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RE: Editorial Board

President Dulaney:

I once again thank the Association for the Study of African American Life and History for entrusting me with editing the *Journal of African American History*. Editor Pero Dagbovie and managing editor and book review editor LaShawn Harris gave me clear instructions about journal procedures and processes. Rob Blixt of the University of Chicago Press supplemented those instructions. Alabama State University assigned and outfitted a physical office for journal operations. The university also provided addresses for both electronic mail, JaaH@alasu.edu, and physical mail: Journal of African American History, 915 South Jackson Street, ASU Box 120, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104.

As per association bylaws, approving editorial board members is a function of the executive council. I herewith this letter recommend twenty-nine additional senior, mid-career, and junior scholars with myriad specializations for council approval.

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Alridge, Leslie Alexander, Shawn Alexander, Baldwin, Jones, Kendi, Muhammad, Mumford, Rickford, Nikki Taylor, Ula Taylor, and Shaw are existing editorial board members who agreed to continue serving on the board. The executive council approved them; nevertheless, their college or university affiliations, area specializations, titles of two recent scholarly publications, and cognate biographical information appear below along with similar information for recommended board members Burden-Stelly, Bell Cook, Dickerson, Favors, Grim, Guzmán, Hobson, Jones-Branch, Kelley, McKinney, Moten, Ogbar, Robinson, Sanders, Swan, Wood, and Young.

When considering scholars to invite to potentially join the editorial board, I sought input from Pero Dagbovie and LaShawn Harris as well as from other stalwart members of the association, including V. P. Franklin, formerly editor of the journal. The resultant proposed board, if approved, will be equally as diverse but larger than the existing board, with thirty members instead of twenty-two. The recommended scholars are excited about the opportunity to perform vital roles in sustaining and furthering the journal's century-long position as the leading publication of its type.

If the executive council has a question about any item above, I gladly will discuss it.

Submitted respectfully,

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Editor with R. Drew Smith and Stephanie C. Boddie, *Racialized Health, Covid-19, and Religious Responses: Black Atlantic Contexts and Perspectives* (New York: Routledge, 2022)

Author: *Civil Wars, Civil Beings, and Civil Rights in Alabama's Black Belt: A History of Perry County* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2020)



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Editor with Jon N. Hale and Tondra L. Loder-Jackson, *Schooling the Movement: The Activism of Southern Black Educators from Reconstruction through the Civil Rights Era* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2023)

Editor with Cornelius L. Bynum and James B. Stewart, *The Black Intellectual Tradition: African American Thought in the Twentieth Century* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2021)



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Author, "'In the Face of Her Splendid Record': Willa Cofield Johnson and Teacher Dismissal in the Civil Rights Era," in Alridge, Hale, and Loder-Jackson, *Schooling the Movement*



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Author, "Asphalt Politics and Grassroots Activism: An Historical Study of the Interstate Highway System in Alabama and Georgia, 1953–1980," PhD diss., University of South Carolina, 2020



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Co-author with Ernst Benjamin et al., "Reflections from Employee/Union Advocates," in *Collective Bargaining in Higher Education: Best Practices for Promoting Collaboration, Equity, and Measurable Outcomes*, ed. Daniel J. Julius (New York: Routledge, 2021)

Co-author with Jonathan H. Ebel and Steven Trout, "Finding Meaning in the Great War," in *Dixie's Great War: World War I and the American South*, eds. John M. Giggie and Andrew J. Huebner (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2020)



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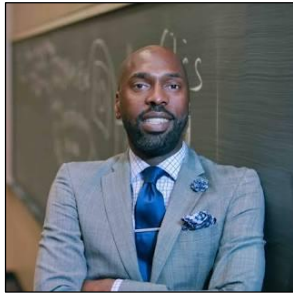


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Author, *W. E. B. Du Bois: An American Intellectual and Activist* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015)
Editor, *Reconstruction Violence and the Ku Klux Klan Hearings* (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2015)



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Co-editor with Minkah Makalani, *Escape from New York: The New Negro Renaissance Beyond Harlem* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2013)



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Author, *Red Scare/Red Scare: Theorizing Capitalist Racism in the United States* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2023)

Co-author with Gerald Horne, *W. E. B. Du Bois: A Life in American History* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019)



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Author, *Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021)



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Author, *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020)



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Author, “Race Women: New Negro Politics and the Flowering of Radicalism at Bennett College, 1900–1945,”
North Carolina Historical Review 94, no. 4 (October 2017): 391–430



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Co-author with Serie McDougal III and Michael Tillotson, “Agency Reduction in the Experiences and the Realities of Africana People,” *International Journal of Africana Studies* 19, no. 2 (fall–winter 2018): 7–14



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Co-author with William T. Hoston et al., “No Dogs, Negroes, and Mexicans,” *Southern Studies* 30, no. 1 (spring–summer 2023): 1–4

Editor with David H. Jackson Jr. of Maceo C. Dailey Jr., *Emmett J. Scott: Power Broker of the Tuskegee Machine* (Lubbock: Texas Tech University Press, 2023)



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Author, “Tackling the Talented Tenth,” in Alridge, Bynum, and Stewart, *Black Intellectual Tradition*

Author, *The Legend of the Black Mecca: Politics and Class in the Making of Modern Atlanta* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017)



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Author, “Thick Women and the Thin Nineteenth Amendment,” *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy* 20, no. 1 (winter 2022): 1–17



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Author, "Silencing a Generation," in *Journalism and Jim Crow: White Supremacy and the Black Struggle for a New America*, eds. Kathy Roberts Forde and Sid Bedingfield (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2021)



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Co-editor with Aram Goudsouzian, *An Unseen Light: Black Struggles for Freedom in Memphis, Tennessee* (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2018)



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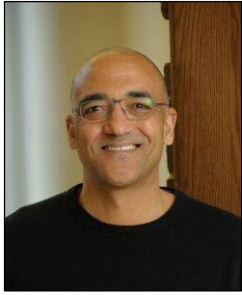
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Author, “Black Gay Lives Matter: Mobilizing Sexual Identities in the Eras of Reagan and Thatcher Conservatism,” in *Beyond the Politics of the Closet: Gay Rights and the American State Since the 1970s*, ed. Jonathan Bell (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020)



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Author, “Criminal Minded: The War on Drugs, Social Justice, Policing, and Hip-Hop,” in *For the Culture: Hip-Hop and the Fight for Social Justice*, eds. Lakeyta Monique Bonnette and Adolphus Belk (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2022)



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Author, “Negotiating Black Manhood Citizenship through Civil War Volunteerism and Patriotism: Cincinnati’s Black Brigade,” in *Congress and the People’s Contest: The Conduct of the Civil War*, eds. Paul Finkelman and Donald R. Kennon (Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2018)



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Ula Y. Taylor, "Introduction: The Shaping of an Activist and Scholar," *Journal of African American History* 96, no. 2 (spring 2011): 204–14



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Author, *W. E. B. DuBois and The Souls of Black Folk* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015)



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Author, *Pasifika Black: Oceania, Anti-Colonialism and the African World* (New York: New York University Press, 2022)



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Author, “Class Warfare in Black Atlanta: African American Grassroots Struggles, Resistance, and Repression under Gentrification, 1966–2015” (under contract with the University of North Carolina Press)

Author, “Apartheid and Resistance in the Political Economy of Gentrification: The Dialectics of Black Working Class Struggles in Atlanta, 1970–2015,” PhD diss., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2020



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