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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ph.D. History 2003
The College of Charleston, South Carolina, M. A. History, 1997
The College of Charleston, South Carolina, B. A. History, 1994

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2024- Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Communication, Arkansas State University
Responsibilities:
- Custodian of a multimillion-dollar budget across nine academic departments
 - Provide academic leadership for and coordination of all academic programs offered by the college, including resource allocation, implementation, evaluation, and continuous improvement.
 - Review, sign, and submit all official documents from departments to the Registrar's Office, including thesis, dissertation, and comprehensive exam committee forms
 - Review and approve travel authorizations, expense reports, and pcard reports
 - Represent the college in meetings with the Provost and Chancellor
 - Represent the college in all university-level committees and events
 - Coordinate donor relations with the Advancement Office
 - Provide college level communication to faculty, staff, and students
 - Coordinate and supervise facility projects
 - Facilitate Strategic Planning, Access, Inclusion, and Belonging initiatives
 - Supervise academic department chairs
 - Review and approve personnel changes
 - Participate in PRT review process

- Facilitate faculty grievance process as outlined in the Faculty Handbook
- Recommend faculty for faculty achievement awards, support faculty grant applications, and provide other letters of support as requested by faculty
- Supervise KASU and Print Shop
- Support Associate Dean, Academic Advisors, and Dean's Office Staff

2020-2024

Dean of the Graduate School, Arkansas State University

Responsibilities:

- Inaugural Dean of the newly reconstituted Graduate School
- Chief administrator and advocate for all university graduate programs
- Oversees \$1.9 million Graduate School Budget
- Allocates Graduate Assistantships with funding to colleges across campus
- Provides oversight for recruitment, admissions, academic progress, career, and graduate student professional development
- Works closely with International Programs and International Graduate Students
- Works with Graduate directors and chairs to establish best practices for Graduate students
- Instituted SLATE as the Graduate School's application and admissions platform
- Works closely with ASTATE Online Graduate Programs
- Works with the Graduate Council on curricular policy and procedures for Graduate education and to determine Graduate Faculty Status
- Works with the Graduate Student Council on student issues and programming
- Increased the visibility of the Graduate School, locally, nationally, and internationally
- Developed annual New Graduate Student Orientation
- Created the first-ever Graduate School Strategic Plan
- Collaborates with units across campus to create graduate student programming
- Provides limited funding to help with Graduate student conference travel
- Created Graduate Appeals Committee
- Reviewed Graduate Student appeals

2009-2014

Assistant Chair, Department of History, Arkansas State University

- Was assistant chair on three separate occasions

- Assisted the chair with overall management of the department
- Performed departmental and professional support tasks
- Was a staff advisor and faculty liaison
- Assisted in the development and implementation of programs
- Represented department chair in the chair's absence
- Provided leadership on selected projects by
- the chair
- Assisted with coordinating department course schedule
- Served on the department executive committee

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2024-2025	Association of Blacks in Higher Education, LMI Mellon Fellow
2023-2024	Millennium Leadership Initiative, American Association of State Colleges and Universities
2022	American Council on Education Women's Leadership Mentor Program
2022	Leadership Institute for a New Academy, American Council of Learned Societies
2021-2022	American Council on Education Fellow, University of Central Arkansas
2011	American Council of Education's Office of Women in Higher Education, South Carolina Regional Leadership Forum for Women Administrators, Charleston, South Carolina

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

1987-1996	Motor Transport Operator, 941 st and 942 nd Transportation Unit, U.S. Army Reserve, 1987-1996, North Charleston, South Carolina
1990-1991	Veteran, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2017-2022	James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Endowed Professor of History
2016-	Professor of History, Arkansas State University
2016-2021	Director, A-State Digital Press
2009-2016	Associate Professor of History, Arkansas State University
2003-2009	Assistant Professor of History, Arkansas State University
2003-	Major and Minor Advisor, Department of History, Arkansas State University

2003-2021 Advisor and Coordinator, African American Studies Minor, Arkansas State University

PUBLICATIONS

Series Co-editor, Rural Black Studies, University of Arkansas Press

Books

“ . . . To Make the Farm Bureau Stronger and Better for All the People:” African Americans and the American Farm Bureau Federation: 1917-1966 (manuscript in progress)

"Better Living by Their Own Bootstraps": Rural Black Women's Activism in Arkansas, 1913-1965 (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2021).

Co-edited with Dr. Gary Edwards, *Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2018).

Crossing the Line: Women's Interracial Activism in South Carolina during and after World War II (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2014).

Edited Volumes

Co-edited with Dr. Adrienne Petty, “African American Women in the 20th Rural South,” a special issue of *Agricultural History* (Summer 2019)

Essays/Articles/Book Chapters

“Loyal Women of Palmetto:” Black Women’s Clubs in Charleston, South Carolina, in Kameelah L. Martin and Simon Smith, eds. *"How Came It Yours?" Black South Carolinian Achievement in the Making of America* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, forthcoming 2027).

“The Particular Experience of Being a Black Woman Dean at a Historically White and Rural University,” in Henry T. Frierson, editor. *Voices of Black Graduate Deans Advancing Graduate Education at Historically White Universities* (United Kingdom: Emerald Publishing, 2025): 241-252.

“To Scratch and Crow under Our Own Vine and Fig Tree”: the National Federation of Colored Farmers, the Modern Farmer, and the Farm Bureau, 1929-1949, *Agricultural History*, Vol. 99, No. 1 (February 2025): 1-17. *This was my presidential address.*

Foreword, “Little Known To Many, Lives With Us Still: Black Americans and American Agricultural Labor in Slavery and Freedom,” in Marjorie Williams-Smith, *Black Fields: Crops Cultivated by Enslaved Africans-Cotton, Tobacco, Rice, and Sugar* (2025).

“Introduction,” in Stephen Koch, *From Almeda to Zilphia: Arkansas Women Who Transformed American Popular Song*, (Little Rock: Et Alia Press, 2025).

“Arkansisters:” Engaging in Self-Help Activism as a Holistic Praxis, *Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies* Vol. 54, No. 3 (Winter/December 2023): 164-167.

“I Never Saw Myself as a Leader,” in Audrey Bowser, et. al., *Black Women’s Formal and Informal Ways of Leadership: Actualizing the Vision of a More Equitable Workplace* (Hershey: P.A.: IGI Global, 2023), 276-290.

“The National Negro Health Movement,” Debra A. Rei, Karen-Beth G. Scholthof, David D. Vail, eds. *Interpreting Science at Museums and Historic Sites*, (Landham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2023), 57-63.

“Annie Zachary Pike,” AgriLeadHer, <https://www.agrileadher.com/annie-zachary-pike> (Spring 2023).

John Henry Gammon, Jr., Encyclopedia of Arkansas, <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/john-gammon-15131/> (Summer 2023).

“Black Women, Violence, and Criminality in Post-World War I Arkansas, 1919-1922,” Michael Pierce and Calvin White, Jr., ed., *Race, Labor, and Violence in the Delta: Essays to Mark the Centennial of the Elaine Massacre* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2022), 81-94.

“African Americans in Agriculture,” R. Douglas Hurt, ed., *A Companion to American Agricultural History* (Wiley-Blackwell: Hoboken, 2022), 215-228.

“The Arkansas Association of Colored Women and Early Twentieth-Century Maternalist Political Activism,” *The Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 79, No. 3, Arkansas Women: Race, Reform, and the Right to Vote (Autumn 2020): 218-230.

“Teach My Book: Cherisse Jones-Branch on Crossing the Line: Women’s Interracial Activism in South Carolina during and after World War II,” Teaching United States History (December 7, 2020), <http://www.teachingushistory.co/category/teach-my-book>.

“Pickens Black Sr.: The Patriarch of Blackville, Arkansas,” *The Stream of History, The Jackson County Historical Society*, (2020), 53, no. 1-4: 90-98.

“Can The Sistas’ Get Some History Too”: Transformations in Southern Black Women’s History, in Catherine Clinton, ed., *Strange Careers: 50 Years of Southern Women’s History* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2020), 76-86.

“Fighting, Protesting, and Organizing:” African Americans in World War I Arkansas,” in Mark Christ, ed., *The War At Home: Perspectives on the Arkansas Experience during World War I* (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2020), 83-102.

“‘We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest,’ The Civil Rights Movement,” co-authored with Katherine Mellon Charron, in Craig Friend and Lorri Glover, eds., *Rewriting Southern History: Historiographical Essays* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2020), 305-332. The collection won the Jules and Frances Landry Award from the Louisiana State University Press.

“To Raise Standards Among the Negroes:” Jeanes Supervising Industrial Teachers in Rural Jim Crow Arkansas, 1909-1950,” *Agricultural History* (Summer 2019), 412-436.

“Been a Guinea Pig in this Race: Annie Ruth Zachary Pike, Arkansas Homemaker, Farmer, and Politician,” *International Journal of Africana Studies*, (Spring-Summer 2018): 7-24.

“An Uneasy Alliance: Farm Women and the United States Department of Agriculture, 1913-1995,” *Federal History*, Issue 10 (April 2018): 98-114.

“Women and the 1919 Elaine Race Massacre,” in *The Elaine Massacre and Arkansas: A Century of Atrocity and Resistance*, Guy Lancaster, ed. (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2018): 178-202.

“Working Slowly but Surely and Quietly”: The Arkansas Council of the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, 1930-1941 in *Bullets and Fire: Case Studies of Lynching in Arkansas from Slavery to the 1930s*, Guy Lancaster, ed. (Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2017), 223-237.

“African American Home Demonstration Agents in the Field and Rural Reform in Arkansas, 1914-1965,” in *Food History and Rural Woman Professionals, 1880-1965*, Linda Ambrose and Joan Jensen, eds., (Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2017), 156-173.

Book Reviews

R. Douglas Hurt, *Agriculture in the Midwest, 1815-1900* (University of Nebraska Press, 2023), H-Environment, <https://networks.h-net.org/group/reviews/20064866/jones-branch-hurt-agriculture-midwest-1815-1900> (April 2025)

Christine Greene, *Free Joan Little: The Politics of Race, Sexual Violence, and Imprisonment* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022), *Journal of American History* (December 2024): 631.

Casey Kayser, *Marginalized, Southern Women Playwrights Confront Race, Region, and Gender* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2021), *Arkansas Review* 54.3 (December 2023): 22-228.

Manuscript Reviews

Bobby Smith, Jr., *Black Farm Boys: The Untold Story of the New Farmers of America*, Agricultural History Society.

“To Make the Best Better: Black Women’s Rural Education Leadership in the Segregated South,” *Journal of African American History*, July 2026.

“Learning as Contraband: An Analysis of the Origins of Black Education in Arkansas,” *Arkansas Review*, June 2026.

Peer Editor, “You Learn as You Go: Economic Risk & Reality for Women in Rural Arkansas,” Women’s Foundation of Arkansas, March 2026.

Peer Editor, “Holding It All Together: Working Moms and Child Care in Arkansas,” Women’s Foundation of Arkansas, March 2026.

David C. Atkinson, *The Modern United States and the World Today*, Routledge, October 2025.

Shannon Eaves and Valerie Frazier, “Sisterhood and Service in Charleston’s Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,” *Discovering Our Past: College of Charleston Histories*, August 2025.

Kaye R. Hagler, *Rural Rebellion: The Home Demonstration Movement in the South*, University of Alabama Press, June 2025.

“Racial Discrimination in Jury Selection: The Arkansas Cases of the Bone Brothers, 1938-1940,” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, May 2025.

“Rural African American Migrant Households in Southeast Arkansas, 1840-1940, *The Arkansas Archeologist*, February 2025.

“Arkansas New Business Men’s League,” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, April 2024.

“A Better Way to Live, A Better Way to Cultivate”: Henry Allen Laine and the Development of the Black Agricultural Extension Service in Kentucky,” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Kentucky Historical Society, October 2024.

Adrienne Monteith Petty and Mark Roman Schultz, *Breaking New Ground: African American Farm Owners Since the Civil War*, Oxford University Press, September 2023.

“South Carolina’s Medical New Deal: Modjeska Simkins’ Healthcare Activism in Communities of Color, 1931-1941, *Journal of African American History*, August 2023.

“This Bunch of Narrow-Minded, Un-American, Negro-Hating People”: The Fort Smith Housing Authority, Black Residents, the NAACP, and Civil Rights in the Early 1940s,” *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, April 2023.

“Black Homesteading in Southern New Mexico: An Under-Told Story,” *Great Plains Quarterly*, April 2023.

Katheryn Beasley, *The Proof is in the Dough: Rural Southern Women, Extension, and Making Money*, University of Georgia Press, January 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

“Conceptualizaing Rurality,” Cultivating Rurality: Building Community around Rural Research, Obermann Symposium, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa, March 2026.

“How To Keep Well:” African American Health Activism in early to mid-twentieth century Arkansas, KLEK 102.5 FM, February 2025

“In the Interest of the Health Conservation of the American Negro:” National Negro Health Week Activist Praxis in Rural Southern Black Communities, European Rural History Organisation, Coimbra, Portugal, September 2025

“Black Agricultural Activism in Selma, Alabama: Samuel William Boynton and the Dallas County Negro Farm Bureau,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2025

“...”To Scratch and Crow Under Our Own Vine and Fig Tree”: The National Federation of Colored Farmers, The Modern Farmer, and the Farm Bureau, 1929-1949, Presidential Address, Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Las Cruces, New Mexico, June 2024

Virtual Artist Talk for BLACK FIELDS: Crops Cultivated by Africans Who Were Enslaved - Cotton, Tobacco, Rice, and Sugar |Metalpoint drawings and paintings by Marjorie Williams-Smith with Special guest: Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, agricultural historian and Dean of Liberal Arts & Communication, Arkansas State University, November 2024

“African American Women and Agrarian Activism in the Natural State, 1913-1965,” McLellan Lecture Series, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, February 2024

“Charleston and Rurality,” Legacy Program Signature Lecture, College of Charleston, South Carolina, February 2024

“Hope, Courage, and Unity,” Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration, Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas, January 2024

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps,” The David and Barbara Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 2023

“How To Keep Well:” African American Health Activism in early to mid-twentieth century Arkansas, New York Institute of Technology at A-STATE, October 2023

“A Debutante, A Soldier, and a War Veteran,” Student Veterans Organization, Arkansas State University, October 2023

“African American Women’s Activism in Rural Arkansas,” Arkansas: Histories of Place, Little Rock, Arkansas, Ron Robinson Theatre, April 2023

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps,” Fayetteville, Arkansas Public Library (virtual), March 2023

“A Brief History of the NAACP,” 1909-1960s, Craighead County NAACP, February 2023

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps,” Wynne Rotary Club, February 2023

“Going from Associate to Full: What You Need to Know,” Association of Black Women Historians Mentorship Class, October 2022 (virtual presentation)

“Balancing It All: African American Women in Arkansas’s Agricultural/Rural History,” AgriLeadHer: Women in Agriculture Conference, University of Georgia, August 2022 (virtual presentation)

“African Americans and the American Farm Bureau Federation,” European Rural History Organisation, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2022

“Who is a Farm Bureau member?” Organization of American Historians, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2022

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps: Rural Black Women’s Activism in Arkansas, 1914-1965,” Keynote Address, Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Magnolia, Arkansas, April 2022

“Black Women in Arkansas’s Rural History,” Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Magnolia, Arkansas, April 2022

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps,” Harvard School of Education Rural Educators Alliance, March 2022 (virtual presentation)

“African Americans and Medicine in the South Carolina Lowcountry,” Medical University of South Carolina, February 2022

“Pickens Black Sr., The Baron of Blacksville, Arkansas, KLEK, 102.5 FM, Jonesboro, Arkansas, February 2022

“The Sum of Our Reckonings: What We Know (and don’t know) About Arkansas’s African American Heritage, Old State House Museum, Little Rock, February 2022 (virtual)

“They Say They Are Maligned and Traduced:” Black Medical Professionals in Arkansas, African American Medicine in Arkansas, Black History Commission of Arkansas, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, February 2022

“Women Always Had More Courage. . .:” Rural Black Women and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, American Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2022

“Bill of Rights,” *We The People*. . . , Arkansas Humanities Council, January 2022

“Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps: Rural Black Women’s Activism in Arkansas, 1914-1965,” 25th Annual Cotton and Rural History Conference, The Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum, Greenville, Texas, November 2021 (virtual)

“African American Farm Women in Arkansas,” Williams Baptist University, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, October 2021

Better Living By Their Own Bootstraps, Book Talk, Association for the 2021 Study of African American History and Life Virtual Annual Meeting, September 2021

“Ethel B. Dawson, the National Council of Churches of Christ Home Missions Division, and Progressive Women’s Activism in Rural 1950s Arkansas Student Support Services, Arkansas State University August 2021

“. . .To Work for the Upbuilding of the Negro Race:” The Colored Orphan Asylum and Southland College, 1864-1925, Delta Cultural Center, Helena, Arkansas, August 2021

“A Community Approach to Supporting Graduate Student Mental Health and Well-Being,” Council of Graduate Schools, 2021 Virtual Summer Workshop and New Deans Institute, July 12-14, 2021

“Loyal Women of Palmetto:” The Role of Black Women’s Clubs in Political, Social, and Cultural Activism in the South Carolina Lowcountry,” College of Charleston, May 19, 2021

Archives Month, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Virtual Program, October 2020

“Q & A Discussion with Dr. Jones-Branch,” College of Charleston Graduate Studies Program, Virtual Program, September 2020

“You’re Tenured! So What? : Next Steps in Academia, ” Felix Armfield Early Career Workshop Series, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Virtual Conference, September 2020

“The Vote:” ETV Endowment of South Carolina, Virtual Program, <https://youtu.be/9jaqdKlew7g>, June/July 2020

“Suffrage for All?”: Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, Virtual Program, June 2020

“Women and the 1919 Elaine Massacre,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2019

“Ethel B. Dawson, the National Council of Churches of Christ Home Missions Division, and Progressive Women’s Activism in Rural 1950s Arkansas,” European Rural History Organisation, Paris, France, September 2019

“Women and the 1919 Elaine Massacre,” Teaching and Learning Difficult History: A Curriculum Workshop and Training Seminar on Racial Violence in Arkansas, The Butler Center, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 2019

“What Each Good Citizen and Christian Women Can Do! :” Ethel B. Dawson, the Home Missions Division of the National Council of Churches of Christ, and Civil Rights

Activism in Rural Arkansas, 1950-1956,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2019

GRADUATE THESES AND DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Dissertation Committees Chaired, Heritage Studies Ph. D. Program

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| 2024 | C. W. Campbell, “Volunteers in Service To America (VISTA) and Civil Rights Struggles in Marianna and Lee County, Arkansas (not completed) |
| 2019 | JaJuan Johnson, “Heritage Terrorism ” (Currently interim director of The Lemon Project at the College of William and Mary.) |

Dissertation Committees Reader, Heritage Studies Ph. D. Program

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| 2024 | Anwar Jamison, “Postcolonial Theory and the Intersection of Ghanaian Cinema and Politics” (Assistant Professor of Teaching and Communication Studies, University of Memphis) |
| 2025 | Scot Loyd, “What Does Azusa Have To Do with Arkansas?: A Historical and Ethnographic Study of Pentecostalism and Personal Departure” |
| 2019 | Carmen Lanos Williams, “Arkansas in the African American Imaginary” (currently Director of Honors Program, Arkansas State University) |
| 2016 | Aketa Guillory, "Heritage Defined, But Not Mine: The Lakeport Plantation House Restoration Case Study" (currently an instructor at Southern New Hampshire University) |
| 2011 | Lisa Renee Perry, “Memory, Identity, and Paternalism: Creating an Appalachian Camelot” (currently CEO of a nonprofit organization) |

History Master’s Theses Committees Chaired

- 2018 Chelsea McNutt, “Arkansas Rosenwald Schools”
(Earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University in 2026, currently assistant professor of History at Grambling State University)
- 2017 Ryan Smith, “Laura Conner Cornelius, Arkansas Prison Reform Activist”
(Earned a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 2026, currently assistant professor at Missouri State University)

Master’s Theses Committee Reader

- 2025 Odette Henry, “AI and Affective Polarization: The Ethos, Pathos, and Logos of AI Political Discourse,” MS, Mass Media Communication
(currently a doctoral student at Louisiana State University)
- 2019 Kelsey DeFord, “A Tale of Two Culpeppers: Social Context of Revolutionary Espionage
- 2014 Zachary Elledge, “The Arkansas Confederate Women’s Monument”
- 2014 Monica Campbell, "The 'Invisible' Empire: An Examination of the Kraighead Kounty Ku Klux Klan in 1922"
(Earned a Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi; currently working for the National Records and Archives Administration, Washington National Record Center, Maryland)

Honors Theses Committees

- 2018 Rayna Todd, “The Power of the Pen: Educational Access through the Writings of Black Women (currently an attorney in Memphis, Tennessee)
- 2018 Meredith Carvell, “Nashville, Tennessee Sit In Movement” (currently an attorney in Las Cruces, New Mexico)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught since 2003

Undergraduate

Practice of History
United States History since 1876 (seated, online, and for the Honors College)
African American History I and II
Age of Jim Crow
U.S. Civil Rights Movement
“Who Tells Your Story?: Race, Rap, and Revolution in Hamilton (interdisciplinary, team-taught and ASTATE’s first Inaugural Signature Course)

Graduate

Age of Jim Crow
Race and Ethnicity in United States History
American Women in Rural History
Graduate Readings in Rural History
Women’s Activism and Reform
Readings in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement
Readings in 20th Century African American History
Studies in Women’s History
Studies in African American Intellectual History
African American Women’s History
African American Women’s Activism
Women Who Changed the World (interdisciplinary team-taught course)

Heritage Studies Ph. D. Program

Regional Cultures: The History of the Mississippi Delta Region
Special Topics in American History: Women, Family, and Community (cross-listed with the History Department)
Special Topics: Race, Gender, and Identity (cross-listed with the History Department)

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

University Committees

2022	Higher Learning Commission Review Committee
2022	Honorary Doctorate Committee
2022	University Students and Scholars Committee
2022	University Integrity Committee
2022	Academic Calendar Committee
2022	RFP 22-31 Consulting Firm Search Committee
2021-	International Students and Scholars Committee
2021-	Academic Integrity Advisory Board
2021-	Faculty Achievement Awards Committee

2020-	Campus Climate Committee
2022-	Institute for Rural Initiatives Consultation Committee
2020-	Academic Misconduct Committee
2020-	A-State Assessment Committee
2019-2020	Faculty Senate
2018	Red Wolves Digital Initiative
2017-	Black History Planning Committee
2014-	Advisory Board, A-State K-20 Center for Educational Enrichment
2014-2016	Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate
2012-2016	Faculty Senate

College of Liberal Arts and Communication Committees

2016-2017	College Renaming Committee
2013-2014	Historic Preservationist Search Committee
2011-2012	Archivist Search Committee
2011-2016	Assessment Committee
2011-2014	Faculty Achievement Awards Committee
2010-2024	Admission/Academic Credit/Graduation Appeals Committee
2008-2020	Heritage Studies Program Committee
2007-	Faculty Achievement Awards Committee
2006-2011	Executive Committee, Delta Symposium
2006-	Admissions and Credits Committee
2003-	Program Committee, Women and Gender Studies Minor
2003-	Editorial Committee, <i>Arkansas Review: A Journal of Delta Studies</i>

History Department Committees

2021	African American History Search Committee
2019-2020	Chair, European History Search Committee
2014	Chair, Social Science Search Committee
2009-	Executive Committee
2011-	Curriculum Committee
2011-	Graduate Studies Committee
2009-	Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025	NE Arkansas Representative, Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education
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2024	President, Arkansas Deans Association
2024	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of African American History</i>
2024	African American Intellectual History Society Conference Committee
2023	Secretary, Arkansas Deans Association
2023	National Endowment for the Humanities Awards for Faculty Evaluation Committee
2023-2026	Council of Fellows, American Council on Education
2023	President, Agricultural History Society
2023	Coordinating Council for Women in History Catherine Prelinger Award Committee
2023	2 nd Vice-President, Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education
2023	Advanced Placement U.S. History Test Development Committee Co-Chair
2022	Berkshires Conference for Women Article Prize Committee
2022	National Endowment for the Humanities, Media Projects Development and Production Grants Review Panel
2022	Executive Committee, Arkansas Deans Association
2022-	Faculty Awards Committee, Council of Southern Graduate Schools,
2022-	Board of Trustees, Arkansas Historical Association
2022-	Chair, Education and Public History Committee, Arkansas Historical Association
2022-	Professional Development Committee, Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education
2022	Vice President/President-Elect, Agricultural History Society
2022	Chair, Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession, Organization of American Historians
2021	Carstensen Award Committee, Agricultural History Society
	• 2023 Chair
2021-2022	Sexual Harassment Committee, Southern Historical Association
2021-	Nominations Committee, Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education
2021	Co-chair, Rural Women's Studies Association
2021-	American Association of University Women
2021-	Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession, Organization of American Historians (Chair in 2022)
2021	American Council on Education Engage Mental Health Ambassador
2021-	Council of Graduate Schools Dissertation Award Committee
2021 -	Council of Graduate Schools Diversity and Inclusiveness Advisory Committee
2020-	Council of Graduate Schools Ambassadors Network
2020-	Advanced Placement U.S. History Test Development Committee
2020-21	Association for the Study of African American Life and History Program Committee

2020-	Chair, Coordinating Council for Women in History /Berkshire Award Committee
2020	Darlene Clark Hine Award Committee, Organization of American Historians
2018-	Executive Committee, Agricultural History Society
2018-2019	National Endowment for the Humanities, Media Projects Development and Production Grants Review Panel

Life Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History
 Life Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
 Life Member, Agricultural History Society
 Life Member, Southern Historical Association
 Life Member, Southern Association for Women Historians

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2026	Secretary, Women's Foundation of Arkansas Board of Directors
2023-2024	Chair, Arkansas Military Women's Symposium Committee
2022-	Co-founder, Arkansas Delta Women's Leadership Academy, Arkansas State University
2022-	Facilitation Team, Arkansas Delta Women's Leadership Academy, Arkansas State University
2022	Women's Foundation of Arkansas Board of Directors
2022-2024	1 st Anti-Basileus, Mu Sigma Sigma Alumnae Chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, West Memphis, Arkansas
2022-	National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Historical Committee
2022	Arkansas Commission on the Status of Women (Governor's appointee) *co-chair of the Research and Writing Committee with Arkansas State University Chancellor Dr. Todd Shields
2021-	Arkansas PBS Foundation Board
2019-2021	Board of Directors, Foundation for the Arts, Jonesboro, Arkansas
2019-	Center Champion, Women's Leadership Center, Arkansas State University
2019-	Advisory Board, Hoxie: The First Stand, Hoxie, Arkansas
2019-	Jonesboro Rotary Club, Arkansas
2018-	National Association of Colored Women's Clubs
2018-	Blytheville Social and Art Club, Blytheville, Arkansas
2018-2019	Crowley's Ridge Toastmasters, Jonesboro, Arkansas
2018-2022	2 nd Anti-Basileus, Mu Sigma Sigma chapter, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, West Memphis, Arkansas
2017-2023	Black History Commission of Arkansas (Governor's appointee)

- 2017- Board Member and President, The Voice of Arkansas Minority Advisory Council, KLEK 102.5 FM, Jonesboro, Arkansas
- 2013- Eliza Murphy #395, Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jonesboro, Arkansas
- 2013- Craighead County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 Brown Girls Rock, Greek Woman Award, The Pearls Foundation and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Chi Eta Chapter
- 2025 Arkansas 250, Arkansas' Most Influential Leaders, Arkansas Business Publishing Group
- 2024 Arkansas 250, Arkansas' Most Influential Leaders, Arkansas Business Publishing Group
- 2024 Featured in "Women's Work: The Untold Story of America's Female Farmer," The Female Farmer Project and KRCreative Studio
- 2023 100 Women of Impact, Women's Foundation of Arkansas, Arkansas Business Publishing Group, *Little Rock Soiree*
- 2023 Featured in American Council on Education Fellows Program Testimonial
- 2023 Excellence in Diversity Award, Arkansas State University
- 2022 Fellow, Agricultural History Society
- 2022 Excellent in Education Award, Delta Population Health Institute
- 2021 Northeast Arkansas (NEA) Women in Business Top Ten Nominee
- 2021 Walter L. Brown Award for Best Article, Arkansas Historical Association
- 2019 Fellow, World Woman Foundation
- 2019 Faculty Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
- 2018 University Educator of the Year, Arkansas Council for the Social Studies
- 2017 February 2017, Research Professor of the Month, Arkansas State University
- 2017 Featured in "Dreamland: Little Rock's West 9th Street," Arkansas PBS
- 2015 Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Arkansas State University
- 2014 Letitia Brown Woods Book Award, Association of Black Women Historians
- 2014 Finalist, George C. Rogers, Jr. Award, South Carolina Historical Society