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## **EDUCATION**

University of Memphis – Memphis, TN  
Doctor of Philosophy – History  
Master of Arts – History

May 2015  
May 2007

University of Central Arkansas – Conway, AR  
Bachelor of Arts – History  
Minor – African American Studies

May 2003

**DISSERTATION TITLE: *Moderated Militants in the Age of Black Power: The Memphis NAACP, 1968- 1975***

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

- United States History
- African American History
- African American Studies
- Civil Rights and Black Power Movements
- Urban History
- Local Grassroots Activism

## **ACADEMIC POSITION**

8/21 – Present *Assistant Professor of History*, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas

8/17 – 8/21 *Associate Professor*, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, Texas

## **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

8/18 – 12/18 *Adjunct Professor*, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas

8/16 – 5/17 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

8/15 – 5/16 *Adjunct Instructor*, Southwest Tennessee Community College – Memphis, TN

8/15 – 10/15 *Part-Time Instructor*, Memphis Center for Urban Theological Studies – Memphis, TN

1/14 – 5/21 *Adjunct Instructor of History*, University of Memphis – Memphis, TN

8/08 – 5/13 *Part-Time Instructor*, University of Memphis – Memphis, TN

8/10 – 12/11 *Adjunct Instructor of History*, Jackson State Community College – Jackson, TN

1/08 – 5/08 *Adjunct Instructor of History*, Pulaski Technical College – Little Rock, AR

## COURSES TAUGHT

The Civil Rights Movement  
Intro to African and African-American Studies  
African-American History (traditional and online)  
United States History Before 1877 (traditional and online)  
United States History Since 1877 (traditional and online)

## JOURNAL ENTRIES

Review of *Let The People See: The Story of Emmett Till*, by Elliott J. Gorn, *The Journal of Southern History*, vol 6, no. 2, (2020): 528-529.  
“A Review of the Newly Renovated Civil Rights Museum.” *The West Tennessee Historical Society Papers* 68 (2015): 148-150.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Memphis NAACP and the 1969 Black Monday Protest,” in *An Unseen Light: Black Struggles for Freedom in Memphis, Tennessee* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2018).

## HONORS/AWARDS

- **Fall 2014** – Dr. Peggy Jemison Bodine Dissertation Award
- **Fall 2013** – Graduate Awards Committee Conference Travel Grant
- **Fall 2012** – One Semester Writing Fellowship, Department of History, University of Memphis
- **Fall 2011** – One Semester Writing Fellowship, Department of History, University of Memphis
- **Fall 2005 – Spring 2008** – Graduate Assistantship, Department of History, University of Memphis
- **Fall 2005** – National Patriotic Service Committee American History Scholarship, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America
- **Fall 2004 – Spring 2005** – Graduate Assistantship, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas

## PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- 8/19—Present Texas Higher Education Board’s Academic Course Guide Manual Committee
- Learning Outcomes Project Workgroup
  - Collaborate with faculty from various Texas Colleges and University to create a general African-American History course that satisfies general education requirement and is transferable.
- 1/17—5/17 IUPUI’s Department of History Awards Committee
- 9/16—5/17 IUPUI’s Africana Studies Promotion and Marketing Program Chair
- Collaborate with students and student groups
  - Update program’s brochure
  - Create quarterly newsletter
- 5/16—5/18 West Tennessee Historical Society Papers  
*Editorial Board*
- Review and edit essays for publication
  - Write reviews on books, museums and exhibits that cover West Tennessee history
  - Identify books and articles that fit the journal’s themes

4/15 – 6/15 **Shelby County Register of Deeds and Archives – Memphis, TN**

7/13 – 11/13 **Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change – Memphis, TN**

*Graduate Assistant*

- Developed a teacher's guide on the life of Dr. Benjamin Hooks
- Wrote an essay for the upcoming "Mapping Civil Rights" website
- Created a newsletter
- Transcribe oral interviews
- Researched various topics on African American History
- Helped develop ideas for fundraising events
- Proofread documents such as grants and official letters
- Edited contact lists, sorted mail, and distributed mail throughout the University of Memphis' campus

6/10 – 7/10 **Memphis City Schools African American History Institute – Memphis, TN**

6/09 – 7/09

*Teaching Assistant*

- Assisted Memphis City School students with Tennessee History Day research projects
- Organized the students' daily activities and assignments
- Mentored and tutored students

12/08 – 1/09 **National Civil Rights Museum – Memphis, TN**

*Research Intern*

- Assisted in updating history for museum renovations
- Checked for the accuracy of information on subject areas
- Created a detailed report on findings
- Made suggestions on further interpretation or re-interpretation of exhibits

6/07 – 5/15 **Striking Voices Project – Memphis, TN**

*Research Assistant and Interviewer*

- Conducted research for journalist and author Emily Yellin's forthcoming work on the 1968 Sanitation Workers strike in Memphis, TN
- Conducted interviews with people intimately involved in the 1968 strike

10/06 – 11/07 **Graduate Association for African American History – Memphis, TN**

*Vice-President*

- Assisted in organizing the organization's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Conference in African American History
  - Distributed Call for Papers
  - Coordinated sessions for conference participants from various institutions such as: Yale University, Harvard University, University of Mississippi, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, as well as international students from France.
  - Coordinated rental of facilities
  - Organized the keynote address by Dr. Carol Anderson, Associate Professor of History, University of Missouri-Columbia
  - Created and presented proposal for conference funding to History Department and Student Activities Committee
  - Organized and arranged panel sessions
  - Arranged chairpersons for each session
- Helped coordinate the Black History Month Film Festival
- Assisted in creating a canned food and money drive for the Mid-South Food Bank and Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA)
- Attended monthly meetings and recruitment drives

- 2/06 – Present **Graduate Association for African American History – Memphis, TN**  
*Secretary and At-Large Member*
- Served on annual Graduate Conference in African American History conference coordinating committees.
  - Attended monthly meetings and helped organize fund raising events for non-profit organizations
- 2/06 – 2/07 **Tennessee History Day, West Tennessee Regional – Memphis, TN**  
*Adjudicator*
- Served as judge for junior and senior exhibits and projects for students in the West Tennessee regional division of Tennessee History Day
- 1/10 – 5/13 **Supporting Africa’s Atiyeenu Village Education (SAAVE)**  
*Fundraising Coordinator*
- Coordinated fund raising events with different organizations for village school in Ghana, West Africa. Effort based on a study abroad trip to the country in 2009

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- October 2018 **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in African American History – University of Memphis – Memphis, TN**  
*Commentator*
- Panel: “African American Women and Intellectual Currents of Resistance”
- October 2018 **Association for the Study of African American Life and History – Indianapolis, IN**  
*Presenter*
- Panel: “Beyond King: Interrogating The Black Freedom Movement in Memphis”
    - Paper: After King: The Memphis NAACP’s Struggle for Social, Economic, and Political Power
- February 2018 **Tarrant County College/Tarleton State University History Symposium**  
*Presenter*
- Panel: “Inspiration and Hope Through Speech and Protest”
    - Paper: Before Kaepernick: Black Protest During the 1968 Olympics
- October 2017 **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in African American History – University of Memphis – Memphis, TN**  
*Commentator*
- Panel: “Radical Black Thought”
- October 2016 **Madame C.J. Walker/Frederick Douglass 4th Annual Symposium**  
*Panelist*
- Panel: “Scholars’ Panel on Legacy of Frederick Douglass’s Words”
- October 2016 **Association for the Study of African American Life and History – Richmond, VA**  
*Presenter*
- Panel: “Explorations of Struggles in the History of the Black Liberation Movement”
    - Paper: A SCLC in a NAACP Town: The Founding of Memphis’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- October 2013 **Association for the Study of African American Life and History – Jacksonville, FL**  
*Presenter*
- Panel: “Fighting for Educational Opportunity Before and After Brown”
    - Paper: “The NAACP and School Busing in Memphis, Tennessee, 1971-1973
- September 2012 **Association for the Study of African American Life and History – Pittsburgh, PA**  
*Invited Conference Participant*

November 2011 **Graduate Conference in African American History – University of Memphis – Memphis, TN**

*Session Commentator*

- Panel: “Women in Organizing”

November 2010 **Graduate Conference in African American History – University of Memphis – Memphis, TN**

*Presenter*

- Panel: “The Black Power Movement in Memphis”
  - Paper: To Secure More Jobs in Businesses Located in the Hearts of Black Communities: The NAACP’s Ghetto Development Project

October 2009 **Association for the Study of African American Life and History – Cincinnati, OH**

*Presenter*

- Panel: “The Black Freedom Movement in Memphis Before and After the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”
  - Paper: Beyond 1968: The 1969 Black Monday Protest in Memphis, Tennessee

September 2009 **Graduate Conference in African American History -- University of Memphis – Memphis, TN**

*Panel Chair*

- Panel, “Freedom on My Mind”: Identity in the Black Diaspora

September 2008 **Tennessee Conference of Historians – Nashville, TN**

*Invited Conference Participant*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE**

- Advisor, People’s History Club, 2019-Present
- Mentor, Men of Color Collaborative, 2018-Present
- Multicultural Advisory Board, 2018
- Textbook Committee, 2017-2018

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS**

- Committee Representative, Graduate Student Association Newsletter/Alumni Relations, 2008
- Mentor, FRESH Peer Mentor Program, 2008
- University of Memphis Black History Month Committee, 2007

## **OTHER RELATED SKILLS**

Oral Interviewer

Online Course Instructor

Digital Documents

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2018 – Present: Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society
- 2017 – Present: Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
- 2016 – Present: American Historical Association
- 2006 – Present: Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- 1999 – Present: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.