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## **Jean Ferguson Ruffin, Ed.D.**

### **EDUCATION**

**Ed.D.** School Improvement, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, 2018  
*Dissertation: The Power of Words: An analysis of Supreme Court Jurisprudence Related to Education, Race, and Equality*

**Ed.S.** Educational Leadership, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia 2010

**J.D.** Law, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia 2001

**B.A.** English, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama 1998

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

**Assistant Professor Educational Leadership University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA  
2019-present**

Courses Taught:

Fall 2020 –Leadership for Equity and Excellence (EDLE 8329), School Law, Policy and Ethics (EDLE 6316)

Summer 2020- School Law, Policy and Ethics (EDLE 6316)

Spring 2020- School Law, Policy and Ethics (EDLE 6316), Using Data to Improve the School (EDLE 6341)

Fall 2019- The Culturally Proficient Leader (EDSI 9923), Leadership for Equity and Excellence (EDLE 8329) School Law, Policy and Ethics (EDLE 6316)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees:

Elizabeth Hayden; Chair. Laura Willox (In Progress)

**Associate Superintendent of Schools, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, Decatur  
Georgia  
2017-2019**

**Literacy Consultant, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia  
2015- 2017**

**School Improvement Specialist, Meriwether County Schools, Greenville, GA  
2014-2015**

**Teaching and Learning Specialist, Meriwether County Schools, Greenville, GA  
2010-2014**

**CTAE Director/High School Instructional Support Specialist, Meriwether County Schools,  
Greenville, GA  
2007-2010**

**Attorney, Law of Office of Wright McCleod, Evans, Georgia  
2005-2007**

**Department Chair and High School English Teacher, Meriwether County Schools,  
Greenville, GA  
2003-2007**

**Adjunct Professor, Valdosta State University  
Course Taught  
Spring 2003 Criminal Procedure (CRJU 3310)**

**Municipal Court Solicitor, Valdosta Georgia  
2002-2003**

**Georgia Legal Services, Valdosta, Georgia  
2001-2002**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ruffin, J.F. (2020). Missed Opportunities: Reflections and Regrets of a Brand New Professor. Transformations: *The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*. (In press)

## **PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

**Ruffin, J.F. (2020, October 3).** *Stalling with Deliberate Speed: An Examination of Southern Resistance to School Desegregation in the 15 Years After Brown v. Board of Education.* **Paper presented at the Organization of Educational Historians Annual Meeting.**

**Ruffin, J.F. (2020, August 6).** *Disturbing the Peace: Encouraging Critical Dialogue through online discussions.* Best practice session to the International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership Virtual Conference.

**Gantner, M., Kimbrel, L., Evans, G., Davis, C., Ruffin, J.F., Nixon, A. (2020, August 6).** *Collaboration for Research, Program Improvement and Expanded Learning.* Best practice session to the International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership Virtual Conference.

**Ruffin, J.F. (2019, June 18).** *Voting Matters: Education, Race, and Equality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Presentation to the National Civil Rights Conference. Birmingham, Alabama.

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the Profession**

International Council of Professors of Educational Administration, peer reviewer (2020)

### **Service to the College of Education**

UWG EDSI Advisory Member (2019-2020)

UWG COE Diversity Advisory Committee Member (2020)

### **Service to the Department**

UWG EDSI Orientation (2020)—Co developed session on navigating the transition to doctoral level work

UWG EDSI External Reviewer (2020)