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## EDUCATION BACKGROUND

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Ph.D. Degree in History, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, December 2006

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1998 to 2002

Graduate Student Officer, 1999

Co-Advisor, Theta Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated,  
1999 to 2002

M.A. Degree in History, Jacksonville State University (JSU), Jacksonville, Alabama, August 1997

B.A. Degree in History with Pre-Law Emphasis, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, May 1997

Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Departmental Distinction

Member, Crimson Ambassadors, the Official Student Hosts of the College

Undergraduate Contributing Editor, 1994 to 1995, *Kappa Alpha Psi Journal*, the Official  
Publication of the Fraternity

Study Abroad, Lancaster University, Lancaster, England, October to December 1995

B.A. Degree in English, JSU, August 1994

Student Government Association (SGA) Senator, 1993 to 1994

Advanced Diploma, Talladega County Training School, May 1988

Class Salutatorian

State Representative, "Alabama Reunion," 1988

Designer, "Lighthouses for Education," Prototype for the Talladega County School  
System Logo Used Continually since 1987

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD

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Acting Dean, Alabama State University (ASU) College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS),  
Montgomery, Alabama, January to April 2013

Professor of History, ASU Department of History and Political Science, May 2012 to Present  
Courses Taught:

African American Seminar I, Graduate Level

American Gilded Age, Graduate Level

American History, 1900 to 1945, Senior Level

Research and Thesis I, Graduate Level

Research and Thesis II, Graduate Level

Graduate Thesis Committee Chairmanship

Kenyatta Walker (M.A. degree, history, Fall 2014)

Porshia Hall (M.A. degree, history, Fall 2014)

Associate Dean, ASU CLASS, January 2011 to May 2014

Associate Professor of History, ASU Department of History and Political Science, May 2009 to May 2012

Courses Taught:

American Colonial History, Senior and Graduate Levels  
 American Constitutional History, Graduate Level  
 American History II, Sophomore Level  
 American History, 1900 to 1945  
 American History, 1945 to Present, Senior Level  
 Research and Thesis I and II  
 Seminar in African American History, Graduate Level  
 World History I and II, Freshman Level

Graduate Thesis Committee Membership

Sharon White (M.A. Degree, history, Spring 2011)  
 Rolundus Rice (M.A. degree, history, Fall 2010)  
 Teresa Baxley (M.A. degree, history, Fall 2009)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Auburn University, August to December 2009

Course Taught:

Introduction to Africana Studies, Sophomore Level

Assistant Professor of History, ASU Department of History and Political Science, August 2002 to May 2009

Courses Taught:

World History I and II  
 African American History I and II, Junior and Senior Levels  
 American Civil War and Reconstruction, Senior Level  
 American Colonial History  
 American History, 1900 to 1945  
 American History, 1945 to Present, Senior Level  
 Research and Thesis I and II  
 Seminar in African American History  
 Seminar in United States History, Graduate Level  
 United States History I and II, Sophomore Level

Adjunct Instructor of History, Troy University at Montgomery, Alabama, August 2004 to December 2011

Courses Taught:

African American History, Junior Level  
 American Civil War and Reconstruction, Senior and Graduate Levels  
 American Colonial History, Senior and Graduate Levels  
 History of American Minorities, Senior Level  
 United States History I and II, Freshman Level

Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, Auburn University, January to May 2005

Course Taught:

Introduction to Africana Studies

History Instructor, Auburn University, August to December 2001 and May to August 2002

Course Taught:

American History I, Sophomore Level

Student Worker, Government Records Division, Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH), June to July 2001

History Instructor, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, August 1999 to July 2001

Courses Taught:

World Civilization I and II, Freshman Level

English Instructor and Consultant, Miles College, Fairfield, Alabama, August 1997 to May 1998

Courses Taught:

Developmental English, Freshman Level

English Composition, Sophomore Level

English Laboratory Director

Field Artillery Fire Direction Specialist, United States Army Reserve, 1988 to 1991

Broadcaster, WEYY Radio Station, Talladega, Alabama, January 1986 to May 1988

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## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SCHOLARLY GROWTH, AND SERVICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

### **ASU SERVICE**

Presenter and Discussant, "The Secessionist Debate in Alabama," National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University Forum titled the Antebellum Slavery in Alabama and the National Slavery Ferment, March 10, 2021

Presenter, "An 'Indefensible Shame': Ethnicity, Class, and the Making of the 1901 Alabama Constitution," and Panelist for a Virtual Forum by the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University titled "Civic Engagement in the COVID Era and Beyond: Racism and Home Rule: The Alabama Constitution, Past and Present," October 25, 2020

Member, ASU General Faculty Committee on Faculty Hearings, 2018 to Present

Presenter, "'O Lord Let Me Be Free': Antebellum Slave Resistance," during a Scholarly Seminar at ASU titled "Standing Against the Negative Forces All Around Us: The Struggle for Freedom during the Antebellum Slavery Era and the Civil War (1820–1865)," Montgomery, Alabama, February 28, 2019

Member, ASU Athletic Director Search Committee, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018

Panelist, "Alabama State University: From Marion to Montgomery (1867–1915)," National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama, February 23, 2017

Moderator, "*The Birth of a Nation*: A Film Roundtable Discussion," Levi Watkins Learning Center, Montgomery, Alabama, October 18, 2016

Coordinator, ASU Undergraduate History Program, March 2015 to December 2018

Member, ASU Graduate Faculty, November 2012 to Present

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Member, ASU University College Reorganization Committee, June 2012 to May 2013  
Chair, Review and Edit Subcommittee  
Member, Subcommittee on Faculty and Budgets  
Member, ASU Faculty Review Committee for Research Seed Money, February to April 2012  
Secretary, ASU General Faculty, August 2011 to May 2012  
Member, ASU Graduate Assistantship Committee, October 2010 to Present  
Member, ASU Foreign Affairs Committee, October 2010 to May 2014  
Member, ASU Quality Enhancement Plan Reading/Writing Literacy Team, Department of History and Political Science, August 2010 to May 2014  
Member, ASU Freshman Anthology Committee, October 2010 to August 2011  
Member, Screening Committee for CLASS Dean, ASU Graduate School, August to September 2010 and January 2011  
Member, ASU *Hornet Tribune* Executive Advisory Board, August 2010 to August 2014  
Advisor, ASU SGA Judicial Branch, Academic Year 2009–10  
Member, ASU Faculty Athletics Council, August 2009 to May 2014  
Member, Screening Committee for CLASS Dean, ASU Graduate School, May to June 2009  
Spokesman and Consultant, “Hidden Gems of Higher Learning,” *Eye on America*, ASU Marketing Production (Discovery Channel, Fox Business News, CNN Headline News), Fall 2008 to Spring 2009  
Member, ASU Lyceum Committee, Fall 2008 to Spring 2011  
Chair, August 2010 to January 2011  
ASU Faculty Senator, 2008 to 2012  
Representative, Board of Trustees Compensation Committee, Fall 2011 to Fall 2012  
Member, Executive Committee, 2010 to 2012  
Member, Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee, 2010 to 2012  
Member, Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees, 2009 to 2010  
Member, Academic Affairs and Intellectual Property Committees, 2008 to 2009  
Member, CLASS Public Relations Committee, 2009 to 2011  
Invited Commentator, WVAS Radio, Montgomery, Alabama, Presidential Election Coverage, November 4, 2008  
Member, Governing Board, “Helping Students along the Way” Scholarship Fund, ASU SGA, Academic Year 2008–9  
Invited Speaker, ASU National Summer Transportation Institute, June 2008  
Co-Advisor, ASU SGA Executive Branch, Academic Year 2007–8  
Member, ASU Southern Accreditation of College and Schools IEAPAE Subcommittee, Academic Year 2007–8  
Member, ASU Founders’ Day Committee, 2007 to 2010  
Chair, History Subcommittee, Academic Year 2008–9  
Master of Ceremony and Discussion Facilitator, ASU University Center for Leadership and Public Policy Bridge Builders Breakfast, December 4, 2007  
Presenter, “How Holy a Cause? Revisiting Slavery and the Secession Debate in Alabama, 1860–1861,” ASU Department of Humanities Contact Lecture, October 2007

Invited Panelist, "Alabama Governor David Bibb Graves: A Progressive Education Governor or a Ku Klux Klansman," *Hornet Tribune*, September 25, 2007

Developer and Guest Lecturer, Student and Professor Exchange Program, ASU and the University of Beau, Cameroon, West Africa, March 29 to April 7, 2007

Facilitator and Moderator, ASU Book Club Discussion of Barak Obama's *The Audacity of Hope*, February 13, 2007

Member, ASU Student Media Editorial Board, Academic Year 2006–7

Member, ASU Attendance Policy Committee, Academic Year 2006–7

Volunteer, ASU Academic Advisement Mentor Retention Program, Academic Year 2006–7

Participant, "Empowering: Leadership and Public Policy Initiative," ASU Center for Leadership and Public Policy, October 24, 2006

Organizer and Chair, ASU United Nations Day, 2006 to 2008

Member, ASU Praxis II Committee, 2005 to 2010

Member, ASU Writing Across the Curriculum Committee, July 2004 to August 2007

Member, Planning Committee, 50th Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Academic Year 2005–6

Designer, Departmental Brochure, History and Political Science, August 2005 (Revised September 2009)

Member, Steering Committee, National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African American Culture at ASU, August 2002 to May 2005

Participant, "A Workshop with Dick Gregory: Student and Community Activism in the 21st Century," February 3, 2005

Conferee, Educational Testing Service Praxis II Workshop, January 26 and 27, 2005

Judge, ASU Black History Month Speech Competition, February 17, 2004

Member, Student Outreach and Technology Committees, ASU Department of History and Political Science, August 2003 to August 2011

Member, ASU Black History Month Committee, August 2002 to May 2014

Member, ASU CLASS Public Relations Committee, August 2002 to January 2009

Chair, August 2006 to August 2008

Editor, College Newsletter, *Newsnotes*, August 2006 to August 2008

### **NON-ASU SERVICE**

Member, Bylaws Committee, Tuskegee Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, October 2020 to Present

Invited Panelist, Discussion to Honor Harold L. Franklin Sr., the First African American to Attend Auburn University, Ritz Theatre, Talladega, Alabama, April 4, 2020

Member, Southern Historical Association (SHA) William F. Holmes Award Committee, 2020 to 2022

Disc Jockey/Turntablist for Fred Wesley Jr. Trio (with Isaac Bell II and Emery Kidd), National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture Patrons and Donors Reception, Montgomery, Alabama, August 18, 2019

Member, Editorial Board, *Alabama Review*, July 2019 to Present

Presenter, "Ballot Box from Perote [Bullock County, Alabama]," ADAH Program titled "Alabama History in Twenty Artifacts: A Bicentennial Symposium," June 15, 2019

Reader, "The American Dream" by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., ADAH Program titled "The Words: Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Montgomery, Alabama, April 4, 2018

Bicentennial Scholar, *Making Alabama: A Traveling Exhibit*, Alabama Humanities Foundation, 2017 to 2019

Associate Editor, Editorial Board, *Journal of Race and Policy*, May 2020 to Present

Member, March 2017 to Present

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of African American Studies*, November 2016 to Present

Alabama Historical Association Historical Marker Committee, August 2016 to Present

Editor, *International Journal of Africana Studies*, March 2015 to Present

Board Member, National Council for Black Studies (NCBS), March 2015 to Present

President, Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated (SCAASI), 2015 to 2016 and 2018 to 2020

Member, SHA Committee on Minorities, 2014 to 2018

Chair, 2015 to 2017

Invited Black History Month Speaker, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile, Alabama, February 28, 2013

Invited Black History Month Speaker, Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church, Talladega, Alabama, February 24, 2013

Invited Speaker, "Booker T. Washington," Honors College History Course, University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, February 20, 2013

Member, Alabama State Government Records Commission, October 2012 to Present

Invited Commencement Speaker, Talladega High School, May 2012

Invited Speaker, Jackson Olin High School, Birmingham, Alabama, February 22, 2012

Invited Keynote Speaker, Knoxville Community in Talladega, Alabama, Back-to-School Event, August 6, 2011

Member, Teacher Advisory Subcommittee of the Education and Outreach Committee, Alabama Book Festival, May 2011 to January 2012

Member, Editorial Board, *Griot: The Journal of African American Studies*, 2009 to Present

Book Review Editor, February 2011 to February 2015

Invited Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Program, Peace and Goodwill Baptist Church, Anniston, Alabama, February 20, 2011

Invited Motivational Speaker, Montgomery Detention Center, Youth Parole Division, Group of Captain Tyrone Anderson, Parole Officer, January 13, 2011

Invited Speaker, Parker High School, Birmingham, Alabama, May 20, 2010

Invited Keynote Speaker, Talladega College Honors Day Convocation, April 15, 2010

Invited Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Program, Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lincoln, Alabama, March 7, 2010

Invited Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Program, Wesley Chapel A.M. E. Zion Church, February 28, 2010

Invited Speaker, Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery, Alabama, February 9, 2010

Invited Speaker, A. G. Gaston Boys Club, Birmingham, Alabama, January 28, 2010

Member, Alabama Historical Association Board of Directors, 2009 to 2015

Member, Editorial Board, *Alabama Review*, 2009 to 2012 and 2019 to 2022

Organizer and Moderator, "Assessing Obama: How Africana, or Black, Studies Scholars Have Viewed the Presidency of Barack H. Obama," ASU, September 24, 2009

Member, ASALH Program Committee, 2008 to 2014

Analyst, 2008 Presidential election, HOT 105.7 FM, Montgomery, Alabama, November 4, 2008

Invited Speaker, Operation Understanding, ASU, July 15, 2008

Reader, ASU Commencement Exercises, May 10, 2008

Host, J. F. Drake Middle School Black History Month Knowledge Bowl, Auburn, Alabama, February 22, 2008

Member, Board of Directors, Central Alabama Crimestoppers, 2006 to 2009

Member, Program Committee, East Highland Memorial Foundation, Incorporated, Sylacauga, Alabama, August 2007 to May 2012

Tutor, Jefferson Davis High School, August 2007 to December 2008

Facilitator, "Affording and Preparing for College Seminar," Association of Community Organizers for Reform Now, Birmingham, Alabama, August 25, 2007

Volunteer, "All White Couples Affair," Worship Center Christian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, July 20, 2007

Facilitator, Political/Community Model Breakout Session, Robert and Jean Graetz Symposium on Human Rights and Reconciliation, Montgomery, Alabama, March 9, 2007

Invited Speaker, Black History Month Program, Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, February 25, 2007

Judge, J. F. Drake Middle School Black History Month Knowledge Bowl, February 28, 2007

Announcer, J. F. Drake Middle School Black History Month Knowledge Bowl, February 24, 2006

Member, Planning Committee, "Emerging Leaders Event," the Handprint Group and Jones and Berry, P.C., Montgomery, Alabama, December 3, 2005

Guest Analyst, "Blacks React to [Bill] Bennett's Remarks on Race, Crime and Abortion," Jesse Peterson Radio Show, October 10, 2005

Invited Speaker, Black History Month Program, Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, February 27, 2006

Participant, "Law, Justice, and the People in the Mass Meetings of the Montgomery Bus Boycott," National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture Observation of the 42nd Anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Holt Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, December 2, 2002

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#### **SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Alabama Association of Historians

Alabama Historical Association

Member, Annual Convention Program Committee, May 2016 to April 2017

Member, Annual Convention Program Committee, May 2010 to April 2011

Member, Board of Directors, 2009 to 2012 and 2012 to 2015

Member, Editorial Board, *Alabama Review*, Terms 2009 to 2012 and 2019 to 2022

Member, American Civil War Sesquicentennial Executive Committee,  
December 2007 to January 2014

Member, Review Board, *Alabama Review*, 2007 to 2009

Sustainer, 2007 to Present

Alabama Political Science Association (APSA)

Member, Executive Committee, 2007 to 2010

Historian, 2007 to 2010

American Association of University Professors

American Historical Association

American Teachers Federation, 2009 to 2011

ASALH

Life Member

Invited Advisory Member, Academic Committee, 2019

Member, Program Committee, 2007 to 2011

President, Harper Council Trenholm Sr. Branch of Central Alabama, 2019 to Present

Beta Lambda Kappa

National Council for Black Studies

Board Member

Editor, *International Journal of Africana Studies*, 2015 to Present

Organization of American Historians

Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society

Phi Delta Kappa

Chair, Foundation Committee, ASU Chapter, April 2007 to August 2012

Pinnacle Honor Society

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated

President, 2015 to 2016 and 2018 to 2020

Life Member

Associate Editor, *Griot*, 2020 to 2021

Member, Editorial Board, *Griot*, 2009 to Present

Book Review Editor, *Griot*, 2011 to 2015

Southern Historical Association

Life Member

Member, 2023 Program Committee, February 2022 to Present

Member, William F. Holmes Award Committee, 2020 to 2022

Chair, Committee on Minorities, 2015 to 2017

Southern Labor Studies Association

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### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS**

Invited Presenter, “‘Fighting the Good Fight of Faith’: The Reverend Thomas Corwin Steward and African American Education in Perry County, Alabama, 1867 to 1874,” Rethinking Alabama Politics from the Civil War to the Present: A History Symposium, University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, October 3, 2022



- Organizer, Chair, and DeeJay, “Blues and Blessings: Music and Musings during the African American Freedom Struggle,” ASALH 107th Annual Convention and Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, October 1, 2022
- Organizer and Moderator, “Blues and Blessings: Music and Musings during the African American Freedom Struggle,” SCAASI 43rd Annual Meeting, Virtual, February 10, 2022
- Presenter and Discussant, “African Americans and Higher Education in Alabama, 1867 to 1881,” ADAH Food for Thought Series, April 15, 2021
- Presenter, “‘Hallmarks of Civility’: African American Political Conventions during Alabama Reconstruction, 1865 to 1874,” Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery Cultural Crossroads 2021: Reconstruction in Alabama and Its Legacies, March 4, 2021
- Presenter and Discussant, “The Evolution and Growth of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History,” National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University Black History Month Forum titled the Origins and Evolution of Black History Month, February 25, 2021
- Presenter and Discussant, *Civil Wars, Civil Beings, and Civil Rights*, Charles Brown Chapter of ASALH, February 23, 2021
- Presenter and Discussant, *Civil Wars, Civil Beings, and Civil Rights*, Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities at Auburn University, October 27, 2020
- Presenter and Discussant, *Civil Wars, Civil Beings, and Civil Rights*, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, September 28, 2020
- Speaker, “Applying for Success—Dream It—Be It: Competitiveness via Federal Arts, Humanities, Culture, and History Opportunities and Partnerships,” HBCU Week Virtual Conference of the White House Initiatives on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, September 24, 2020
- Invited Member, Local Arrangements Committee, ASALH 103rd Annual Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, September 2020 (Postponed to September 2022)
- Keynote Speaker, “A Hidden Gem of Egalitarianism: Alexander Haywood Curtis, 1829 to 1878,” Awards Luncheon, SCAASI 41st Annual Meeting, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 7, 2020
- Presenter, Paper titled “‘20. and Odd [More] Negars’: Rethinking the Quatercentenary, August 1619 to August 2019,” SCAASI 41st Annual Meeting, Shreveport, Louisiana, February 6, 2020
- Presenter, Paper titled “Reconstructing Socioeconomic Relations in the Alabama Black Belt: The Historical Context and the Early Development of the Perry County Labor Union, 1869–1873,” SCAASI 40th Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, Florida, February 7, 2019
- Emergency Chair, Panel Session called “Activism and Advocacy in Africana Studies,” NCBS 43rd meeting, March 8, 2019
- Emergency Chair, Panel Session called “Black Feminist Thought and Toxic Masculinity,” NCBS 43rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 7, 2019
- Invited Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, SHA 84th meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 8 to 11, 2018
- Organizer, Plenary Session called “Having Our Say: African American Museums and Museum Professionals in the Twenty-First Century,” SHA 84th meeting, November 10, 2018
- Co-Organizer with Michael Chambers II, Grant Workshop for HBCUS in Alabama, ASU, June 15, 2018

- Presenter, Paper titled "Reconstructing Socioeconomic Relations in the Alabama Black Belt: Tenantry, Wage Labor, and Unionization, 1865–1871," Southern Labor Studies Association, Athens, Georgia, May 17, 2018
- Chair, Panel Session called "Voices from the South," NCBS 42nd Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 17, 2018
- Organizer and Chair, Panel Session called "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Triumphs, Challenges, and Prospects," SHA 83rd Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, November 9 to 12, 2017
- Participant, Panel Session called "Impact in Journal Publishing in Africana Studies: Journal Editors and the Discussion of Citation Indexing, Journal Rating, and Publishing in Africana Studies," NCBS 41st Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 10, 2017
- Chair, Panel Session called "Racial Uplift: Real and Imagined," NCBS 41st Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 9, 2017
- Co-Organizer and Facilitator, Panel Session called "Dirt and Deeds in Mississippi: Stories of Black Landholding, Political Activism, and Armed Resistance in a Deep South State," SHA 82nd Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 4, 2016
- Presenter, Paper titled "Clearing Roots: Deconstructing 'Dirty South' Hip Hop through Music and Mores," Auburn University Africana Studies Annual Luncheon, March 26, 2016
- Organizer and Chair, Panel Session called "Scholarly Publishing in Africana Studies: An Introduction," NCBS 40th Annual Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 17, 2016
- Deliverer, Presidential Address, "'Thr[o]w the Winn-Dixie Nigger in the River': The January 1957 Ku Klux Klan Murder of Willie James Edwards Jr.," SCAASI 37th Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, February 13, 2016
- Organizer, Panel Session called "Scholarly Perspectives on Booker T. Washington's Thought and Leadership: A Century of Debate," SHA 81st Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13, 2015
- Organizer, Panel Session called "Celebrating a Centennial of Service, Research, and Activism: The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 1915–2015," SHA 81st Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13, 2015
- Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, SCAASI 36th Annual Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, February 12 to 14, 2015
- Convener, Plenary Session and Luncheon, SCAASI 36th Annual Meeting, February 13, 2015
- Convener, President's Breakfast, SCAASI 36th Annual Meeting, February 14, 2015
- Participant, "The Yellowhammer War: A Civil War Symposium," Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University, September 13, 2014
- Participant, "A Conversation with the Contributors to *The Yellowhammer War: The Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama*," Alabama Historical Association, 67th Annual Meeting, Scottsboro, Alabama, April 11, 2014
- Chair, Panel Session called "Dreams of Freedom and the Fight for Justice: The African American Journey to Liberty and Citizenship, 1830–1910," NCBS 38th Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida, March 6, 2014
- Organizer, Panel Session called "Individual and Collective Black Resistance to Jim Crow in the Post-Civil War South," SCAASI 34th Annual Convention, Tallahassee, Florida, February 7 to 9, 2013

- Presenter, Paper titled "An Interesting Confluence of Honor and Insolence in the Post-Civil War Alabama Black Belt: The Trial, Conviction, and Gubernatorial Pardon of Former Slave Rieni Baker for the Fatal Assault of Unreconstructed Confederate William Stillings, 1871 to 1873," SCAASI 34th Annual Convention, Tallahassee, Florida, February 7, 2013
- Chair, Panel Session called "Formality," ASALH, 97th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 26 to 30, 2012
- Invited Chair, Plenary Session called "African Americans Casting Ballots for the U. S. President in 2012: How They Should Vote and Why," SCAASI 33rd Annual Convention, Houston, Texas, February 8 to 11, 2012
- Invited Chair, Panel Session called "Black Men: Masculinity and Educational Achievement," ASALH 95th Annual Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 29 to October 3, 2010
- Invited Chair, Panel Session called "The Symbiotic Relationship of HCBUs and the Black Community," ASALH, 95th Annual Meeting, October 2, 2010
- Presenter, Paper titled "Southern Honor, Manhood, and Justice in the Postbellum Alabama Black Belt: The Assault of William Stillings and Its Aftermath, 1871 to 1873," NCBS, 34th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 19, 2010
- Presenter, Paper titled "Revisiting 'Uncle Tom': Booker T. Washington and the Politics of Race, Economics, and Education in Alabama, 1881 to 1901," ASALH, 94th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 30 to October 4, 2009
- Invited Chair, Panel Session titled "Pedagogy and Higher Education," ASALH, 94th Annual Meeting, October 1, 2009
- Invited Chair, Panel Session titled "Contemporary Issues: Race, Gender, and the College Campus," ASALH, 94th Annual Meeting, October 2, 2009
- Presenter with Sidney Brown and Sharron Herron-Williams, Paper titled "How the Quality of Schools Affects Dropout Rates," Annual Convention of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, San Antonio, Texas, August 6, 2009
- Keynote Speaker, Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) SUPER Emerging Scholars Institute, University of Alabama at Birmingham, June 7, 2009
- Invited Presenter, "Hardly an 'Uncle Tom': Booker T. Washington and the Politics of Education, Economics, and Politics in Alabama, 1881 to 1901," Auburn University Africana Studies Lecturers Series, Auburn, Alabama, April 21, 2009
- Organizer and Panelist, session called "Educating Postbellum Black and White Heads, Hearts, and Hands in Alabama: Multiculturalism and the Early Development of Alabama HCBUs, 1867 to 1901," ASALH, 93rd Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, October 1 to 5, 2008
- Presenter, Paper titled "A 'Chosen Man of God, Carved in Ebony': The Life, Times, and Legacy of Alabama Businessman, Educator, Minister, and Community Builder William R. Pettiford," ASALH, 93rd Annual Meeting, October 3, 2008
- Presenter, Paper titled "An Alabama Anomaly: Black-White Educational Initiatives and Unionism in Perry County during First Reconstruction, 1865 to 1867," NCBS, 32nd Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 19 to 22, 2008
- Presenter, Paper titled "An Alabama Anomaly: Black-White Educational Initiatives and Unionism in Perry County during First Reconstruction, 1865 to 1867," SCAASI Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, February 7 to 9, 2008

- Participant, Roundtable called “The Politics of Identification and Its Influence on National Elections,” Annual Meeting of APSA in Montgomery, Alabama, March 2, 2007
- Presenter and Panelist, “*From Slavery to Freedom: The Story of Blacks in the Americas*,” ASU, February 6, 2007
- Invited Speaker, AHA Annual Fall Pilgrimage, Marion, Alabama, October 14, 2006
- Presenter, Paper titled “‘The Wizard of Marion’: Alexander Curtis and Biracial Initiatives in Postbellum Perry County, Alabama,” ASPA, Annual Meeting, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April 29, 2006
- Presenter, Paper titled “‘Much More than Victim[s]’: Ken Saro Wiwa and the Execution of the Ogoni Nine,” APSA, Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, Alabama, April 1 to 2, 2005
- Presenter, Paper titled “‘Prosperity and Happiness under Providence’: The Lincoln Normal School of Marion, One of the First Postbellum Public Institutions for the Higher Educating of ‘Negroes’ in the United States, 1870 to 1874,” AHA Annual Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, April 15, 2005
- Organizer and Presenter, “‘Out of Africa’: A Comparison of United States Foreign Policy vis-à-vis Certain Countries of Africa and the Middle East during the Last Two Decades,” NCBS, 29th Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 23 to 26, 2005
- Organizer, Plenary Session called “Movement before ‘the Movement’: The Fight for Human Rights and Civil Liberties in a Deep South ‘Model City,’ Tuskegee, Alabama, and a Deep South Capitol City, Montgomery, Alabama, 1940 to 1955,” SCAASI, 26th Annual Convention, Montgomery, Alabama, February 17 to 19, 2005
- Convener, Panel Session called “Paying Homage to the Montgomery Movement,” SCAASI, 26th Annual Meeting, February 18, 2005
- Chair, Panel Session called “Creative and Visual Arts in Africana Studies,” NCBS, 28th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 17 to 21, 2004
- Presenter, “Reconstruction in Alabama, 1865 to 1874,” SCAASI, 25th Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, February 17 to 21, 2004
- Panelist, “The Future of the Race: The Du Bois and Washington Discussion in the 21st Century—An Analysis of Issues that Affect the Future of Blacks in Alabama and the Nation,” Auburn University Center for Diversity and Race Relations, Office of Multicultural Affairs and University Program Council, February 13, 2004
- Presenter, Paper titled “Revisiting the ‘Case of the [Twentieth] Century’: *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas—Fifty Years Later*,” Phi Delta Kappa, ASU Chapter Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, January 22, 2004
- Presenter, Paper titled “Trite but True: ‘Bourbon Democracy’ in Alabama, 1874 to 1890,” Phi Delta Kappa, ASU Chapter Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, February 20, 2003
- Reader, Paper titled “Preludes to ‘Redemption’: ‘Racism’ and Reconstruction in Alabama Revisited and the Undoing of ‘Radicalism,’” Auburn University Graduate Research Forum, May 12, 1999
- Presenter, Paper titled “Ken’s Shell and Nigeria’s Saro-Wiwa: The Executions of the ‘Ogoni Nine’ by the Military Dictatorship of General Sani Abacha 10 November 1995 and the Human-rights Issue,” Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Judson College, Marion, Alabama, April 17, 1999
- Reader, Paper titled “Preludes to ‘Redemption’: ‘Racism’ and Reconstruction in Alabama

Revisited and the Undoing of ‘Radicalism,’” Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Colloquium, Auburn University, April 14, 1999

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Published

- Author, “More than Mothers: Activist Women in the Capital City before the Bus Boycott of 1955 to 1956,” in *Lava Thomas: Homecoming*, ed. Bridget R. Cooks (Saratoga, CAL Sming Sming Books, 2022), 15–17
- Reviewer, William Warren Rogers Jr., *Reconstruction Politics in a Deep South State: Alabama, 1865–1874* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2021), in *Journal of Southern History* 88 (May 2022): 401–3
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- "Militant in the Law': Oscar William Adams Jr. and the Legal Profession in Twentieth-Century Alabama," Chapter for a Manuscript that Judson Jeffries is Editing and the University of Georgia Press is Considering for Publication
- Editor, Scholarly Book Manuscript Composed of Award-Winning Essays Published in the *Griot* since 1990, called tentatively *Griot's Gold: An African American Studies Reader* (Proposal to be Submitted to an Academic Press in Summer 2023)
- Author, Scholarly Article titled "Reconstructing Socioeconomic Relations in the Alabama Black Belt: Tenantry, Wage Labor, and Unionization, 1865–1871" (to be Submitted to a Scholarly Journal in Fall 2023)
- Author, Book Manuscript Regarding Alexander H. Curtis, titled tentatively "A Hidden Gem of Egalitarianism: The Life, Times, and Legacy of Alexander Haywood Curtis, 1829 to 1878" (Proposal to be Submitted to a University Press in Fall 2023)
- Author, Scholarly Article titled "'A Chosen Man of God, Carved in Ebony': The Life, Times, and Legacy of the Reverend William R. Pettiford" (to be Submitted to a Scholarly Press in Spring 2024)
- Author, Scholarly Article titled "Southern Honor, Manhood, and Justice in the Alabama Black Belt: The Stillings-Baker Affair of 1871–1873" (to be Submitted to a Scholarly Journal in Spring 2024)

- Author, Book Manuscript, called tentatively *“Much More than a Victim”: Ken Saro-Wiwa and Human Rights in Nigeria, 1960 to 1995* (Proposal to be Submitted to a Popular Press in Summer 2024)
- Author, Book Manuscript Regarding the Development of the Republican Party and Contemporary Attempts by a Cadre of Its Members to Reconstitute Jim and Jane Crowism (Proposal to be Submitted to a Popular Press in Fall 2024)
- Author, Book Manuscript, called tentatively *Revisiting “Uncle Tomism”: Booker T. Washington and the Politics of Ethnicity, Education, and Economics in the South, 1881 to 1915* (proposal to be Submitted to an Academic Press in Spring 2025)

### **SELECTED OTHER RESEARCH, CONSULTING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Speaker and Discussant, “Courageous Contemporaries: John C. Dozier and Greene S. W. Lewis during Alabama Reconstruction,” Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice Monthly Meeting, July 6, 2021
- Speaker and Discussant, “The Origins of African American Higher Education in Alabama,” One Montgomery Weekly Meeting, May 25, 2021
- Participant, “Storylines of Environmental Justice: Mapping A People’s History of Uniontown,” May 2021 to Present
- Interviewee, Robert White III and Jacqueline Trimble, regarding *Civil Wars, Civil Beings, and Civil Rights in Alabama’s Black Belt*, 90.7 WVAS Radio Station Program titled the HBCU Review, March 9, 2021
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- Manuscript Reviewer, University of Tennessee Press, 2017 and 2018
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant Evaluator, April 2017 to Present
- Attendee, SCAASI 38th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 8 to 11, 2016
- Manuscript Reviewer, University of Alabama Press, 2014 to Present
- Attendee, SHA Annual Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, November 1 to 4, 2012
- Speaker, CLASS Honors Celebration, April 8, 2011
- Invited Participant, AHF Group Discussion with NEH Chairman Jim Leach, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, July 29, 2010



Lead Scholar, “The Freedom Rights Movement in Alabama: From the Thirteenth Amendment through the Voting Rights Act of 1965,” 2010 AHF SUPER Teacher Program, Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, July 11 to 16, 2010

Lead Scholar, 2010 AHF SES Program called “Race-based Slavery in the United States through 1865,” ASU, June 20 to 26, 2010

AHF Road Scholar, 2009 to 2011

Invited Participant, Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Unsung Heroes Project, 2010

Invited Participant, *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, Auburn University Center for the Arts/Humanities at Pebble Hill

Invited Participant, Alabama Historical Commission, 2009

Member, Editorial Board, *Endarch: Journal of Black Political Research*, April 2007 to August 2008 and January 2010 to January 2011

Consultant, *Race with History: Between Civil War and Civil Rights*, Listening Between the Lines/Creative Change Productions, 2007

Member, Planning Committee, Modern Civil Rights Oral History Project, Tuskegee, Alabama, 2004 to 2005

Delegate, 14th Joint Conference between Korea and the Southeast United States, Cheju, Korea, September 29 to October 1, 2000

Delegate, 24th Annual Joint Meeting of Japan-U.S. Southeast Association and Southeast U.S./Japan Association, Tokyo, Japan, October 3 to 5, 2000

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### SELECTED RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS

Recipient, SCAASI 2020 C. Calvin Smith-Wali R. Kharif Book Award, February 2021

Recipient, 2018 NCBS Fannie Lou Hamer and Kwame Nkrumah Award for Academic Leadership and Service in the African World

Recipient, 2015 NEH Award for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Recipient, Alabama State University College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Release Time for Teaching and Research, spring 2015

Recipient, 2015 Simms Member of the Year Award of SCAASI

Recipient, ASU Student Advisory Committee Faculty All-Star Award, January 2015

Listed in *Marquis's Who's Who*, 2010

Recipient, SCAASI Golden Yvonne Ochillo Golden Pen Award, February 2009

First African American to Earn a Ph.D. Degree in History from Auburn University, 2006

Recipient, Dean's Scroll of Appreciation, ASU College of Arts and Sciences, Academic Year 2004–5

Listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, 1997

Member, National Nominating Committee, 1998

United States Achievement Academy All-American Scholar, 1997

Recipient, National Collegiate Minority Leadership Award, 1996

Listed in *Who's Who among America's Colleges and Universities*, 1995

**SELECTED COMPUTER SKILLS**

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**Environments**

Windows to 2016 Professional

**Applications**

Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Lotus, dBASE, Publisher 2000, 2003, 2007; Picture It 2000; Impatica for Powerpoint; The Print Shop; Photo Utilities; Photoshop; WebCT; Blackboard (Certified in August 2005); Blackboard 9.1 (Certified in August 2010); Blackboard Learn; Blackboard Lean Ultra

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