

A. I. Baruti KMT-Sisouvong

Curriculum Vitae

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Career

Maharishi Foundation USA, Inc.

- **2013 – Present** Director and Certified Teacher of the Transcendental Meditation program for Cambridge and Metropolitan Boston also serving as an Intervention Specialist for researchers conducting research on the Transcendental Meditation technique. Responsibilities include delivering both on-site and off-site Introductory Talks on the technique discussing its efficacy for individuals, groups, and organizations seeking to increase effectiveness amongst all stakeholders.

Maharishi International University

- **2010 – 2013** - Graduate Teaching Assistant – Department of Vedic Science
- **2008 – 2010** - Community Assistant (aka Residential Assistant) - University Housing

AID Atlanta, Inc.

- **2005 – 2006** - Director: Department of Information Technology – Atlanta, GA

Georgia State University

- **1995 – 2005**

Education

Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA Ph.D. Candidate in Vedic Science (expected)	2020
Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA M.A. in Consciousness and Human Potential (CHP)	2009
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA M.A. in Sociology (Exited Program after 2.5 years)	2005
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA B.A. in Sociology	2002
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA B.A. in History	1998

Teaching and Lecturing Experience

Maharishi Foundation, USA Inc.

2013 – Present

- **Lecturer:** Introductory Talks on *Transcendental Meditation: Developing the Total Potential of the Human Brain*. Course is taught at Cambridge Center for Transcendental Meditation serving the larger Metropolitan area of Boston.

Maharishi International University, Fairfield, IA

2010 – 2013

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2013 (Spring)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** Higher States of Consciousness – 2013 (Spring)
- **Lecturer:** *Leadership: Fulfilling Other's Desires While Fulfilling Your Own* – 2012 (Winter)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2012 (Spring)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Senior Capstone* – 2011 (Winter)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Physiology 101* – 2011 (Fall)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** *Universal Principles of Life* – 2011 (Spring)
- **Lecturer:** *Science, Technology, and Consciousness* – 2010 (Fall)
- **Lecturer:** *Seed-to-Seed: Food, Agriculture, and You* – 2010 (Spring)

Publications

What Does it take to Serve as a Point of Light in Times of Crisis? pp. 21 & 29 – The Trowel Magazine of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Vol. 38, Number 1, Boston, Massachusetts (Spring, 2020)

From Dissonance to Self-Mastery – pp. 10-11. Southern California Research Lodge Fraternal Review: Vol. 61, Number 1, South Pasadena, CA (February, 2020)

We have all the Light We Need – The Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M., Grand Lodge Bulletin: Vol. 113, Number 3, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (September 2012)

Areas of Interest

Transcendental Meditation: Director, Certified Teacher, and Intervention Specialist for researchers conducting research on the Transcendental Meditation program in addition to endeavouring to re-establish a Center for Teaching Transcendental Meditation in Cambridge, MA serving Metropolitan Boston.

Areas of Interest cont.

Freemasonry: Active member of Cambridge's Amicable Lodge, Past Master of MIT's Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge (2016), and Awareness Officer for the Second Masonic District.

Life Course: Personal and professional development; transformational learning; leadership and learning; adult development and education.

Podcast Creator: [Connecting the Dots!](#) (Click title to hear a sampling of past shows.)

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences

- **March, 2020** – Panelist – Beyond the Third Degree – Grand Lodge of Masons In Massachusetts (Host)
- **November, 2017** – Speaker – 13Forest Art Gallery – [Transcendental Meditation & State of Awareness at 13Forest Art Gallery](#): Arlington, MA (Click title to be taken to YouTube Video.)
- **March, 2017** – Speaker – [Hacking Consciousness: Meditation, Neuroscience, and Technology](#): Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (Click title to be taken to YouTube Video.)
- **March, 2017** – Chairperson – North American Convocation of Academic Lodges, Boston, MA: The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts.
- **February, 2017** – Lodge of Instruction: Second Masonic District: *How to Motivate Others*
- **October, 2016** – *A Reflection on The Meaning of Masonry* – Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge
- **April, 2014** – North American Convocation of Academic Lodges, Boston, MA: The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts. Talk titled *Mind, Meditation, and Masonry: An Examination of the Craft and its Role in Building Better Men*
- **June, 2012** – Arcadia Lodge #249, Ames, Iowa: Table Lodge. Talk titled *From Rough Ashlar to A Perfect Ashlar: A Modern Mason's Quest for the Philosopher's Stone*
- **May, 2012** – *We Have All the Light We Need*. Delivered during the Instituting Ceremony for the Founding of Woodrow Morris Lodge U.D. on 19 May 2012, before the Grand Lodge of Iowa with Grand Master Jerry Levay presiding.
- **January - May, 2010** – Facilitator, *The World is My Family: Diversity Lecture Series*
- **March, 2010** – Invited Radio Guest on KMCD 1570 AM – Fairfield, Iowa – *Spotlight Interview* with Show Host and Operations Director, Steve Smith
- **March, 2008** – NCBS (National Council of Black Studies) Atlanta, Georgia – Panelist – *Let the Circle Be Unbroken: An Exploration of Anténor Firmin and the Spiritual Component of Human Solidarity*
- **January, 2007** – NAASLC (National African American Student Leadership Conference) – Panelist – *Aligning Mind, Body, and Spirit on a Path to Mental Liberation* – Individual paper title: *The Power of Thought: Creating Better Lived Realities While Moving Toward (Mental) Liberation*. Co-presenters were Layli Maparyan, Ph.D. Georgia State University, Sarah Vitorino, Ph.D. Candidate - Emory University

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences, cont.

- **May, 2007** – Guest Lecturer – Georgia State University – with Dr. Layli Maparyan U.S. Social Forum Class on *Manual for a Perfect Government: How to Harness the Laws of Nature to Bring Maximum Success to Governmental Administration*
- **June, 2005** – Invited Radio Guest on WRFG 89.3 FM – Atlanta, Georgia – *Anti-Homophobic Activism in Atlanta et al.*
- **June, 2005** – Black Radical Congress National Meeting – Panelist – Georgia State University – *Messaging for Our Issues/Campaigns*
- **June, 2005** – Black Radical Congress National Meeting – Panelist – Georgia State University – *Homophobia in Our Community* with Dr. Layli Maparyan, Taliba Olugbala, Badili Jones, Kevin Bynes
- **June, 2005** – Lecture – Georgia State University with Dr. Layli Maparyan – *Disciplined Minds: A Critical Examination of Salaried Professionals and the Soul-Battering System That Shapes Their Lives*
- **June, 2005** – ASCAC (Assoc. for the Study of Classical African Civilizations) – Benedict College – Columbia, South Carolina. – Presenter – *“Finding Firmin: What the Ancestors Have Said.”*
- **April, 2005** – Lecture – Georgia State University with Dr. Asa G. Hilliard, III, – *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*
- **March, 2000** – E.C.C.C (Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses) Georgia State University – Facilitator – *“Technology: The Emerging Global Capital”*
- **April, 1998** – E.C.C.C (Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses) Georgia State University – Facilitator – *“Black Skin, White Mask: The Socialization Process and Gaining Access to Cultural Capital”*
- **January, 1998** – Diversity Workshop: Facilitator – *“Diversity: What Does It Mean to You?”* – Held in conjunction with the Department of the Interior and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, Georgia.
- **November, 1997** – *“Hierarchical Structures within the African American Community: A Brief History”*
- **June, 1997** – Multimedia Presentation – *“Ancient KMT (Egypt): Aspects of Achievement, Ethics, and Leadership”*
- **May, 1997** – Research Presentation & Discussion – *“John Wesley Dobbs: The Grand of Auburn Avenue”*
- **April, 1997** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference (E.C.C.C.) – Facilitator – Georgia State University – *“International Travel for African Americans”*
- **April, 1997** – Sankofa Conference – Washington, DC
- **April, 1997** – Georgia Resident Assistant Saturday Seminar (G.R.A.S.S.) – Valdosta State University
- **September, 1996** – Leadership Conclave – Dahlonega, GA

Presentations, Discussions, and Conferences, cont.

- **July, 1996** – Multimedia Presentation – Georgia State University – *“The African American Child: Innocence, Ignorance, and Hollywood's Influence”*
- **June, 1996** – National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE) – San Antonio, TX
- **April, 1996** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference – Georgia State University
- **April, 1996** – Sankofa Conference – Washington, DC
- **March, 1996** – Multimedia Presentation – *African Retentions: A Phenomenologist's Perspective*
- **February, 1996** – Black Man's Think Tank – University of Cincinnati
- **February, 1996** – Human Relations Retreat – Facilitator – *“Knowing Thyself to Better Know Others”*
- **November, 1995** – Multimedia Presentation – *“W.E.B. Du Bois: The Man, the Life”*
- **February, 1995** – Producer – Georgia State University – *“OJ Simpson Verdict” Colloquium*
- **February, 1995** – African American Student Leadership Conference – Austin Peay State University
- **April, 1995** – Ethnic Crossroads on College Campuses Conference (E.C.C.C.) – Georgia State University

Specialized Experience

Teacher Training Course (TTC) for Transcendental Meditation

2012—2013

This five-month in-residence course is designed to teach the student about the tradition, technique, and science behind Transcendental Meditation and its efficacy for individuals, groups, and the larger social world.

Radical Scholar, Inc.

2006—Present Founder

Radical Scholar, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) educational corporation founded December 2006 to foster dialogue between various thought communities. The idea was born five years earlier based on several questions: What if sociology engaged metaphysics? What if political science engaged quantum physics? What if medicine engaged mysticism?

From the above questions, “Connecting the Dots” (www.connectingthedots.org), a podcast radio program produced and hosted by Baruti KMT-Sisouvong that focuses on the intersection of spirituality, science, and world affairs, was borne.

Study Abroad

Ancient African Heritage Study Tour XIII – KMT (Egypt); Asa G. Hilliard, III Ph.D. (1933-2007) served as tour escort; offering clarification of terms, structures, and history.

"KMT" or Kemet was one of the original names of the region of Africa currently viewed as Egypt. In addition, peoples that would be considered, in today's terminology, "phenotypically" of African progeny, inhabited the region, according to extensive research.

Participation consisted of an intense two (2) week study of the ancient culture, ethics, and political structure of the civilization. The study tour involved visiting various tombs, temples, and monuments in order to compile information for later discussions, research, and presentations. Dr. Hilliard, III also provided evening lectures.

Affiliations & Appointments

- Masonic Legacy Society: Facilitator
- American Sociological Association: Member
- Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts: Lodge of Instruction - Candidate Instruction (2020)
- Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts: District Deputy Grand Marshall - Second Masonic District (2019-2020)
- Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts: Masonic Awareness Officer - Second Masonic District (2017-2018)
- A.F. & A.M.: The Harvard Lodge
- A.F. & A.M.: Amicable Lodge
- A.F. & A.M.: Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge (MIT): Past Master (2016)
- A.F. & A.M.: Clinton Lodge #15: Director of Lodge Education
- A.F. & A.M.: Woodrow Morris Lodge, #680: Founding Senior Deacon
- Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (SMJ): 32° Davenport Valley
- Royal Arch Mason:
 - Clinton Chapter #9 (Iowa): Past High Priest
 - Cambridge Chapter (Massachusetts): Chaplain: 2013-2016
- Rosicrucian Order, AMORC: Member
- Scottish Rite Research Society: Member
- Presidents Club: Maharishi University of Management
- President: Global Student Council – 2009-2010, Maharishi University of Management
- KMT Asen: Member
- President: Black Student Alliance – 95-96 & 96-97

Affiliations & Appointments cont.

- Signal (Georgia State University Student Publication) – Staff Writer – Op-Ed Column - 96-97
 - Circle K International – Publicity Chairman – 97-98
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Distinctions

In April 2008, Radical Scholar, Inc., and “Connecting the Dots” were recognized when Baruti was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., International Collegium of Scholars of Morehouse College. This award acknowledged Baruti’s work as a spiritually oriented public intellectual and change agent, with a particular vision around utilizing mass media and social networking as vehicles for raising consciousness on a wide scale. As Radical Scholar, Inc., continues to develop, its focus will remain the advancement of ideas and information that build consensus among groups of critical thinkers.

Honors and Awards

2009 – Maharishi University of Management – Development of Consciousness Award

2008 – Morehouse College – Martin Luther King Jr. Collegium of Scholars Induction

2004 – Georgia State University Technology Fee Award: \$14,060.00
(Department of Sociology Student Lab Upgrade)

1997 – African American Studies Award – Academic Excellence: Departmental GPA 3.8

1996 – African American Heritage Award – Public Administration & Urban Studies