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Dr. Sylvia Reedy Gist holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Chicago State University and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in History and Philosophy of Education from the University of Chicago. Her faculty experience includes teaching in secondary schools, technical colleges and universities. Her administrative experience includes department chair of technology education and Dean of the College of Education at Chicago State University. Among her publications is her book titled, *Educating a Southern Rural Community: A History of Schooling for Blacks in Holmes County, Mississippi, 1870 – 1993*. Dr. Gist is a founding MHF Board member and serves as President and Executive Director.



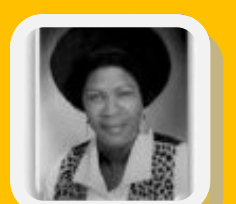
Ms. Jennifer Burrell holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Marketing from The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. She has experience in the corporate world, working as sales & marketing director for a food company in Chicago. Jennifer founded Frock Shop Chicago in 2010 and was selected as one of the country's Top 100 Urban Entrepreneurs by the CashFlow Organization. Her entrepreneurial winnings include Black Enterprise Magazine's \$10K Elevator Pitch Competition and National Black MBA Association's \$10K Whiteboard Challenge. She was selected as a participant in ARISE 2.0/University of Chicago Accelerator Program. Mrs. Burrell is a founding MHF Board member and serves as Board Secretary.



Mr. Edwin Gist holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Northern Illinois University and hold certified public accountant credentials. He worked as an accountant and internal auditor for various federal agencies. He serves as a financial consultant for various private firms. Mr. Gist is a founding MHF Board member and serves as the Foundation's Treasurer.



Mr. Michael Campbell holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Rockford College and a Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Northern Illinois University. Mr. Campbell started his career in education as a classroom teacher. He co-founded Chicago International Charter School and served as director and founding principal of CICS' Lloyd Boyd School in Chicago. He works as an administrator at Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights. Mr. Campbell is a founding MHF Board Member.



Ms. Jeanette Davis-Adeshote holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Morgan State University where she also worked as Music Director and an on-air announcer for radio station WEAA. She authored numerous books including, *Black Survival in White America: From Past History to the Next Century*; *Black, Just Like My Mama: The Saga of a Woman Growing Up in America*; and *The Great Divide Between Blacks & Whites*. Ms. Davis Adeshote joined the MHF Board in June 2015.



Mrs. Jacqueline Saffold holds a Master of Science Degree in Administration and Supervision from Jackson (MS) State University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Mississippi Valley State University. She is a lifelong resident of Holmes County, MS, where she worked in the public school district as a principal, lead teacher/administrator and classroom teacher. Her favorite Biblical scripture is: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me: Philippians 4:13. Ms. Saffold joined the MHF Board in November 2017.