate Dean of the Law School (1999 to 2001)

Candice Storey Lee
Associate Vice Chancellor/Deputy Athletic Director

First Black female Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA (2014 to present)

Paul C.H. Lim, PhD
Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Divinity School

First Asian American faculty member to receive tenure in the Divinity School (2010)
First person of color to chair the Vanderbilt Faculty Senate (2014-2015)
William Luis, Ph.D.
Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Spanish

First Latino with tenure (1991)
First Latino Full Professor (1996)
First Black professor awarded an endowed chair (Chancellor’s Professor of Spanish, 2006; Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of Spanish, 2011)
First Director of Latino Studies (2013)
First Black Guggenheim Fellow (2012)

Velma McBride Murry, PhD
Lois Autrey Betts Chair, Education and Human Development

First African American faculty member from Peabody College to receive the Joe B. Wyatt Distinguished Research Professor award (2016)

Kelly Oliver, Ph.D.
W. Alton Jones Professor of Philosophy

First woman appointed Full Professor, Department of Philosophy (2004)
First woman awarded an endowed chair, Department of Philosophy (2004)
Sohee Park, PhD
Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor

First person of color promoted to full Professor in the Department of Psychology (2006)
First woman and first person of color awarded an endowed professorship in the Department of Psychology (2011)

Evelyn Joy Diane Patterson, PhD
Associate Professor, College of Arts and Science

First Black woman to receive promotion to any faculty member rank at Vanderbilt University (not including VUMC) in the 21st century (2016)

Jennifer Ann Pietenpol, PhD
Benjamin F. Byrd Jr. Professor of Oncology; Executive Vice President for Research, VUMC; Director, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

First female director of the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, Vanderbilt University Medical Center (2008)
William H. Robinson
Associate Dean of the School of Engineering

First Black Associate Dean in the School of Engineering (2016)
First Black professor promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with tenure in the School of Engineering (2010)

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Choon-Leong Seow
Cuppes Chair in Divinity and Distinguished Buffington Professor of Hebrew Bible

First Asian American to hold a chaired professorship in the Divinity School (2015)

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Stephanie E. Spottswood, MD, MSPH
Professor of Radiology

First black medical student accepted for a Radiology residency at Vanderbilt (1987)
First black woman promoted to full Professor in the Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences (2012)
Tina Smith
*Interim Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion,*
*and Interim Chief Diversity Officer*

First African American female staff member appointed Vice Chancellor (2017)

Emilie M. Townes
*Dean of the Divinity School and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society*

First Black female dean of a school at Vanderbilt University (July 2013 to present)

Professor Benigno Trigo, Ph.D.

First Latino Chair of Department of Spanish and Portuguese (Spring 2015)
Susan Wente, PhD
Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Professor, Cell and Developmental Biology

First female Chair of Cell and Developmental Biology (2002-2012)
First female Provost (2014-present)

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David Williams, II
Vice Chancellor for Athletics and University Affairs and Athletics Director

First Black General Counsel (2000-2012)
First Black secretary to the Board of Trust (2000-2012)
First Black Vice Chancellor (2000 to present)
First Black Athletic Director (2003 to present)