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Augustus C. Wood **Class of 2026**

Current Employer:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Professional Background:

Postdoctoral Associate, 2020-2022, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Assistant Professor, School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Major Accomplishments:

Guest Editor, Special Issue of Labor Studies Journal, “More Expendable Than Essential: Black Workers’ Rights and Racial Class Struggles Under the COVID Crisis,” December 2022.-First edition of Labor Studies Journal to focus solely on Black workers. Author, “Toward a Theory of Super-Exploitation: The Subproletariat, Harold “Hal” Baron, and the Crisis of the Political Economy of Black Labor,” Labor Studies Journal, December 2022. Author, “Class Warfare in Black Atlanta: African American Grassroots Struggles, Power, and Repression Under Gentrification, 1966-2022,” Forthcoming Book with UNC Press.

Previous Service to ASALH:

2015-2016 Academic Program Committee Member. Papers Presented/Panels Organized – Augustus Wood, “Politically Oriented, Liberation Minded: Black Student Power and Social Movement Organizing at the University of Illinois.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, October 2018. Augustus Wood, “History and Culture of Black Atlanta,” The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017. Augustus Wood, “Black Space as Commodity: The Political Economy of Race, Class, and Space in Atlanta, 1970-2010,” Association for

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the Study of African-American Life and History, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2018. Augustus Wood, “The Logic of Black Labor Social Movements: Black Power and Labor in Atlanta, 1970-1973,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017. Augustus Wood, “The Stakes of Community in Black Urban History: Revisiting Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua’s America’s First Black Town: Brooklyn, Illinois, 1830-1915,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017.

What I Hope to Accomplish as an Executive Council Member of ASALH:

My goal is to help ASALH grow in membership and participation by Black scholars. I hope to work with other council members to create a 2-3 year plan of organizing scholars as well as others into an active role in ASALH. I am eager to learn more about the different systems and processes in the ASALH Executive Council so as to build a consistent plan for strengthening the organization over time. MY specialty is strategy.

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