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EDUCATION

PhD, African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX (May 2024)

M.A., History, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN (May 2016)

B.A., Psychology, Middle Tennessee (December 2010)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of History and Director of the African American Studies Minor,
Arkansas State University, Fall 2026–Present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Black Studies, Northwestern University, Fall 2024–
Summer 2026

Research Associate/Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Talitha LeFlouria, University of
Texas at Austin, Fall 2022–Summer 2024

Internship Coordinator, Campus Contextualization and Commemoration Initiative,
University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2022–Spring 2023

Managing Editor, *Black Perspectives*, Fall 2022–Spring 2024

Assistant Editor, *Black Perspectives*, Summer 2021–Spring 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript in Progress

*Black Women's Abolitionist Thought: Imprisoned Black Women Intellectuals and the
Formation of a Tradition*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'Open the Prison Gate': Safiya Bukhari, the Black Liberation Army, and the Prison Poetry of Abolition." *Journal of African American History* 111, no. 4 (Fall 2026). Forthcoming.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'We Cannot Reform...We Can Only Do Away with It': Charlene Mitchell, the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and the Case for Abolition, 1970–1972." *Journal of Women's History* 39, no. 1 (Spring 2027). Forthcoming.

Brown, Aleia, and Joshua L. Crutchfield. "Black Scholars Matter: #BlkTwitterstorians Building a Digital Community." *The Black Scholar: Journal of Black Studies and Research* 47, no. 3 (Fall 2017).

Commissioned Scholarly Essays

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'All the Prison's Doors Would Be Opened': The Abolitionist Legacy of Ericka Huggins." *Global Black Thought* 2, no. 2 (Fall 2026): 138–144. <https://doi.org/10.1353/gbt.2026.a998075>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Retheorizing Who Theorizes." *The Carryall*, March 3, 2025. <https://thecarryall.org/retheorizing-who-theorizes/>.

Book Reviews

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Review of *In Search of Liberty: African American Internationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World*, edited by Ronald Angelo Johnson and Ousmane K. Power-Greene." *Journal of African American History* 109, no. 3 (Summer 2024).

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Review of *Black Power in Washington, D.C., 1961–1998*." *Reviews in Digital Humanities*, April 2022. <https://reviewsindh.pubpub.org/pub/black-power-in-washing-dc/release/1>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Other Side of Black Success in Martin Kilson's *Odyssey*." *Black Perspectives*, September 28, 2021. <https://www.aaihs.org/the-other-side-of-black-success-in-martin-kilsons-odyssey/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'Otherwise' Futures: Resistance, Revolution, and Redress." *E3W Review of Books* 21 (Spring 2021): 69–70.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Interior Lives of Black Youth." *Black Perspectives*, January 29, 2021. <https://www.aaihs.org/the-interior-lives-of-black-youth/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The History of Black College Football." *Black Perspectives*, September 2, 2020. <https://www.aaihs.org/the-history-of-black-college-football/>.

Encyclopedia Entries

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Black Church." In *Black Power Encyclopedia: From "Black Is Beautiful" to Urban Uprisings*. 2018.

Online and Public-Facing Publications

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Mary Church Terrell's Influence on Black History Month." *Black Perspectives*, February 21, 2024. <https://www.aaihs.org/mary-church-terrells-influence-on-black-history-month/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Early Activism of Angela Davis." *Black Perspectives*, February 7, 2024. <https://www.aaihs.org/the-early-activism-angela-davis-and-intergenerational-organizing/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Black Power and Anti-Carceral State Infrastructure." *Black Perspectives*, July 12, 2021. <https://www.aaihs.org/black-power-and-anti-carceral-state-infrastructure/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Opinion: We Need Leaders: City Budget Misses the Mark." *The Austin Chronicle*, 2020.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Disunion of the State: Church, Community & New Power in Flint." *The BTS Center*, 2016.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Story of Jesus and the Gift of Black Children." *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Black, Conscious & Christian." *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "3 Simple Ways Churches Can Participate in the #BlackLivesMatter Movement." *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Beyond Reconciliation: Race, Religion, and Reparations in the White Church." *The BTS Center*, 2015.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Ferguson and the Church's Responsibility: A Call to Black Power." *Theology of Ferguson*, 2014.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2024, University of Texas College of Liberal Arts Dean's Distinguished Graduate

2024, Graduate Association for African American History Memphis State Eight Paper Prize (2nd Place)

2023, University of Texas at Austin Thematic Continuing Fellowship AY 2023-2024

2022, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Summer 2022 Fellowship

2021, Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Women and Politics (honorable mention)

2021-2022, Harry Ransom Center UT-Austin Fellowship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Presentations

"'The Number of People We Can Activate': Charlene Mitchell's 1968 Presidential Campaign and the Politics of Black Liberation." Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA, September 2026.

"Black Women, the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and the Case for Abolition." Twenty-Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference on African American History, 2024.

"Imprisoned Intellectual: Safiya Bukhari and the Politics of Abolition." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2022.

"'We Are Not a Civil Rights Group...We Are a Revolutionary Organization': Safiya Bukhari, the Black Liberation Army, and the Politics of Abolition." Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, 2022.

“Angela Davis, the Struggle to Free Political Prisoners, and Building a Case for Prison Abolition.” OAH Conference on American History and Annual Meeting, 2022.

“‘We, the Black People of Treacherous Babylon Refuse’: Safiya Bukhari, Black Power Abolition, and Defunding the Police.” African American Intellectual History Society Seventh Annual Conference, 2021.

“Safiya Bukhari and Anti-Carceral State Infrastructure.” National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates Virtual National Conference, 2021.

“Aliens, Anomalies, and Faceless Women: Angela Davis and the Black Radical Tradition.” African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference, 2020.

“Stokely Carmichael, Albert Cleage, James Cone, and Black Power: The Role of the Black Church During the Black Power Movement.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, 2014.

Roundtables

Crutchfield, Joshua L., Raja Malikah Rahim, Torren L. Gatson, and Brian A. Robinson. “The Generative Futures of African American History in the Age of A.I.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA, September 2026.

“#BlkTwitterstorians and the Work of African American Intellectual History.” African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016.

Panelist

“Recall: Reframed Screening and Discussion.” University of Texas at Austin, 2023.

“Monuments, Memory, and White Supremacy: A Conversation with Connor Towne O’Neil, Author of *Down Along with That Devil’s Bones*.” Middle Tennessee State University, 2020.

“On America: Calls to Remove Confederate Statues in America.” The Center for Popular Fiction, 2020.

“#BurytheBust.” Democratic Socialists of Middle Tennessee, 2020.

“Voting Rights 1965–2015: Commemorating 50 Years.” Twenty-Fourth Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium, Middle Tennessee State University, 2015.

“Making Space for Activists: Public History in the Age of Ferguson.” National Council on Public History, 2015.

Discussant

“‘The Truth...Will Make Us All Free’: Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Workers’ Rights in Charleston.” Anna Julia Cooper Workshop, 2022.

Facilitator

Graduate Luncheon with Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian. Department of History, University of Texas at Austin, 2023.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

Arkansas State University, Fall 2026—Present

African American History I

United States History Since 1876

Postdoctoral Fellow

Northwestern University, 2025—2026

African American History (to 1865)

The Politics of Abolition

Introduction to Black Studies

African American History (from 1865)

Adjunct Instructor

Huston-Tillotson University, Fall 2022

African American History (to 1865)

Middle Tennessee State University, Fall 2017

United States History (to 1865)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Texas at Austin, 2020—2023

Intro to Black Women's History
 Black Cops in Black Popular Media
 United States History (to 1865)
 Introduction to Black Studies
 Blackness and Comics
 Black Film at the Oscars

Middle Tennessee State University, 2014—2015

United States History (1865-Present)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for the Study of African American Life and History
 African American Intellectual History Society

EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer, *Global Black Thought*, 2025
 Manuscript Reviewer, University of North Carolina Press, 2024