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#### Special points of interest:

- Boot Camp: Gearing up and ready for battle
- Sisters in leadership roles: Leading the way
- Research Tip: KISS (Keep It Simple Sisters)
- Membership: We Want You

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# *Sisters of the Academy Institute* **NEWSLETTER**

*"Scholarship Through Collaboration"*

## WELCOME

### Scholarship Through Collaboration

When Sisters of the Academy (SOTA) Institute was formed, we set definite goals that would drive and propel us for longevity and respect in the academy. One of those goals was to develop and encourage a research focus for Black women in the academy. In every regard, our voices, presence, intellect and scholarship needs to be addressed and supported within and by the academy. With that, SOTA's research agenda highlights Black women as graduate students, tenured and non-tenured professors and professionals through scholarship and collaboration.

In keeping with the Mission of SOTA, **"To produce collaborative scholarship among Black women in higher education"**, the purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed, interested, and interactive with SOTA.

### Gearing Up and Ready for Battle: Research Boot Camp & Symposium

SOTA will host its first annual Research Boot Camp and Symposium at Auburn University from May 15-22, 2005. The Boot Camp is available to those only in the social sciences and will be an opportunity wherein senior scholars, junior scholars, and doctoral students can come together to advance their research skills.

The week-long Boot Camp will be an extensive program to assist each scholar in developing a sound research agenda. There will be senior scholars, methodologists, and theorists present to assist and support attendees with their research needs. Doctoral students will be paired with either a junior or senior scholar. Senior faculty will mentor junior faculty.

The price of the Boot Camp is \$500 for graduate students and \$650 for junior faculty. We encourage graduate students to ask for financial assistance from their departments or graduate schools. There will be scholarships available on a limited basis upon request.

At the end of the Boot Camp, the Research

Symposium will begin. This event will be May 20-21, also at Auburn University. The purpose of the Research Symposium is to allow attendees to engage in active research preparation and professional workshops. The workshops will focus on pertinent and relevant issues that affect successful matriculation through graduate school and the university promotion and tenure processes for junior faculty. We will have a Call for Proposals for workshop presenters. Guest speakers will be well known scholars in higher education.

Session topics for the Research Symposium will include:

Publications, the Promotion and Tenure Process, Effective Use of Technology in Research, Researching and Writing Your Dissertation, Funding Your Research, Choosing Committee Members, Collaborative Research, and much more.

More details about the Boot Camp and Symposium are available on the SOTA website, [www.sistersoftheacademy.org](http://www.sistersoftheacademy.org)

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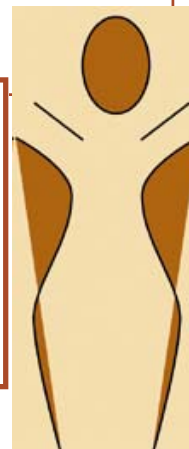
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**Your input and service to SOTA is**

**WELCOMED!**



## SOTA Member Feature



### Dr. Kimberly Lenease King

Kimberly Lenease King is currently a tenured Associate Professor in Educational Foundations, Leadership & Technology, in the College of Education at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. She received her Ph.D. in History, Philosophy and Policy Studies in 1998 and an M.S. in Higher Education Administration in 1993 from Indiana University-Bloomington. She is also an alumni of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Kimberly teaches courses in the areas of history and sociology of education, education in global contexts, diversity, and qualitative research. Her research interests include examinations of the relationship between educational equity and race, class and gender in K-12 and higher education settings. In pursuit of her research interests, she has traveled to South Africa, Egypt, and most recently, Cuba.

Kimberly is co-editor of *Apartheid No More: Case Studies of Southern African Universities in the Process of Transformation*, co-editor of the Sisters and Brothers of the Academy upcoming special issue of *Journal of Thought*, and author of a number of articles and book chapters.

In addition to her affiliation with SOTA, Kimberly is a member of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), the American Educational Research Association, the American Educational Studies Association, and out-going president of the Auburn Black Caucus (the black faculty and staff association at Auburn University).

## Upcoming Events

### AERA Panels, April 12-16, 2005, Montreal, Canada

Representing the Underrepresented in Education, Pedagogy and Practice  
The Dissertation and Graduation: Not Just a Black and White Process

### SOTA Research Symposium, May 20-22, 2005, Auburn University, Alabama

Abstracts Due, January 14, 2005  
Notification of Acceptance, February 18, 2005

### National Council on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE), May 31-June 4, 2005, New York

## Research Tip

### KISS (Keep It Simple Sisters): How to Get an Article Published

- Keep it short by making two or three good points, providing the best evidence you have for these points, and stop.
- Mention in your review of the literature at least two members of the journal's editorial board.
- Submit your manuscript to a journal which has recently published similar work and cite at least two things recently published in that journal, preferably by people you know or who are likely to approve of the approach used in your research.
- Almost all articles which are accepted for publication require revisions. Sometimes fairly extensive revisions. Regard this as helpful, not as punitive.

For more information, visit: <http://academic.brooklyn.cuny.edu/education/jlemke/guid-art.htm>

## Sisters of the Academy (SOTA) Mission and Membership

### **Mission**

To produce collaborative scholarship among Black women  
in higher education.

*Vision for Membership:* To create a professional network of Black female scholars through collaborative research.

*Vision for Research:* To demystify the publication process for Black scholars, thereby creating productive and collaborative research.

*Vision for Finance:* To create funding opportunities and financial resources for research and professional growth.

The SOTA Newsletter is a quarterly publication: Fall (October/November), Winter (January/February), Spring (April/May), and Summer (July/August). If you have suggestions, stories, or information for the SOTA NEWSLETTER, contact Felicia M. Moore at [moorefe@tc.columbia.edu](mailto:moorefe@tc.columbia.edu).

### **Membership Dues**

- **\$80 Academic Member** (*Terminal and/or professional degrees*)
- **\$50 Professional Member** (*Professionals and Administrators without terminal degrees or matriculating doctoral or terminal degree students*)
- **\$30 Student Member** (*Matriculating doctoral and master's students*)

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### **INSPIRATION**

*You must act as if it is impossible to fail.*

— Ashanti proverb

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