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David Walton Class of 2027

Current Employer:

Western Carolina University

Professional Background:

August 2020 – Present — Director of Global Black Studies and Assistant Professor of History, Western Carolina University

August 2017 – August 2020 — Assistant Professor – Department of History, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

January 2010 – May 2011 & January 2015 – May 2017 — Part-Time Faculty – Africology and African American Studies, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

Major Accomplishments:

2024 National Council for Black Studies Sankore Institute Award for “Outstanding Institutional Achievement”

2019 National Council for Black Studies Ida B. Wells and Cheikh Anta Diop Award for “Outstanding Leadership and Promotion of Africana Studies”

2015 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. William L. Crump History Award for the essay “Freedom Yes, Apartheid No: Kappa Alpha Psi and the Anti-apartheid Lobby”

2016-2017 King Chavez Parks Future Faculty Fellowship



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2015-2016 TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Graduate Merit Fellowship for Diaspora Studies

Previous Service to ASALH:

Life Member

EC Member Class 2023

Prior Nominating Committee Member and Chair

Prior Awards Committee Member

Prior Publications Committee Member and Co-Chair

Former Atlanta Branch Member

Romare Bearden Branch Charter Member

Attended and Presented at about a dozen annual conferences

Led book talks for two branches

Participated in three ASALH-TV productions

Recruited new ASALH members

Recruited ASALH EC candidates

Published in the Journal of African American History

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

I hope to expand ASALH Membership.

I hope to help create new branches.

I hope to expand undergraduate student participation.

I hope to expand local community-based partnerships.

I hope to “clean-up”/update the Constitution and By-Laws.

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