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Boykin’s experience working in an urban setting with ethnic, multi-cultural, and learning communities spans several decades. During this time, she served as a faculty member teaching a variety of courses focused on communication and rhetorical studies and culture and community at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State University, Waynesburg University, Robert Morris University, and Duquesne University. Boykin has mentored and provided academic success guidance to students of various backgrounds.

As an educational administrator, she served as regional tech prep coordinator at Community College of Allegheny County. Additionally, she worked as registrar/assistant to the academic dean for the Semester-at-Sea International Institute at the University of Pittsburgh at which time she toured regions of South America, Africa, and Asia. Her research and presentations address areas of communication and rhetoric, intercultural communication, civil discourse, and diversity and inclusion. In addition, she has worked as a project director and fiscal administrative officer for family-based organizations where she handled strategic development, staffing, and compliance.

Boykin has also served in the community through the City of Pittsburgh’s Office of Community Engagement, as a group facilitator for Pittsburgh Summit Against Racism Town Hall Meetings, as a member of the Squirrel Hill Health Center Board of Directors (a federally-funded health center serving immigrant and underemployed populations), and as a member/president of the Borough of Wilkinsburg Zoning Hearing Board.

Boykin is a graduate of Duquesne University (M.A.) and University of Pittsburgh (M.Ed. and B.S.).

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