

BIO

Malaika Horne. PhD

Malaika Horne is founding director of the *Executive Leadership Consortium* at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She is an academic writer, book author and journalist, writing extensively on topics from politics, health, social causes to women's issues.

Dr. Horne serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Diversity in Higher Education*. She is currently a contributing writer for the on-line publication, *Arts Today*. Recently, she authored the book: *Mother Wit: Exalting Motherhood while Honoring a Great Mother*.

She founded and chaired the *Chancellor's Cultural Diversity Initiative* at UMSL from 2004 to 2011. She created a student radio show, *The University World View*, a diversity program interviewing cultural diversity specialists. Now, she has a podcast with the same name as the radio show. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Webster University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

She has a post-doctoral degree in Epidemiology and Bios-statistics from Washington University School of Medicine; a doctoral degree in Public Policy from St. Louis University; a M.A. from St. Louis University in Urban Affairs and a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Prior to her work in academia, she was managing director of Narcotics Service Council, at the time, one of the largest private non-profit agencies of its kind in the state.

In 1994, she was appointed by Gov. Mel Carnahan to the Board of Curators at the University of Missouri System and was president in 1997. She has served on numerous philanthropic and non-profit boards, including The *Scholarship Foundation*, *The Saint Louis Art Museum* and *Professional Organization of Women* (POW). She is a current board member of *Better Family Life, Inc.*; *Habitat for Humanity* and *STL Village* (a program for older-adults). She is a member of *AAUW* (*American Association of University Women*); *Ready Readers* (a reading program for underserved children); *Women's Group on Race Relations* (WGRR) and *Zonta Club of St. Louis* (a program to advance the status of women).

Her hobbies are travel, reading, fashion, health and fitness and becoming proficient in Spanish. She is married to Prince A. Wells, III, professor of music, SIUE.