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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 2007.

M.A., American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 2000.

B.A., American History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, 1995.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M – Commerce, 2018- present.

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2014- 2018.

Assistant Professor of History, Fairfield University, 2008-2014.

Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.

Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar, Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007.

Additional Professional Experience

Professional Workshop Consultant, College Board, 2016- Present.

Advanced Placement, Exam Leader, 2023.

Advanced Placement, Question Leader, 2019-2022.

Advanced Placement, Table Leader, Educational Testing Services, 2014- 2018.

Advanced Placement, Exam Reader, Educational Testing Services, 2008-2013.

Instructor, Upward Bound Summer Program, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007/2008.

Senior Research Assistant, African American Studies Program, University of Arkansas, 2005.

Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Freshmen Mentor, 1996-2003.

Visitor Use Assistant, Department of the Interior, Pea Ridge National Military Park, 1997-2003.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Effective College Instruction, The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education (ACUE), May 2021.

This credential signifies my completion of a twenty-five-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council of Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to education excellence and student success.

GRANTS

National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute for College and University Teachers, Westward Expansion and the Constitution in the Early American Republic, 2014.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Max Plata for Outstanding Contributions in Teaching Award, Texas A&M Commerce Chapter of Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Educations, 2021.

Frederick Douglass Institute Visiting Scholar (FDI), California University of Pennsylvania (2006-2007).

Southern Regional Education Board (2000-2005).

Next Generation Internship Program, American Battlefield Protection Program Project, 2000.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Achievement Program, 1994-1995.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Research Fellow, 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript

Choctaw Reconstructions: Sovereignty, Land, and Race in Indian Territory, University Press of Florida, under review.

"The Decreasing Value of Labor in the Modern Age," in *Broken Promise: Black Deaths and Blue Ribbons*, Kenneth Varner, Kerri Tobin and Stephen Lentz, eds., Brill | Sense, June 28, 2018.

"Losing the 'Middle Ground': Conflict, Culture, and Civilization in the Southeastern Borderlands," *The Middle Ground Journal*, Number 11, Fall 2015.

"History and Symbolism: The Lost Cause and the Confederate Flag," Enduring Question Series, ABC-CLIO, September 30, 2013.

"In the Midst of the 'Nadir': Samuel A. McElwee and the Search for Democracy and Freedom," in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. (Vol. 2 Praeger (October 31, 2012): 87-102.

"Henry P. Cheatham and Fusion Politics in North Carolina," in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. Vol. 1, Praeger (October 31, 2012): 69-86.

Book Reviews

The Union League and Biracial Politics in Reconstruction Texas by Carl H. Moneyhon (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2021) *Journal of Southern History* 89, no.1 (2023): 162-164.

Trail Sisters: Freedwomen in Indian Territory, 1850-1900 by Linda Williams Reese (Lubbock: Texas Tech University, 2013) *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. LXXXI, No. 1 (February 2015): 194-195.

Between Freedom and Bondage: Race, Party, and Voting Rights in the Antebellum North, by Christopher Malone, *Journal of African American History*, Vol. 94, No. 4 (Fall 2009): 573-575.

A Stranger and a Sojourner: Peter Caulder, Free Black Frontiersman in Antebellum Arkansas, by Billy D. Higgins, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 109, No. 3 (Jan. 2006): 407-408.

Bones Hooks: Pioneer Negro Cowboy, by Bruce G. Todd, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 110, No. 2 (Jan., 2005): 299-300.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"Analyzing Context and Situations," Presenter, AP Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, July 19, 2023.

"State of the Field: African American Studies," Panelist, Advanced Placement Reading, Tampa, FL, June 4, 2023.

"State of the Field: Native American History," Panelist, Advanced Placement Reading, Tampa, FL, June 5, 2022.

"Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the 'Origin' of Black History Month," A&M – Commerce, February 1, 2021.

"The 1619 Project and the Uses of Black History," Panel Chair, A&M-Commerce, February 8, 2021.

"Forty Acres and No Mule: The Choctaw Freedmen and the Fight for Independence," Pacific Coast Branch (AHA), Portland, Oregon at Portland State University, August 6-8, 2020 (proposal accepted – interrupted due covid-19).

"Freedmen on the Frontier: Food, Identity, and Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation," World History Conference, Boston, MA, June 23, 2017.

"From Border to Center: Manifest Destiny, Abolitionism, and Racial Identity in the Choctaw Election of 1860," Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, New Haven, CT, July 22, 2016.

"Freedom on the Frontier: Liberty, Land, and Labor in the Choctaw Nation," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia, September 25, 2015.

"Frontiers, Borderlands, and Middle Grounds: Historical Interpretation, Diversity, and the Classroom," Diversity in the West Conference, Organization of American Historians (OAH) Regional Conference, Glendale, California, July 19, 2015.

"Freedom by a Different Name: Adoption and the Choctaw Freedmen," Panel Presentation at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia, Oct. 6, 2011.

"Young, Restless, Armed and Invincible: New Discourse on Black Student Activism in the 1960s," Panel Chair, 94th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 2009.

"Hip-Hop in the New Millennium: The Need for New Discourse on the Cultural Significance of Hip-Hop and Rap-Related Genres," Panel Chair, 93rd Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, Alabama, October, 2008.

"New Directions in African and Native American Women's History," Discussant, Women and Work: Changing Economic Influences on Families, Gender Studies Annual Conference, California University of Pennsylvania, March 22, 2007.

Invited presentations, regional or national conferences

"Beyond the Pale: The Multi-Faceted Usage of the Olympic Stage," Co-Presentation, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, May, 2008.

"Pushing the Limits: African American Graduate Students and the Black Community," Panel Discussion, National Black Graduate Student Association Conference, Chicago, March, 2008

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"You Make History, Your History Does Make You," Presenter, Urban Youth Action, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November, 2007.

"The Impact of the 14th Amendment," Panel Discussion, California University of Pennsylvania, September, 2007.

"General Albert Pike and the Battle of Pea Ridge," Civil War Roundtable, College of the Ozarks, Fall 2001.

"The New Militancy of the Black Panther Party: Another View," Third Annual California McNair Scholars Symposium, University of California-Berkley, Summer 1995.

"Militancy of the Black Panther Party: Another View," Ronald E. McNair Scholar Symposium University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Fall 1994.

Additional academic presentations

Community Presentations

"Carter G. Woodson and Black History Month," Presenter, Masonite, Greenville, TX, February 22, 2023.

"The 1619 Project and Critical Race Theory," Presenter, Garland NAACP, February 4, 2022.

"From Mississippi to Minnesota," Historical Context to Seven Last Words of the Unarmed by Joel Thompson, Texas A&M University -Commerce Choirs TTBB Chorus conducted by Randall Hooper, July 5, 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrN4hprvUvo>.

"Juneteenth: A Historical Perspective," University Announcement, A&M-Commerce, June 21, 2021.

"Winning the West and Closing of the Frontier" Presenter, Texas A&M University – Commerce Professional Development Day, February 10, 2017.

"Carter G. Woodson, J. Mason Brewer, Black History Month, and the Removal of 'A Badge of Inferiority'", Presenter, Texas A&M University – Commerce, January 30, 2017.

"The Emancipation Proclamation," Moderator, Stamford Black History Month Committee, Stamford, CT, February 21, 2013.

"Steal Away to Jesus": Fugitives and the Underground Railroad in Connecticut," William B. Stanley Lecture Series, Norwich Historical Society, April 19, 2012.

"America's Road to Redemption: Resistance and the Underground Railroad," Kenté Cultural Center, New London, CT, Sept. 29, 2011.

"Setting Goals and Priorities," Fairfield University, Educational Talent Search, April 26, 2010.

"Race in the 21st Century- Have we arrived," Panel Participant, Black Rock Public Library, Bridgeport, CT, Feb. 2010.

"Civil Rights in America: A Historical Perspective," Black Rock Public Library, Bridgeport, CT, Feb. 2010.

"A Question of Race or Gender? African American Women and the Struggle for Equality," Fairfield University, Feb. 2010.

"A Perfect Storm: The Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1500-1800," Guest Lecturer, Fairfield University, October, 2008.

"A Perfect Storm: The Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1500-1800," Guest Lecturer, Fairfield University, October, 2008.

"Succeeding as a Graduate Student of Color: Tales from the Front Line," Panel, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas, Spring 2003

“A Guide to Parliamentary Procedure,” NAACP, University of Arkansas, Fall 2002.

“Minority Survival on a Majority Campus,” Panel Facilitator, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas, Spring 2000.

“Graduate Student Survival,” Panel Participant, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Spring 1999.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for the Study of African American History and Life

Southern Historical Association

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

COMMITTEES AND SERVICE – A&M - Commerce

Search Committee, Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts, 2023-2024.

Basic Skills Policy Revision Working Group, College of Innovation and Design, 2022.

UNCO 1301 Revision Working Group, College of Innovation and Design, 2022.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Race and Civil Rights, 2021-2022.

Search Committee, Assistant Director for Institutional Effectiveness, 2021-2022.

College of Innovation and Design, Core Curriculum Coordinator, 2021- present.

Department of History, Interim Head, Spring 2020.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor Ancient and/or Early Modern Mediterranean World, 2020.

Search Committee, Associate Director of First Year Initiatives, College of Innovation and Design, 2020.

Search Committee, Dean, College of Innovation and Design, 2020.

African American Studies (minor), Director, 2020 – present.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor Work Literature and Film Studies Search Committee, Department of Literature and Languages, Outside Member, 2020.

Professional Certification for College Credit Committee, College of Innovation and Design, 2020.

Search Committee, Assistant Instructor, 2019.

Reader, History Qualification Exam, Spring 2019.

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Attended American Historical Association (AHA) Introductory History Conference at the University of Texas, September 28-29, 2018.

Attended AHA Pedagogy Conference at Midwestern State University, February 16-17, 2018.

Panel Committee, Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Texas A&M – Commerce, Spring 2018.

Created History Department Faculty Writing Group, Spring 2018.

Member, CHSSA Dean Search Committee, Spring 2018

Member, University College Search Committee, Spring 2018.

Member, Honors Thesis Committee, Michele Hodge, Fall 2019.

Reader, History Qualification Exam, Spring 2018.

Reader, History Qualification Exam, Spring 2018.

Judge, Annual Research Symposium, Oral Session (Graduate), Spring 2018.

History Field of Study (FOS) Subcommittee of the Texas Education Advisory Board, November 2018.

Member, University Core Curriculum Committee, Fall 2018.

Teacher Education and Undergraduate History, Advisor, TAMUC, 2015-2023.

Department of History, Curriculum Committee, TAMUC, 2014-present.

Department of History, Scholarship Committee, TAMUC, 2014-present.

Additional Committee and Service Experience

Public Lectures and Events, Fairfield University, 2010- 2014.

U.S. Diversity Subcommittee, Chair, Fairfield University, 2013-2014.

U.S. Diversity Subcommittee, Fairfield University, 2010-2013.

Black Studies, Advisory Committee, Fairfield University, 2008-2014.

3rd Annual Hip-Hop Panel Committee, California University of Pennsylvania, 2008.

American Democracy Deliberating Pooling Initiative Middle States Self-Study Committee, California University of Pennsylvania, March 31, 2008.

Black History Month Programming Committee, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006.

Frederick Douglass Institute Committee, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006.

African American Studies Coordinating Committee, University of Arkansas, 2004 – 2005.

Executive Planning Committee, Black Graduate Student Association, Annual Pre-College Conference, University of Arkansas, 2001-2002.

Pea Ridge Interpretive Video, Plan and Treatment Planning Committee, Pea Ridge National Military Park, 1999.

General Management Plan Implementation, Pea Ridge National Military Park, 1999.

Reclaiming the Struggle: Helping Students of Color, Survive, Succeed and Shine, University of Arkansas, Minority Affairs, Staff Retreat, 1999.

Interpretative Planning Master Plan, Pea Ridge National Military Park, 1999.

TEACHING

Associate Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2018- present.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2014-2018.

Assistant Professor, History, Fairfield University, 2008-2014.

Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.

Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007.

Specific courses taught – A&M-Commerce

Spring 2022:

HIST 553.01B, 01SE: Reading in Modern US History, 1850-1920.

Summer 2022:

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

Fall 2022:

AFAM 200: Introduction to African American Studies

Fall 2021:

HIST 1301.08E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 492.01E: Senior Research Seminar

Spring 2021:

HIST 1301.01HB: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 450.01B: African American History

Summer 2021:

HIST 1301.02W: U.S. History to 1877

Fall 2021:

AFAM 200.01E: Introduction to African American Studies

HIST 1301.08E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 492.01E: Senior Research Seminar

Spring 2020:

HIST 264.01HE: The American West

HIST 553.01W: Modern America

Summer 2020:

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

Fall 2020:

HIST 1301.05B: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 264.0HB: History of the American West

HIST 492.01B: Senior Research Seminar

Spring 2019:

HIST 1301.10E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 410.01E: Civil Rights Movement

HIST 574.01: Race and Ethnicity

Summer 2019:

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

Fall 2019:

HIST 1301.09E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.10E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 492.01: Senior Research Seminar

Spring 2018:

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.02.03E: U.S. History from 1865

HIST 497.01E: African American History

HIST 553.01E: Reading in Modern U.S. History (1850-1920)

Fall 2018:

HIST 1301.01W: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.08E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 405.01: Civil War and Reconstruction

Fall 2017:

HIST 1302.01W: U.S. History from 1877

HIST 1301.01E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 407.01E: Modern America, 1850-1920

Spring 2017:

HIST 1301.03E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.12E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 264.01E: The American West

HIST 462.01E: Introduction to Public History

Fall 2016:

HIST 1301.03HE: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 405.01E: Civil War and Reconstruction

HIST 564.01E: Introduction to Public History

Summer II 2016:

HIST 1301.03E: U.S. History to 1877

Spring 2016:

HIST 1301.3E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 410.01E: Civil Rights History, 1940-1968

HIST 553.01E: Modern America, 1850-1920

Fall 2015:

HIST 1301.12E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.15E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 264.03E: African American History to 1877

HIST 550.01E: African American History

Summer II:

HIST 1301.01E: U.S. History to 1877

Spring 2015:

HIST 1301.03E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 1301.04E: U.S. History to 1877

HIST 411.01E: Race and Education

Fall 2014:

HIST 1302.3E: U.S. History from 1877

HIST 1302.4E: U.S. History from 1877

HIST 550.1E: African American History

Fairfield University

HI 397: Emancipation: American Revolution to Reconstruction (Special Topics)

HI 262: African American History 1619-1865

HI 232: Jefferson's America

HI 238: American History, 1850-1900

HI 30: Europe and World Transition

HI 335: US Civil War and Reconstruction

HI 238: Nineteenth Century American History

HI 260: American Indian History

HI 30: Europe and the West in Transition
HI 10: Origins of the Modern World

California University of Pennsylvania

HIS 101: US History to 1877
HIS 102: US History from 1877
HIS 111: World Civilization to 1500
HIS 112: World Civilization from 1500
HIS 201: Civil War and Reconstruction