Teresa Hord Owens

# Professional Experience

August 2005 – present **University of Chicago Divinity School**

*Chicago, IL*

*Dean of Students*

Responsible for academic policy, student academic progress, admissions (chair), financial aid, student services for 340 students. Member of the Academic Policy, Undergraduate Studies, and Ministry Studies Committees of the faculty. Responsible for student aid budget, including use of restricted endowments and gift funds. Work with the Office of the Dean of Students in the University and other divisional deans of students to formulate and administer university-wide academic policies. University committees: Student Health Advisory Board (chair); Students Systems Committee, Administrative Systems Council, Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs (OMSA). Member, American Academy of Religion and ATS Student Personnel Administrators Network (SPAN)

April 2003 – July 2005 **University of Chicago Hospitals (now University of Chicago Medical Center)**

*Chicago, IL*

*Special Assistant to the President and CEO*

Conducted research on various public and healthcare policy issues. Responsible for CEO communication to Hospitals’ constituency groups. Liaison with Community Affairs and Legislative Affairs staff. Co-chair of Diversity Action Council. Mentor in the UCH Academy Mentor Network.

*Director – Strategy and Quality, Information Services*

Responsible for IS strategy, IS governance, human resources development, benchmarking, financial reporting, capital and operating budget creation and management, and other key administrative management functions for the Information Services department.

February 1999 - April 2003 **SBC Ameritech Public Communications *(formerly Ameritech PayPhone Services)***

*Chicago, IL*

*Director – Information Systems (Infrastructure and Decision Support)*

Responsible for business unit’s IT infrastructure supporting Public Communications operations in 13 states. Developed annual budgets, technology and capacity plans.

December 1992- February 1999 **Blue Cross and Blue Shield**

*Director – IT Planning, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (Chicago, IL)* Responsible for IT Planning and strategy for the Association, including internal systems and inter-Plan systems and data. Member of inter-departmental focus group on corporate strategy. Managed Year 2000 (Y2K) Program Office.

*Director – Data Management, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Indianapolis, IN)*

Managed 75-person data management team (located in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio) with $11 million budget as part of corporate IT, reporting directly to CIO. Managed consolidation of warehouse environments for Anthem merger of three Blue Cross Blue Shield companies.

*Director – Medical Systems, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Indianapolis, IN)*

Responsible for medical data warehouse and infrastructure for Medical Affairs department, reporting directly to Corporate Medical Director. Managed development and implementation of medical claims data analysis reporting application and medical data warehouse.

August 1991 – November 1992 **State of Indiana, Data Processing Oversight Commission**

*Senior Consultant (Indianapolis, IN)*

Internal IT strategy and technology consultant to state agencies. Chaired cross-agency task force that developed the state’s IT architecture. Worked with federal personnel in oversight of development projects related to Family and Social Services Administration and Department of Workforce Development.

January 1989 – August 1991 **Ernst & Young (and predecessor firm Ernst & Whinney)** August 1991

*Manager, Information Technology consulting practice (Indianapolis, IN)*

IT consultant with focused expertise in advanced technology and IT planning and strategy. Clients included manufacturing, insurance, public sector/nonprofit and utilities.

December 1983 – December 1988 **IBM Corporation**

*Account Systems Engineer (Chicago, IL and Indianapolis, IN)*

*Account Marketing Representative*

Provided technical and marketing support for IBM’s midrange hardware products. Named Midwest Regional Systems Engineer “Rookie of the Year” for 1985. Selected for IBM’s System Engineering Symposium each year of eligibility. Attained 100 Percent Club Honors each year as marketing representative.

July 1982 – November 1983 **Cummins Engine Company**

*Supervisor – Customer Services (Columbus, IN)*

Managed union personnel in customer services department of corporate parts warehouse. Led cross-team education effort between parts warehouse and corporate IT.

**Summer internships with Cummins**: 1979-1981 (recruited and mentored by the late J. Irwin Miller, former chairman and CEO).

*International Personnel – (1979 and 1980)* Conducted benchmarking survey and drafted re-design for international relocation policy.

*Cummins Engine Foundation (1981)* Intern program officer; reviewed grant proposals and prepared responses.

# Education

M.Div., June 2003 **University of Chicago Divinity School**, Chicago, IL

Recipient of the 2003 John Gray Rind Award (top award given to graduating M.Div. student)

Disciples Divinity House Scholar (1999-2003)

Drum & Tenant Scholarship for promise in ministry (2000, 2001, 2002)

W.E. Ames Scholarship for excellence in Biblical studies (2002-03)

A.B., June 1982 **Harvard University, Cambridge**, MA

*Concentration: Government/Afro-American Studies*

# Ministry/Community/Personal

Ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – July 2003.

*First Christian Church –* Downers Grove, IL

Interim minister – January 2010 – August 2011; Senior Minister – September 2011 – present (First minister of color to serve this all-white congregation.)

Board of Trustees, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis – 2008-present

Board of Trustees – Higher Education Leadership Ministry, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – November 2015 - present

Member – Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Black Faith and Life, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL

Member - Chicago Urban Metro Area clergy cluster

Parent Advisory Board, Chicago Children’s Choir

Building an Inclusive Church training – October 2013 Anti-Racism training (continuing)

Married (Walter Owens, Jr.); 1 son (W. Mitchell Owens, III)–