CSULA Emeriti Faculty Biography

Name: Shirley Better

Department: Social Work

Academic rank: Professor

Year appointed: 1969 Year retired: 2005

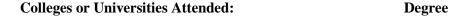
FERP years: 2005-10

City of residence: Los Angeles, CA

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Family information: Daniel, Son



University of Illinois BA Sociology
University of Michigan MSW Social Work
University of California, Los Angeles DSW Social Work

Teaching Experience:

Institution From To

California State University, Los Angeles 1969 2005

Courses taught:

Women's Issues; Community Organization; Social Policy; Institutional Racism; Social Work Practice in Minority Communities

Scholarly/Creative Activity:

(Book) Institutional Racism: A Primer on Theory and Strategies for Social Change. 2nd edition. N.Y.: Roman and Littlefield. November 2007.

Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching): Agency or Company

Chair, Social Work Department Acting Dean of Continuing Education Director of CSULA Associated Clinics

Awards, Honors, Professional Recognition:

- Lifetime Achievement Award National Association of Black Social Workers, April 2003
- Alumni of the Year Award UCLA School of Social Welfare, 1997.



• The University Library archives will have a Special Collection of Dr. Shirley Better – NABSW as of January 2019.

University Service:

Designed and implemented upper division theme on "Institutional Racism." Formed the Caucus of African-American Faculty in 1983 to increase the numbers of African-American students at CSULA and to increase the number of African-American faculty.

Personal commentary:

I am one of the founders of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW), created in 1968.

I am the President of the Association of Black Social Workers, Los Angeles Chapter, 2014-present.

Date completed: October 2018