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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, Ph.D. History, 2007  
The University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, M.A. History, 2000  
The University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, B.A. History and B.A. Political Science, 1997  
University of Arkansas, SEC Academic Leadership Development Program, 2011-2012

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

July 2023 –Present

**Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost**, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro

- Provost and chief academic officer
- Executive Vice Chancellor and chief advisor to Chancellor in all areas including but not limited to finance and administration, enrollment management and growth, human resources, and communication and marketing
- Leader of the largest campus unit; including direct oversight of: 11 academic colleges; Arkansas Online education; Office of Assessment and Accreditation; Office of the Registrar; Office of Institutional Research; and Office of Research, Innovation, and Discovery
- Responsible for annual budget of \$85M
- Responsible for appointing vital administrative leadership positions
- Co-led campus recruitment initiative that saw university total enrollment reach an all-time high leading to an overall increase of 12% over the previous year
- Lead direct investment of \$1.4M of campus resources in Office of Research, Innovation and Discovery to prioritize campus research enterprise, resulting in a 134% increase in external funding, and 34% increase in proposals submitted, further strengthening the university's Carnegie R2 research classification
- Funded inaugural Provost Challenge Seed Fund program to incentivize production of innovative grant proposals for top tier funding organizations (e.g. the Department of Defense, Department of Education, National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Institutes of Health, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation).
- Realigned Arkansas Online Services
- Restructured Revenue Sharing for Arkansas Online Services
- Direct hard funded resources to student success initiatives, including but not limited to the Association of College and University Educators' (ACUE) faculty development training, University College, and the A-State Honors program
- Elevated Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning to operationalize teaching excellence
- Established Provost's Medal for Excellence in Instruction to recognize sustained excellence in academic teaching and instruction
- Support campus website platform change and overhaul
- Facilitate and lead Academic Deans group and Provost's Executive Cabinet
- Implement and standardize professional advising and centralized scheduling on campus

July 2018 –June 2023

**Associate Dean of Humanities**, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

- Served on the dean’s executive committee and co-manage personnel matters for 600 full-time faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants housed within 16 departments, 3 schools, and 40 programs in the college
- Responsible for direct oversight of five academic departments, six area studies programs, the David and Barbara Pryor Center of Oral and Visual History, assessment for the college, faculty development, and study abroad programs throughout the college
- Advised department heads and program directors on matters such as annual evaluations, third year reviews, tenure and promotions, submission of hiring plans, onboarding of new faculty, and budgetary oversight
- Worked as a liaison between Fulbright College and the Office of the Provost on all academic, hiring, and personnel matters

2015 – 2018

**Chair, Department of History**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

- Administered annual budget of approximately \$4.1 million and endowments of \$1.5 million
- Managed hiring plans, promotion, tenure, and mentoring of 29 tenured or tenure track faculty, 8 full-time non-tenure track faculty, and 4 staff members
- Led and participated in the departmental 7-year program review
- Oversaw approximately 400 undergraduate majors and minors, 75 M.A. and Ph.D. students, and enrollment of 7,000 students annually
- Created semester research leave program for funded Ph.D. students and expanded funding opportunities for all graduate students
- Fulfilled University of Arkansas’ Land Grant mission by:
  - Expanding partnership with the College of Education through the Bachelor of Arts in Teaching dual degree program and organizing faculty to engage with secondary teachers on in-service teacher training days and through a district history day competition
- Supported university/college diversity efforts through targeting and hiring diverse candidates and created stronger links with area studies programs
- Worked with faculty and the Graduate School & International Education to expand study abroad opportunities and curriculum at the U of A’s Rome Center

2011 – 2015

**Director, African and African American Studies Program**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

- Promoted from Associate Director to Director in 2010-2011
- Obtained program office space in campus central, in the Memorial Hall building
- Secured 50% administrative assistant position
- Hired, in conjunction with the Dean’s Office, 4 jointly appointed faculty members with the departments of English, History, Sociology, and the School of Social Work
- Added the AAST 2023: The African American Experience course to the University Core
- Led and participated in the program’s 7-year program review
- Developed the program’s graduate certificate
- Restructured major and minor degree programs
- Created an online minor administered through Global Campus
  - Secured secondary source of maintenance funds from Global Campus
- Developed online courses, including:
  - AAST 2023: The African American Experience

- AAST 3023: African Americans in Sports
- AAST 1234: African Americans in Higher Education

2012 – 2014

**Committee Member, Executive Committee, Department of History,** University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

- Advised department chair on personnel decisions
- Conducted annual evaluations and submitted results to department chair
- Provided advice on matters of budgetary oversight

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 – Present	Professor, Department of History, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
2013 – 2023	Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2013 – 2014	Provost Lecturer, University Perspectives, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2007 – 2013	Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2007 – Present	Core Faculty Member, African and African American Studies Program, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
2003 – 2007	Instructor, Department of History, University of Mississippi, Oxford
2000 – 2003	Instructor, Department of History, Pulaski Technical College, Little Rock
2000 – 2003	Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas, Conway

#### PUBLICATIONS

Books: *The Rise to Respectability: Race, Religion, & The Church of God in Christ* (Fayetteville: The University of Arkansas Press, 2012)

*Oscar De Priest, A Black Congressman in Jim Crow America* (under contract with Palgrave Macmillan)

*Elaine's Race Riot: The 100th Year Anniversary and Reexamination Labor, Race, and Violence in the Mississippi Valley* edited volume (under contract with the University of Arkansas Press)

Book Chapters: "It Should Mean More Than Just a Simple Shout: The Life of Elias Camp ('E.C.') Morris," *Race and Ethnicity in Arkansas*, ed. John A. Kirk (Fayetteville: The University of Arkansas Press, 2014)

Articles: "The Church of God in Christ and Mississippi" *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, eds. Ted Ownby and Charles Reagan Wilson (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, October 2014)

"In the Beginning There Stood Two: Arkansas and Mississippi Roots of the Black Holiness Movement," *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 68/1 Spring 2009: 1-22

Book Reviews: Akinyele Omowale Umoja, *We Will Shoot Back*, New York: New York University Press, *The Journal of Southern History* (forthcoming)

Erik S. Gellman and Jarod Roll, *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's Southern Prophets in New Deal America*, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2011, in *Labor* 10 (2) Fall 2012: 123-124

Rebecca Sharpless, *Cooking in Other Women's Kitchens: Domestic Workers in the South, 1865-1960* (Durham: University of North Carolina Press, 2011 in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 71 (2) Spring 2012: 228-229

Heather J. Sharkey, *American Evangelicals in Egypt: Missionary Encounter in an Age of Empire*, Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2009, *The International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42 (1) February 2010: 148-150

#### Manuscripts Reviewed for Publication:

Daryl A. Carter, *President Clinton, African Americans, and the Politics of Race and Class* (University of Arkansas Press)

Woody Holton, *Black America in the Revolutionary Era* (Bedford St. Martin)

Keith A. Mayes, *The Civil Rights and Black Power Movement in the United States, 1945-1975* (Routledge Press)

Edward J. Robinson, *The Fight is on in Texas: A History of African American Churches of Christ in the Lone Star State, 1865-2000* (Abilene Christian Press)

Author unknown, *The Desegregation of Ole Miss: The Battle of Civil Rights Versus Civil Rights* (Oxford University Press)

#### FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2018 Namesake of the Dr. Calvin White, Jr. Excellence in Education Award from the Black Students Association and the Black Alumni Society Scholars, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2017 Master Teacher Award from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2015 Inducted into the University of Arkansas Teaching Academy, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2015 Choice Outstanding Academic Title, *The Rise to Respectability: Race, Religion, and the Church of God in Christ*
- 2015 Nomination, Arkansas Alumni Association Faculty Distinguished Achievement Rising Teacher Award, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2014 Dr. John and Mrs. Lois Imhoff Award for Outstanding Teaching and Student Mentorship, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2013 – 2014 Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences' John E. King Award for Outstanding Service, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
- 2013 Finalist, Dr. John and Mrs. Lois Imhoff Award for Outstanding Teaching and Student Mentorship, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

#### PAPERS & ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“A Black Congressman Amongst Segregationists,” Paper presented at the Obama Institute of American Studies, Mainz, Germany, July 2019

“Setting the Stage for Junior Faculty and Programmatic Success,” Presentation with Valandra, Mary Margaret Hui, and Yvette Murphy-Erby at the American Association for Blacks in Higher Education, Atlanta, March 2014

“Redefining Their Place: Black Business Elites in Post-Emancipation Durham, North Carolina,” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida, October 2013

“Memphis and The Church of God in Christ: The Intersection of Religion and Economic Uplift in New South City,” Paper presented at the Southern Labor Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April

2011

“Memphis, COGIC, and Economic Prosperity,” The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2010

“African American Politics in the 19th Century,” The Mid America Conference on History, (Commentator), Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2010

“Farming and Faith: Religious Responses to Changing Agricultural Practice,” The Agricultural History Society, (Chair and Commentator), Little Rock, Arkansas, June 2009

“In the Beginning, There Stood Two: The Arkansas Roots of the Black Holiness Movement,” The Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2008

“African American Religion in Deep South Cities 1877-1932,” Guest Speaker for the African American and African Programs, Virginia Tech, April 2008

“In the Beginning, There Stood Two: The Arkansas Roots of the Black Holiness Movement,” The Southern Historical Association, Hot Springs, Arkansas, October 2007

“Civil Rights and the Labor Movement,” (Chair and Commentator), The Little Rock School Crisis of 1957: An International Symposium, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 2007

“The Formation of African American Religious Tradition in Post Reconstruction Arkansas and the Mississippi Delta,” The Donovan Distinguished Lecture, University of Arkansas, October 2006

“In the Beginning There Stood Two: The Founding Fathers of the Church of God in Christ,” Presented at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi, March 2006

“The Independent Party of Color: America’s Suppression of a Nationalist Movement in Cuba,” Presented at the African American Graduate Student Annual History Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, September 2004

“Is It Really Over: An Examination of the Cold War,” Presented at the Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting in Conway, Arkansas, April 2000

#### INVITED RESEARCH LECTURES

“Standing at the Vanguard: Oscar Stanton De Priest A Black Congressman Amongst White Segregationists,” Sammy O. Cranford Memorial History Lecture, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, April 2017

“Race, Memorialization, and Legacy,” Roger Williams University, School of Architecture, Bristol, RI, October 2017

“Reconstruction, Reformation, and the Roots of the Church of God in Christ,” Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR, Department of History, October 2017

“Obama and African Americans’ Expectations,” University of Sussex, Centre for American Studies and Department of History, Brighton, England, April 2016

## INVITED LECTURES

Keynote Speaker, “A Walk with Silas,” University of Arkansas Black Graduate Students' Association, Black Law Student Association, Law School, Multicultural Center, Admissions, February 2024

Keynote Speaker, “Reflections of a Black Southerner,” Arkansas Historical Association Annual Conference, May 2019

Keynote Speaker, “Classroom Lessons Learned,” Teaching and Faculty Support Center Wally Cordes Chair Discussion, April 2019

Keynote Speaker, University of Arkansas Teaching Academy Awards, October 2016

“Black Lives Matter vs. All Lives Matter,” Conversation with Resident Assistants, University of Arkansas, October 2016

“The American Civil Rights Movement in Perspective,” University of Sussex, Centre for American Studies and Department of History, April 2016

Keynote Speaker, “A History for Us All: Teaching an Inclusive Narrative,” Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Annual Meeting, September 2015

Keynote Speaker, “The Importance of Advising and Mentorship,” Arkansas Academic Advising Network Annual Meeting, May 2015

Keynote Speaker, Faculty and Staff Convocation, Southeast Arkansas College, January 2015

Keynote Speaker, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Stuttgart, Arkansas, January 2015

Panel Member, “The Racial Politics of Ebola,” sponsored by African and African American Studies, The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, and International Relations/International Studies, University of Arkansas, November 2014

Keynote Speaker, Faculty and Staff Convocation, Pulaski Technical College, August 2014

“It’s More Than a Month: The Transformation of African American History” Keynote Speaker, Pulaski Technical College, February 2014

“Was it All a Dream?: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Vision Today,” Keynote Speaker for 12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Presentation, Northwest Arkansas Community College, January 2014

“Juneteenth Celebrated,” Ozarks at Large, KUAF Radio, June 2013

Keynote Speaker, Juneteenth Celebration Opening Ceremony, Northwest Arkansas Juneteenth Celebration, June 2013

“The History of Emancipation in Arkansas,” KNWA, Northwest Arkansas Homepage, February 2013

Keynote Speaker, The State of Black America, University of Arkansas, February 2013

Keynote Speaker, Associated Student Government Martin Luther King, Jr. Vigil, University of Arkansas, January 2013

Radio interview and feature, "What's the 411 with Sharon Kay," WFSK Radio, May 2012

"So You Say You Want to Be A College Student," The Sam Walton Business School TAPS Program, The University of Arkansas, July 2009

"The Legacy of a Dream," The Martin Luther King Day Speech for the University of Arkansas (Office of Diversity), University of Arkansas, January 2008

"Africa, American Reconstruction and the Making of African American Religious Traditions," The Spring International Program for Incoming International Graduate Students, University of Arkansas, July 2007

"A Legacy of Struggle, From Property to Failed Dreams & the Struggle for Equality: A Series of Readings Chronicling the Plight of African Americans in Mississippi." One of six participants presenting Black History Voices: First Person from the University of Mississippi Special Collections, broadcast live on Mississippi Public Radio, University of Mississippi, February 2007

## GRADUATE & HONORS SUPERVISION

### Doctoral Candidates, Supervised:

Chester Cornell, "Black Islamic Evangelization in the American South," (History), 2018, currently an Assistant Professor at Carl Albert College

Misti Harper, "And They Entered as Ladies: When Race, Class, and Black Femininity Clashed at Little Rock Central High School," (History), August 2017, currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Gustavus Adolphus College

Airic Hughes, (History), in progress

Sarah Riva, (History), in progress

### Doctoral Candidates, Committee Reader:

Nathaniel Conley, "Frontier Capitalism and Unfree Labor in Middle Appalachia: The Development of Western Pennsylvania and Maryland, 1760-1840," (History), January 2018

Whitney Martin, "The Hollow Class: African-American Class-Passing and the Popular," (English), August 2017

John Treat, "Initiating Race: Fraternal Organizations, Racial Identity, and Public Discourse in American Culture, 1865-1919," (History), August 2016

Scott Cashion, "'And So We Moved Quietly': Southern Methodist University and Desegregation, 1950-1970," (History), May 2013

Geoffrey Jensen, "It Cut Both Ways: The Cold War and Civil Rights Reform Within the Military, 1956-1968," (History), August 2009

### Master's Candidates, Supervised:

Airic Hughes, "A Light in the Darkness, Oscar Micheaux: Entrepreneur Intellectual Agitator," (History), June 2015

Mary Margaret Hui, "To Walk Forth As Men and Women: The Grassroots of the NAACP's Dyer Bill Campaign," (History), April 2011

Andrea Franklin, "Daughters of the Revolution: Black Feminism and the Birth of the Third Wave," (History), December 2009

Master's Candidates, Committee Reader:

Camille Goldmon, "Refusing to be Dispossessed: African American Land Retention in the U.S. South from Reconstruction to World War II," (History), Spring 2017

Anna Crayton, "John Paul Hammerschmidt and the Early Struggle for the Construction of Interstate 49," (History), Fall 2015

Adam Carson, "Feet in the South, Eyes to the West: Fort Smith Enters the Sunbelt," (History), Fall 2012

Edward Andrus, "The Pine, The Bluff, and The River: An Environmental History of Jefferson County," (History), Summer 2010

Undergraduate Honors Candidates, Supervised:

Brittani Dockery, "Finding Room on a Crowded Bookshelf: The Memphis Cotton Carnival and Racial Uplift," (History), Spring 2012

Mary Margaret Hui, "August Wilson's African American History: Using Drama to Understand Our Past," (History, Drama), Spring 2009

Undergraduate Honors Candidates, Committee Reader:

Cassie Dishman, "Equality Before God: The Effect of the Great Awakening on Native American Christians," (History), Spring 2013

Lauren Wilson, "The Anglo-American Relationship: Relationship of the People," (History), Spring 2011

Ashley Steward, "Surveys Utilizing Infrared and Optical Data," Spring 2009

Emily Rogers, "Foreign Aid's History in Africa: Why New Programs Bring Hope to the HIV/AIDS Crisis," (History), Spring 2009

Kim Carlson, "Crisis in Van Buren: A Small Town's Reaction to Integration," (History), Spring 2008

Nicolas Moore, "The Prima Porta: What This Statue Communicated to Both Aristocrats and Provincials," (History), Fall 2008

Shambrekia Wise, "Activity Against KB3 Cells," (Biology, Chemistry), Fall 2008

## STATE, UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- State Service: Chair, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, 2019
- Board of Directors Member, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
- Board of Directors Member, Washington County Historical Association
- Board of Advisors Member, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center for the Study of African American History of Culture and Life
- Committee Member, Northwest Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Committee
- University Service: Committee Member, Strategic Enrollment Management Steering Committee, July 2022-Present
- Committee Member, Senior Walk Working Group, July-September 2022
- Committee Member, The Silas B. Hunt Legacy Selection Committee
- Committee Member, Martin Luther King Day Campus Planning Committee
- Committee Member, The Campus Wide Diversity Committee
- Faculty Advisor, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, University of Arkansas Chapter Faculty Advisor, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- College Service: Committee Member, Fulbright Enrollment Planning Committee, May 2022-Present
- Committee Member, Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2013-2014
- Committee Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2014-2015
- Committee Member, Planning and Fiscal Committee, 2012-2015
- Senator At Large position, Faculty Senate, 2013-present
- Committee Member, African and African American Studies Executive Committee, 2007-present
- Committee Member, Religious Studies Committee, 2011-2015
- Departmental Service: Convener, Executive Committee, 2016-2018
- Ex-Officio Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2016-2018
- Committee Member, Awards Committee, 2010-Present
- Committee Member, Executive Committee, 2012-2018
- Committee Member, Awards Committee, 2010-present
- Committee Member, Graduate Mentors Teachers Committee, 2007-2014

Committee Member, Mary Hudgins Grants Committee, 2010-2013

Co-Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 2008-2010

Committee Member, American History Survey Committee, 2007-2010

Departmental Faculty Searches:

Committee Member, Antebellum History Professor Search Committee, 2015-2016

Chair, African History Professor Search Committee, 2014-2015

Co-Chair, Caribbean History/African and African American Studies Joint Appointment Professor Search Committee, 2012-2013

Co-Chair, Sociology/African and African American Studies Joint Appointment Professor Search Committee, 2012-2013

Co-Chair, English/African and African American Studies Joint Appointment Professor Search Committee, 2011-2012

Committee Member, School of Social Work/African and African American Studies Joint Appointment Professor Search Committee, 2011- 2012

Committee Member, Early American Slavery History Professor Search, 2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Historical Association (SHA)

Association for the Study of African American History and Life (ASALH)

American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE)

Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society (Mu Chapter, Arkansas)

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (Iota Pi Chapter)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available Upon Request