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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (December 2005)

University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
Urban Education - Administrative Leadership & Supervision with Emphasis in School-Community Partnerships

Dissertation Title:

Big Dreams, Small Successes: A Community-School Partnership Case Study

Master of Arts (December 1992)

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
American & British Literature with Emphasis in African American Literature

Bachelor of Arts (May 1990)

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Political Science and Writing Intensive English

Certifications

SKY Meditation Certified Virtual Instructor (April 2020)

International Association for Human Values, Washington, D.C.

SKY Meditation/YES! (Youth Empowerment Seminar) Certified Instructor (November 2017)

International Association for Human Values, Washington, D.C.

SKY Meditation/YES! (Youth Empowerment Seminar) Teacher Trainer Certification (July 2016)

International Association for Human Values, Washington, D.C.

Community Building Facilitator Certification (January 2016)

Community Building Institute, Knoxville, TN

Commissioned Research Projects

Documentary for the Felix Mantilla Little League Education and Cultural Exchange Tour 2016 to Puerto Rico. *Changing Lives in 5 Days* (March 2017).

White Paper for the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. *Integrated Data Systems for Family Literacy*. (September 2002).

Chief Executive Officer of Journey House, Inc. (November 1998 to Present)

2110 West Scott Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204 (www.journeyhouse.org)

Associate Director (November 1997-October 1998); Director of Education (August 1996-October 1997)

DR. MICHELE BRIA for 25 years has served as CEO of Journey House, a community-based organization in Milwaukee that empowers families to move out of poverty by offering adult education, workforce readiness, youth development, and family engagement programs. Journey House annually serves more than 9,000 low-income, urban youth and families. She convenes over 280 partnerships with local universities, community organizations, and corporations to implement lifelong learning, workforce development, and youth development programs that increase the quality of life in Milwaukee neighborhoods. Dr. Bria has helped over 2,000 Milwaukee children and adults learn the scientifically-based SKY Breathing techniques to reduce stress and increase mental focus and performance through practice.

Dr. Bria successfully negotiated over \$22 million in innovative, ground-breaking public-private development agreements with Milwaukee Public Schools and Milwaukee County, which provide land homes and partnership opportunities for new construction of a 34,000 square foot Journey House Center for Family Learning and Youth Athletics (2012), Journey House Packers Football Stadium in Mitchell Park (2013), and Journey House Felix Mantilla Little League Fields in Baran Park (2020). In collaboration with Cardinal Capital Development, Dr. Bria spearheaded an initiative for construction of an \$8.5 million Clarke Square Apartments (2020) for affordable housing for low-income families and homeless youth aging out of foster care, which is the largest housing development in over two decades in the Clarke Square Neighborhood. These projects have provided substantial catalytic economic development to Milwaukee's Near Southside and stimulated an additional \$40 million in neighborhood investments.

Dr. Bria has held several teaching positions, given numerous lectures, received numerous local and state civic proclamations and awards, including the 2017 State of Wisconsin's Martin Luther King Legacy Award for Service, 2016 Donald Driver Driven to Achieve Award, and 2014 Business Journal Women of Influence Award. She is a member of many professional organizations and serves as an executive board officer for Milwaukee Public Library (Board President), PublR Bikes (Board President), Menomonee Valley Partners (Board Secretary), Froedtert Hospital (Board Trustee, Chair of Community Engagement), United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee (Founding Board Member), Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council (Chairman), Milwaukee Public Library Foundation Board (Trustee), and SWIM (Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee, Vice-Chair, Founding Board Member).

As the first person in her family to attend college, Dr. Bria received her Bachelors of Arts and Masters of Arts from Marquette University and earned her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. Dr. Bria is a long-time resident of Milwaukee, where she raised her daughter, Malulani Bria.

Teaching Positions

Milwaukee Area Technical College,

Communications Instructor/English (Part-Time Faculty)

Milwaukee Community-Based Outreach Site: **Journey House** (August 1996 to present)

Adult Education - Basic Skills Level 1 to 6/ GED

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Adjunct Professor

School of Education

Department of Administrative Leadership and Supervision

Undergraduate and Graduate Seminars/Courses:

- Leadership in Youth Serving Organizations (Fall 2017)
- Field Work in Administrative Leadership and Supervision (Spring 2007, Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2011)
- Serving Multicultural and Special Needs Learners, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2010)
- Adult Literacy and Workforce Development, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2006, Summer 2007, Spring 2010, Spring 2012)
- Introduction to Adult Education (Fall 2008)
- Leadership and Management of Volunteer Organizations (Spring 2008)
- Education Dimensions of Teaching Older Adults, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2007)

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Department of Continuing and Vocational Education

Madison, WI, Summer 1994 & 1995

Adult Basic Education Summer Institute - Graduate Seminar

Social Development Commission

GED & Alternative MPS High School, Milwaukee, WI (1992-96)

MATC Adult Education - Basic Skills Level 2 and 3/ GED (January 1996 to August 1996)

Saint Finn Barr Middle School, San Francisco, CA, 1990-91

Professional Awards and Recognition

2020

Dr. Michele Bria: 2020 Commencement Keynote Speaker. University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (December 2020).

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[Journey House](#). Sports Journalist Tom Pipens interviews Dr. Bria and Coach Charles Brown. Wisconsin Sports Stream (October 2020).

[Dr. Michele Bria: This is Milwaukee Series](#) Artist-Photographer Kevin J. Miyazaki and Independent Journalist Mary Louise Schumacher’s “This is Milwaukee” Project (March 2020).

2017

Michele Bria: Leading a Journey to Change. Recognized as a University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) Alumni of Influence in UWM School of Education Annual Report (May 2017).

2017 State of Wisconsin’s Martin Luther King Legacy Award for Service. Presented at the State of Wisconsin Capitol by Governor Scott Walker for her social justice efforts (January 16, 2017).

2016

15 Minutes with: Dr. Michele Bria. Highlights Dr. Bria’s work at Journey House in *Milwaukee’s Lifestyle Magazine Giving Issue* (November 2016).

2016 State of Wisconsin - Department of Public Instruction’s Friend of Education Award presented by State Superintendent Tony Evers following his State of Education Address at the State of Wisconsin Capitol in recognition of her commitment to children and public education through her service at Journey House (September 15, 2016).

City of Milwaukee Proclamation by Mayor Tom Barrett declaring May 14, 2016 as Dr. Michele Bria Day for her dedicated 20 years of leadership to the City of Milwaukee (May 14, 2016).

Milwaukee County Proclamation by County Executive Chris Abele declaring May 14, 2016 as Dr. Michele Bria Day for her dedicated 20 years of leadership to Milwaukee County (May 14, 2016).

US Congressional Proclamation by Congresswoman Gwen Moore for 20 years of service at helm of Journey House, US House of Representatives, Washington DC (April 27, 2016).

2016 Donald Driver Driven to Achieve Award for outstanding community effort and leadership. Presented by Donald Driver, who is a Super Bowl XLV Champion, Green Bay Packers All-Time Leading Wide Receiver, and 2013 Dancing with the Stars Champion (March 2016).

2016 Milwaukee Police Department Certificate of Appreciation Awarded for Participation and Partnership for the Meet and Greet held in January 2016 by Milwaukee Police Department District 2 by District 2 Captain Heather Wurth (January 2016).

2015

2015 Milwaukee Police Department Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication and Partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department District Two in Reducing Crime, Fear, & Disorder by District 2 Captain Alfonso Morales, Community Liaison Officer Jesus Gloria, and Community Liaison Officer Jose Acevedo (December 2015).

2015 Marquette University Champion for Change for an alumni doing innovative and sustainable work in Milwaukee. Presented at Marquette University Men's Basketball Game (February 10, 2015).

2014

2015 Milwaukee Police Department Certificate of Appreciation for Dedication and Partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department District Two in Reducing Crime, Fear, & Disorder by District 2 Captain Alfonso Morales, Community Liaison Officer Jesus Gloria, and Community Liaison Officer Jose Acevedo (December 2014).

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee's (UWM) Panthers Pay It Forward Award for their grateful appreciation for UWM Alumni Dr. Bria's many years of dedication to Journey House and diligence to the greater Milwaukee Community. Presented during a UWM Men's Basketball Game at the new UWM Panthers Arena by UWM Athletics (November 19, 2014).

2014 Milwaukee *Business Journal* Women of Influence Award for Non-Profit Leadership. This award is bestowed upon Milwaukee-area women who are leaders in their fields and are making an impact in their professions and communities (June 2014).

2014 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin Amiga Award for outstanding leadership and demonstrated exceptional support to the Hispanic community by a non-Hispanic woman (May 2014).

2012

2012 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition presented to Michele Bria, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Journey House Center for Family Learning and Youth Athletics in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community by United States of America Congresswoman Gwendolyn Moore (May 30, 2012).

2006

2006 Marquette University All-University Spirit Award for professional achievement of an alumna before the age of 40 (April 2006).

2006 University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee's Educator Honor Roll for the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Education is the Best Investment Initiative (September 2006).

Journey House Community Development Awards

2017

2017 City of Milwaukee – Mayor’s Design Award for Journey House Campus Housing Initiative Phase II – Test of Time for 2033 West Scott Street. This award recognizes recipients who have added value to their neighborhoods by restoring, constructing, or enhancing their properties in a way that respects the urban fabric and contributes to the character of their surroundings (May 2017)

2017 People’s Choice LISC Milwaukee Award for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI) for a public space that helps build the community for the Journey House Community Garden (April 2017).

2016

2016 City of Milwaukee - Mayor’s Design Award for Journey House Campus Housing Initiative Phase I for 741 South 23rd Street. This award recognizes recipients who have added value to their neighborhoods by restoring, constructing or enhancing their properties in a way that respects the urban fabric and contributes to the character of their surroundings (April 2016).

2014

2014 Finalist - Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI) in the Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award for the creation or use of public space that contributes significantly to the overall well-being of the community for the Journey House Packers Football Stadium (April 2014).

2104 Honorable Mention as the *Business Journal’s* Neighborhood Impact Project of the Year for the Journey House Packers Football Stadium in Mitchell Park, a collaborative effort with Milwaukee County Parks (April 2014).

2014 Finalist for *BizTimes* Nonprofit Collaboration of the Year Award for outstanding community partnerships between Journey House and Discovery World (October 2014).

2013

2013 Business Journal’s Best Public/Private Partnership of the Year for the new 34,000 square foot construction of the Journey House Center for Family Learning and Youth Athletics, a collaborative effort with Milwaukee Public Schools (April 2013).

2013 State of Wisconsin Financial Literacy Award presented by Governor Scott Walker and the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy for efforts in promoting financial literacy among Wisconsin residents (January 2013).

2012

2012 State Farm Insurance Go to Bat Award for Journey House Youth Athletics and Service to the Community. Presented by State Farm Insurance at a Milwaukee Brewers Game at Miller Park (September 2012).

2009

2009 Proclamation by Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the Journey House Football & Cheerleading Program under the leadership of Commissioner and General Manager Charles Brown and Coach Martin Weddle to successfully launch and touch so many lives with special recognition to the Junior Packer Football Team for completing a perfect season. The Green Bay Packers of the National Football League has recognized Journey House's excellence and commitment to improving the community through youth athletics donating their Ray Nitschke Practice Field to Journey House to be installed in Mitchell Park, making it the first ever field donated by a professional team solely for youth football in the country (December 17, 2009).

Present Volunteer Board Leadership and Commissioned Task Force Positions

- ❑ **Board President, Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees**
Appointment by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett representing City of Milwaukee Residents
May 2018 to Present
May 2014 to April 2018 – Board Vice-President
May 2013 to May 2014 – Board Trustee
- ❑ **Board President, Bublr Bikes**
December 2017 to Present
May 2016 – Board Member
- ❑ **Board Secretary, Menomonee Valley Partners Board**
June 2014 to Present – Board Secretary
June 2009 to June 2014 – Board Director
- ❑ **Board Trustee and Chair of Community Engagement, Froedtert Hospital Board of Trustees**
January 2016 to Present
- ❑ **Chairman, Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council**
Appointment by former Governor Scott Walker and Re-Appointed by Governor Tony Evers
June 2018 to Present
- ❑ **Chairman, National SKY Schools Advisory Board**
International Association for Human Values, Washington DC
July 2020 to Present
- ❑ **Board Member, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation**
May 2018 to Present
- ❑ **Board Member, United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee Board**
1998 to Present
Founding Board Member 1998, Board President 1998 to 2003, Board Treasurer 2003 to 2018
- ❑ **Advisory Council Member, SKY Schools/International Association for Human Values – Milwaukee Council**
January 2015 to Present
- ❑ **Advisory Steering Council Member, Community Building Initiative - Milwaukee**
September 2013 to Present
- ❑ **Chair, UWM Competition Review Committee**
October 2020 to Present
- ❑ **Vice-Chair, Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (SWIM) Board**
December 2020 to Present

Past Volunteer Board Leadership and Commissioned Task Force Positions

Board Secretary, Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative Board

November 2012 to June 2020

Founding Board Member 2012

Commission Member, Milwaukee County Mitchell Park Conservatory Domes Task Force

Appointment by Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele and County Board Chairman Theo Lipscomb

August 2016 to December 2019

Commission Member, *University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee’s Chancellor Search Commission*

Appointment by University of Wisconsin System’s President Dr. Ray Cross

May 2014 to December 2014

Commission Member, *City of Milwaukee’s Digital Inclusion Initiative*

Appointment by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett representing City of Milwaukee Community Leaders

June 2012 to 2014

Commission Member, *Milwaukee Area Technical College President’s Strategic Planning Core Team*

Appointment by MATC President Dr. Michael Burke

March 2013 to December 2013

Commission Member, *University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Chancellor’s Strategic Planning Core Team*

Appointment by UWM Chancellor Dr. Michael Lovell

November 2012 to 2014

Commission Member, *University Wisconsin – Milwaukee Chancellor’s Commission on Public Engagement*

Appointment by UWM Chancellor Dr. Michael Lovell

July 2011 to 2014

Team Member, *Zilber Neighborhood Initiative Operating Partnership Team*

September 2008 to 2012

Council Member, *Zilber Neighborhood Initiative Clarke Square Council*

January 2010 to October 2012

Board Treasurer, *Milwaukee County Federated Library System Board*

Appointment by Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett as City of Milwaukee Resident

January 2010 to February 2013

Board Vice President (December 2007- December 2009)

Board Member (April 2006-December 2007)

Board Member of Marquette University – New Schools Approval Board, Center for Transformational Learning (June 2009 to June 2011)

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education – Local Arrangements Committee for National Conference, November 2006 (2006)

Committee Appointment by MPS Superintendent: Milwaukee Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers Finance & Sustainability Committee (2005)

Committee Appointment by MATC President: Milwaukee Area Technical College Fund Development for Pre-College Division (2005)

Committee Appointment WTCSB Adult Education Director: Wisconsin Technical College System Board Milwaukee Committee [Research & Fund Development] (2004 to 2005)

Wisconsin Technical College System Board Statewide Research-based Curriculum Committee [Reading/Math/Science] (2003 to 2005)

Wisconsin Technical College System Board's Statewide Family Literacy Board (July 2000 to 2003)

Wisconsin Technical College System Board's Planning Committee for State Literacy Conference (February 1998, 2000, 2002)

Youth Serving Agency Coalition Executive Committee (1998 to 2000)

American Educational Research Association (November 1997 to 2003)

University Council of Educational Administrators (November 1997 to 2003)

Chair – Milwaukee Area #15 Neighborhood Strategic Planning Education Committee (1997-98)

Editorial Board Member - MATC's The Key (January 1994 to 2004)

Greater Milwaukee Literacy Coalition - Member (January 1994 to 2000)

Wisconsin Technical College System Appointment: Basic Skills Curriculum Task Force - Science (Fall 1994 to 1998)

MATC Dean of Pre-College Appointment: MATC/CBO Student Outcome Committee (1995)

Presentations

Bria, Michele. (March 2019). My Journey to Public Service. Panel Member. *2019 Girls' Day @ City Hall*. City of Milwaukee, Founder Alderwoman Milele A. Cogs. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (April 2018). CEOs Reimagining Solutions. Panel Member. *2018 Health Equity Summit: ZNA vs DNA. Zip Code and Children's Health. Busting Myths. Reimagining Solutions*. Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (March 2018). How Community Organizations Can Help Reduce Crime and Improve Neighborhoods. Panel Member. *Community Organizations and the Decline of Crime in America's Cities*. Milwaukee Area Project of the Marquette University Law School's Lubar Center. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele and Charles Brown. (July 2016). Journey House: Sharing Best Practices. *State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families*. Commissioned by State of Wisconsin Secretary Eloise Anderson. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele and Charles Brown. (November 2015). Public Safety through Partnership. *LIJSC Milwaukee Public Safety Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2011). The Research Continuum...Bench to Community and Back Again: Community Based Participatory Research. Panel Member. *Community Engagement in Research Conference: Capacity Building for Today and Tomorrow - Medical College of Wisconsin's Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (May 2011). Courageous Conversations. Education Panel Member. *Salute to Hispanic Women Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (May 2010). Integrating Public & Private Funding. *Making a Difference Forum - Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2008). The Power of Networking: Bringing Resources to Your Program [Fund Development]. *Wisconsin GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Conference*. Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2008). Topgrading Your Organization: Developing Your Students to Be "A" Employees. *Wisconsin GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Conference*. Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2007). Principles of Adult Education in Practice: Power of dialogue. *Wisconsin GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Conference*. Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2007). Understanding Poverty and Its Role Related to Workforce Potential of Adult Learners. *Wisconsin GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Conference*. Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele and Gloria Pitchford Trice. (November 2006). Exploration of a College Community Partnership to Prepare Adult Learners for the Health Occupational Careers. *55th National American Adult and Continuing Education Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (November 2006). The Dance of Sustainability: Community-School Partnerships and Their Multiple Partners. *55th National American Adult and Continuing Education Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (October 2006). Diversifying Resources through Board & Donor Cultivation. *Wisconsin GED/HSED and Adult Literacy Conference*. Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele. (September 2006). Fund Raising: Case in Point. *Wisconsin Statewide Refugee Conference*. Appleton, WI. Sponsored by WI Department of Workforce Development: Bureau of Migrant, Refugee, & Labor Service, WI Department of Health and Family Services, and US Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Bria, Michele. (March 2006). The Dance of Sustainability: Community-School Partners and Their Multiple Partners. *Eighteenth Annual UWM School of Education Research Conference: Using Multiple Research Methods to Effect Changes in Urban Communities*, Manchester East Hotel, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (September 2005). One Neighborhood at a Time: A Panel Discussion on the Impact of Milwaukee's Community Learning Centers. *University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Education School of Education Strategy Series*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (July 2005). Sharing Data With Those Around You. *University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee & Cayen Systems: Beyond the Annual Performance Reports Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele, Dr. Dan Folkman and Dr. Deryl Davis. (November 2003). Integrated Data Systems for Family Literacy: Opportunities and Challenges for Adult Education Practice. *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education 2003 Conference*, Detroit, MI.

Bria, Michele. (February 2003). Integrated Data Systems for Urban Family Literacy. *Wisconsin Technical College System Conference*. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Bria, Michele. (May 2001). Developing School-Community Partnerships that Work. *Thirteenth Annual UWM School of Education Research Conference*, Manchester East Hotel, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (April 2001). The Art of Program Sustainability. *WI Department of Public Instruction Even Start Conference*. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Bria, Michele. (April 2001). Model Schools-Community Partnerships for Early Childhood Development. *WI Department of Public Instruction Family Literacy Conference*. Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (November 2000). Building Relationships for Sustainability. Wisconsin Technical College System Board. *Wisconsin Conference on Adult Literacy*. Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Bria, Michele. (August 2000). The Art of Fund Development. *Wisconsin Technical College System Board*. Green Lake, WI.

Bria, Michele. (April 1999). Building Bridges, Crossing Intersections: Comprehensive Family Delivery Systems. *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada.

Bria, Michele. (April 1999). Culturas: Gang, Drug, and Dropout Prevention through Ethnic Identification. *American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada.

Bria, Michele. (November 1998). The Changing Landscape of W-2. *Wisconsin Vocational College System, Wisconsin Conference on Adult Literacy*, Madison, WI.

Bria, Michele and Madsen, Jean. (October 1998). Healthy Neighborhoods: University Facilitation of School and Interagency Collaborations. *University Council of Educational Administrators Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO.

Bria, Michele. (March 1998). The Role of the University in Facilitating Schools and Interagency Collaborations. *Tenth Annual UWM School of Education Research Conference*, Manchester East Hotel, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (July 1997). How Will I Get to Work? W-2 & Transportation: Preparing for the Future. *City of Milwaukee - Area #15 Neighborhood Strategic Planning Resident Forum*, Milwaukee Christian Center, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (January 1997). Authentic Assessment: What is It? & How Do We Do It? *Milwaukee Area Technical College - College Transition Division, Basic Skills Institute*, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele (October 1997). Integrating Violence Prevention Programs into Rehabilitation Curriculum. *State of Wisconsin - Department of Corrections Annual Conference*, Lake Geneva, WI.

Bria, Michele. (November 1995). Cultivating Peace in Our Communities: Exploring Violence and Peace in the Adult Literacy Classroom. *Wisconsin Vocational College System, Wisconsin Conference on Adult Literacy*, Madison, WI.

Bria, Michele. (June 1995). Integrating and Applying Curriculum in the Adult Learner Classroom. *Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Family Literacy Conference*, Manitowoc, WI.

Bria, Michele. (March 1995). Conflict Resolution in the Classroom. *Milwaukee Area Technical College - College Transition Division, Basic Skills Institute*, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (September 1994). Integrating the Curriculum with Peace Studies. *Wisconsin Vocational and Technical Adult Education, Basic Skills Task Force Conference on Curriculum Development*, Appleton, WI.

Bria, Michele. (March 1994). Peace through Consciousness Raising. *Milwaukee Area Technical College - College Transition Division, Basic Skills Institute*, Milwaukee, WI.

Bria, Michele. (May 1993). Signifying on the Sentimental: The Search for the Black Mother in Frances Harper's *Iola Leroy, or Shadon's Uplifted*. *Society for the Study of the Multiethnic Literature of the United States Conference*, University of California, Berkeley, CA.