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**TELEVISION SPECIALS:**

"THE GIFT OF SONG"

PRODUCER/WRITER/NARRATOR  
NATIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

FEB-APR, 1987

"BLACK DES MOINES  
VOICES SELDOM HEARD"

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UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AWARD  
NATIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION AWARD

MAY-AUG, 1985

**MOTION PICTURES:**

"HARDHAT AND LEGS"  
[CBS-TV MOVIE]

PRODUCTION OFFICE COORDINATOR  
SYZYGY PRODUCTIONS

SEPT-NOV, 1979

"CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC"  
[FEATURE FILM]

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT TO ALLAN CARR  
MGM/ALLAN CARR PRODUCTIONS

AUG-SEPT, 1979

# VERDA L. WILLIAMS

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## EDUCATION:

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	General Studies [HONORS]	1982-87	M.A.
DRAKE UNIVERSITY	Radio-Television [Straight A'S in Major]	1963-66	B.A. DEAN'S LIST
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	Theatre	1965	
MORGAN STATE COLLEGE	English	1962-63	HONOR'S PGM.
ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL	College Prep	1960-62	TOP 15%

## EXPERIENCE:

### RADIO:

31 IOWA STATIONS	Interviewer/Writer	1981-...	HOME & FAMILY
KFMG-FM	Announcer/Writer	1965-66	THAT'S JAZZ
KIOA-AM	Announcer/Writer	1965-66	DRAKE PROMOS
KWDM-FM	Announcer/Writer	1963-66	EBONY HOUR
		1965-66	DRAKE NEWS

### TELEVISION:

18 MIDWEST STATIONS	VIDEO NEWS RELEASES	1988...	ISU EXTENSION
GENERAL VIDEO ASSIGNMENTS	EDUCATIONAL, FEATURES, PSAS	1988...	ISU EXTENSION
WOI-TV	"ISU EXTENSION REPORTS" Producer/Writer/Reporter	1986-88	ISU EXTENSION
WOI-TV [+ 8 STATIONS]	"LIFE FORCE" Producer/Writer/Host	1981-86	ISU EXTENSION
WNBC-TV	"POSITIVELY BLACK" Co-Producer/Writer/ Reporter/Filmmaker	1970-78	EMMY NOM. 1978
WNBC-TV	"DUKE ELLINGTON: THE MELODY LINGERS ON" Producer/Writer	1974	SPECIAL
WNBC-TV	"BLACK THEATRE: UP FROM THE STREETS" Producer/Writer/Host	1973	NEW YORK ILLUSTRATED
WNBC-TV	"JACKIE ROBINSON: THE FIRST MAN UP" Associate Producer/Writer	1972	SPECIAL
WNBC-TV	"WHAT'S HAPPENING" Associate Producer/Writer/Host	1972	SUMMER SERIES
WNBC-TV	"THE RIPE AND GOLDEN YEARS" Producer/Writer	1972	SPECIAL
WNBC-TV	"ADAM CLAYTON POWELL" Associate Producer/Writer	1972	EMMY CITATION
WNBC-TV	"THE APOLLO: COMIN' HOME" Associate Producer/Writer	1971	NEW YORK ILLUSTRATED

TELEVISION [CONTINUED]

WNBC-TV	"SOMONE NEW" Talent Coordinator	1971	LEON BIBB SHOW
WNBC-TV	"A CHOICE OF DESTINIES Research/Writer/Production	1970	SPECIAL
KRNT-TV	"THE LADIES NOT FOR BURNING" Producer/Director/Adaptation	1966	SPECIAL
KDPS-TV	"BILLIE HOLIDAY" Actress	1965	IMPROVISATION
KDPS-TV	DRAKE T.V. PROJECT Camera Operator	1963-64	PUBLIC TV
WHO-TV	"IN WHITE AMERICA" Actress	1960	BROTHERHOOD WEEK
KRNT-TV	HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT 2nd Chair Clarinet	1960	ALL CITY BAND

THEATRE

BLACK HISTORY	Guest Speaker/Teacher	1986...	ISU/LA. ORGS.
M.W. WOMEN'S STUDIES CONF.	Emcee/Poetry	1986	ISU
NAT'L COUNCIL NEGRO WOMEN	Emcee/Film/Slides/Poetry	1976	N.Y. HILTON
HARLEM JAZZ FESTIVAL	Emcee/Poetry	1975	HARLEM CENTER
BLACK HISTORY	Reader/African Folk Tales	1975	MUS. NAT. HIST.
DIALOGUE	Host - LABELLE Interview	1975	NAT'L BLACK TH.
"BLACK CIRCLES 'ROUND ANGELA"	Angela Davis/Lead	1973	AFRO AMERICAN TOTAL THEATRE
"A FATHER'S DAY CONCERT"	Nikki Giovanni & LABELLE Producer	1972	CANAAN CHURCH
"SUNDAY SPECIAL CONCERT"	Vivian Reed & Verda Williams Producer/Films/Slides	1972	CHURCH OF THE MASTER
"LIKE A RIPPLE ON A POND"	Nikki Giovanni Concert Slide Presentation	1972	LINCOLN CENTER
"LABELLE IN D.C."	Al Green Concert Emcee for LABELLE	1972	CARTER BARRON THEATRE
"NATION TIME"	Production Coordinator	1971	THE NEGRO ENSEMBLE CO.
"THE TRUTH IS ON ITS WAY"	Nikki Giovanni Concert/P.C.	1970	CANAAN CHURCH
"BLACK SOLIDARITY DAY"	Production Coordinator	1970	MANHATTAN CEN

THEATRE

ENCOUNTER	Co-Director/Trainer	1970	Moodus, Conn
ENCOUNTER/OEO DIRECTORS	Trainer/Slides/Producer/ Editor/Writer	1970	Chicago, Ill.
ENCOUNTER/VISTA REPS.	Trainer/Slides/Producer/ Editor/Writer	1970	Antioch College
"IT'S ALMOST LIKE BEING"	Actress/Production Manager	1970	Yale University
THEATRE OF THE STREETS	Film Presentations/Moderator	1970	Uhuru Sasa Shule/Brooklyn
THREATRE IN THE STREETS	Actress/Props/Instructor	1968	Chicago City Players
"THE MONITORS"	Extra [Feature Film]	1968	Second City
"CHICAGO"	Actress [Underground Film]	1968	Palazolla
"HAPPENING AT THE HILTON"	Weird Woman/Improvisation	1967	Chicago Players
"IT'S ALMOST LIKE BEING"	Billie	1967	Chicago Players
"WHERE IS DE QUEEN?"	Nanny	1967	Chicago Players
"IN WHITE AMERICA"	All Black Women Characters	1966	Drama Workshop Des Moines, Ia.
"RAISIN IN THE SUN"	Mama	1966	Drama Workshop
"WAKE UP IN THE MORNING"	Mother Mary	1965	U. of Minnesota
"COMEDY NIGHT"	Black Outs [Actress/Writer]	1965	Drake U.
"COMEDY NIGHT"	Pantomime Troupe	1965	Drake U.
"BULL DOG TALES"	Actress/Writer	1965	Drake U.
"BULL DOG TALES"	Actress/Writer [KAP Skit]	1964	Drake U.
"HEAVEN CAN WAIT"	Dead Body	1963	Drake U.
"I'LL CRY TOMORROW"	Lillian Roth	1963	Drake U.
"SOUTH PACIFIC"	Make-up	1961	Roosevelt H.S.

## MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT

<b>POLICY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Media Director/Trainer</b>	<b>1969-70</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>
<b>Slide Presentations:</b>	<b>Research/Writer/Producer/Editor</b>		
	<b>"THE MOVE THAT'S GOING ON"</b>		
	<b>"WELFARE RIGHTS"</b>		
	<b>"EXPERIMENT: COMMUNAL LIVING"</b>		
<b>TEMPORARY OFFICE</b>	<b>Convent of the Sacred Heart</b>	<b>1980-81</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>
	<b>Smith-Greenland/RCA Records/</b>	<b>1968-69</b>	
	<b>Gaynor &amp; Ducas/J. Walter Thompson</b>		
	<b>Scheinman, Hochstin &amp; Trotta</b>		
<b>AARDVARK CINEMATHEQUE</b>	<b>Manager/Assistant Manager/</b>	<b>1966-68</b>	<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>
	<b>Projectionist</b>		
<b>SECOND CITY</b>	<b>Box Office/Waitress</b>	<b>1967-68</b>	<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>
<b>CHICAGO SUN TIMES</b>	<b>Advertising Sales</b>	<b>1966-67</b>	<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>
<b>CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>	<b>Curriculum Research</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>
<b>DRAKE UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>Library Research</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>Des Moines, Ia.</b>
<b>MINNEAPOLIS STAR &amp; TRIBUNE</b>	<b>MINNI-POLL/Research</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>Minneapolis, Mn</b>
<b>HINKY DINKY</b>	<b>Cashier</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>Des Moines, Ia.</b>
<b>LOOK MAGAZINE</b>	<b>Clerk-Typist</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>Des Moines, Ia.</b>
<b>AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS</b>	<b>Reporter</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>Baltimore, Md.</b>

## AWARDS

Drake University School of Journalism & Mass Communications Alumni Achievement Award 1998

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** 1988  
**"THE GIFT OF SONG"**

**PHI KAPPA PHI HONOR SOCIETY** 1987

**UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL: "BLACK DES MOINES..."** 1986

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** 1986  
**"BLACK DES MOINES: VOICES SELDOM HEARD"**

**EMMY NOMINATION: "POSITIVELY BLACK"** 1977

**HARLEM PREPARATORY SCHOOL** 1977

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN** 1977

**YWCA YOUNG ACHIEVERS** 1976

**YOUNG ACTIVISTS NOW!** 1976

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK MEDIA WOMEN** 1974

AWARDS

CHARLES GALLERY COMMUNITY SERVICE	1974
MORRISANIA YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	1974
THE HOUSE OF KUUMBA SERVICE AWARD	1974
MORRISANIA YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD	1973
CITATION OF MERIT/BOARD OF GOVERNORS/EMMY AWARDS	1972

BOOK

"RABBIT" By Verda L. Williams and Nona B. Hendryx 1973

The story of a Black teen killed by police in an all-white community. "Rabbit" Wells had been adopted by a white family in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. He was well-liked by the residents of the town and very popular with his peers. He was, in fact, gunned down by mistake while trying to help a friend. Many of those residents who had at first cooperated with the writing of the book, mysteriously ceased giving interviews about the case without explanation. [Unpublished]

"POSITIVELY BLACK" FILMS [Producer/Writer/Reporter/Non-Credited Director]

'96 DEGRESS IN THE SHADE" [JAMAICA]	1978
"THE TEN WORLDS" [BUDDHISM]	1978
"NORMA QUARELS: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TV REPORTER"	1977
"NATALIE COLE: SUPERSTAR"	1976
"A TRIBUTE TO EDUARD GUILBAUD"	1976
"THE WOMAN WHO DROPPED TO EARTH"	1976
"SINGIN' AND SWINGIN' WITH MAYA" [ANGELOU]	1976
"SING: 'SING'"	1976
"COUNTDOWN AT DELTA"	1976
"THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM OF ADRIENNE AMERICA"	1975
"THE POINT OF RETURN"	1975
"STEPPING INTO TOMORROW"	1975
"THE WIZ"	1975
"DWIGHT CARTER: PHOTOGRAPHER"	1975

**"POSITIVELY BLACK" FILMS**

"MALCOLM X AS REMEMBERED BY A. PETER BAILEY" [EBONY MAGAZINE]	1975
"INFLATION AND THE AGED"	1975
"THE HONORABLE ELIJAH MUHAMMAD REMEMBERED"	1975
"LAST CALL FOR THE POVERTY TRAIN"	1975
"THE LEGACY OF MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE"	1975
"WHITNEY YOUNG FOOTBALL CLASSIC" [Co-Produced with Ron Johnson]	1975
"BENNY SCOTT: A BLACK AMERICAN RACER"	1974
"FUN IN THE SUN"	1974
"JAMES LONG: BLACK JOCKEY"	1974
"WHAT THE WINE SELLERS BUY"	1973
"HORSES"	1973
"CICELY TYSON"	1973
"WILLIAM 'RABBIT' WELLS" [Associate Producer/Reporter]	1973
"HIRED HANDS"	1973
"VINCENT EDWARD MATTHEWS: THE CHAMPION"	1973
"BLACK CIRCLES 'ROUND ANGELA"	1972
"A FATHER'S DAY CONCERT"	1972
"MARTHA'S DREAM" [Harlem Drug fighters]	1971
"LONG DAZE, EMPTY KNIGHTS: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BEN AND RED?"	1971

**CURRENT INFORMATION AND FORGOTTEN FACTS**

**ORGANIZATIONS**

EPSILON SIGMA PHI [National Honorary Extension Fraternity]	1988
PHI KAPPA PHI HONOR SOCIETY	1987
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	1987
NICHIREN SHOSHU OF AMERICA [Buddhist Organization]	3-28-76....
DELTA SIGMA THETA FINE ARTS COMMITTEE	1973
DRAKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	1967
DELTA SIGMA THETA	1965

**PUBLIC DISPLAYS**

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S STUDIES DEPARTMENT [LECTURES]	1986...
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	1987
VERDA WILLIAMS FILM/TAPE COLLECTION [WOMEN'S STUDIES DEPT.]	
IOWA EDITION WITH BETTY LOU VARNUM	1985

PUBLIC DISPLAYS

DES MOINES REGISTER: CLASS OF '62	1982
THE MARY BRUBAKER SHOW	1980
THE STANLEY SIEGEL SHOW	1978
THE AMSTERDAM NEWS	1977
ESSENCE MAGAZINE	1977
THE AMSTERDAM NEWS	1974
JET MAGAZINE	1972
ESSENCE MAGAZINE	1971
DRAKE UNIVERSITY VERDA WILLIAMS FILM/TAPE COLLECTION RADIO/TELEVISION DEPARTMENT PROFESSOR JAMES DUNCAN	1970-78