

Featured MCRPA Spotlight Member – September 2017



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1. **What is your role at Montgomery College?**

My role at Montgomery College is multi-faceted. I am an Associate Professor in the Broadcast Media Production program where I teach broadcasting and radio classes, advise and mentor students, develop curriculum, and collaborate with fellow faculty. I am also the radio station coordinator for WMCR (Montgomery College's radio station, www.eradiowmcr.com). As the radio station coordinator, I oversee student productions and promotions, and I produce and program content which can include radio shows, radio segments, podcasts, commercials, and station imaging. Faculty and staff can even have their own regular radio show and podcast by registering for the Montgomery College class, TVRA 280C.

2. **How long have you been in the field?**

I have been involved with radio and broadcasting for approximately ten years. I started working in radio when I launched my own radio show while studying communications at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale. From there I worked as a news reporter for WJOL in the Chicagoland area; WRTI, an NPR affiliate radio station at Temple University in Pennsylvania; and at Howard University Radio, WHUR, and other radio stations.

3. **How long have you been at Montgomery College?**

I have been with Montgomery College since January of 2015.

4. **What are some of your hobbies?**

Some of my hobbies include watching socio-political documentaries, listening to music, listening to Ted talks, and learning how to speak foreign languages. So far, I have studied Spanish, French, and Wolof and one day I hope to be trilingual. I also absolutely love listening to old Michael Jackson tunes! He is my most favorite singer of all time.

5. **What would be your ideal dream vacation?**

My dream vacation would be to travel to every country in the world, primarily because I am adventurous and I enjoy having exposure to the norms of other societies. Ultimately, I really enjoy experiencing other peoples' cultural traditions, lifestyle, and foods, as long as it's vegetarian!

6. **What is the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?**

If I won the lottery, the first thing I would buy would be dinner for my family and close friends so we could celebrate together!

7. **What's your favorite childhood memory?**

My favorite childhood memory would be when I was a little girl coming back from a school trip on the bus. All of a sudden all the children on the bus started singing "Celebration" by Kool & the Gang. I don't know how everyone knew the words to this song but everybody did. I'm not even sure who started the singing but within minutes everyone joined in. We were really happy children. I will never forget that moment because it was such a great example of my entire childhood, which was worry-free and full of happiness.

8. What was the last movie you watched? How many stars would you give it if you were a Movie Critic?

The last movie I watched was a French film called, "Demain Tout Commence" which means "Tomorrow Everything Starts" in English. The movie stars Omar Sy who is now the most popular African actor in France, but you'll also see him in American films. I really appreciate Omar Sy because he has been able to break through the odds and move up in French society, even though a lot of barriers exist for people of color.

9. What was the last sport or music concert event you attended?

When I worked at WHUR, Mali Music performed for the entire staff. They had just released their song, "Beautiful". So as they were singing the chorus, "I put my lighter in the air for you," people were waving lights and dancing. It was such a fun, pleasant, and spontaneous experience. He even brought his family with him which made the experience even nicer.

10. If you could get a second chance for a "dream job", would you still be doing what you're doing right now or is there another job you would love to have?

If I had a second chance for a "dream job," I would still be doing what I am doing right now. Somehow I've been led to do what I enjoy in life. As an educator, I've been tasked with a tremendous responsibility of helping others to improve their lives and I do not take that obligation lightly. It is an honor to be a part of that experience. So what I am doing today, I could do forever.