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## RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

U.S. Social History, African American History, American Women's History, History of African American Education, History of U.S. Education

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## EDUCATION

### **Rutgers University**

New Brunswick, NJ

Doctor of Philosophy in History (October 2004)

*Dissertation:* Education and the Changing Social Identities of Black Southerners, 1865-1915

### **University Of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

Urbana, IL

Master of Arts in U.S. History (August 1997)

### **Tufts University**

Medford, MA

Master of Arts in Teaching (December 1995)

### **Spelman College**

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts in History, *magna cum laude* (May 1994)

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## TEACHING/EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

### **Assistant Professor of History**

The University of West Georgia

Fall 2004 - present

Carrollton, Georgia

### **Instructor, African American History**

Rutgers University

Summer 1999, 2001, 2002

New Brunswick, New Jersey

- Constructed learning plan for classes, conducted lectures and led group discussions for an upper level course. Also responsible for reviewing student performance.

### **Instructor, Issues in American Higher Education**

Rutgers University

Summer 2002

New Brunswick, New Jersey

- Designed and taught a course for junior and senior level first generation and minority undergraduates.

### **Teacher, World Cultures**

Cheltenham High School

August 1995-June 1996

Cheltenham, Pennsylvania

- Developed curriculum for World Cultures course. Had full responsibility for five World Cultures classes. Advisor, Afro-American Student Organization and Mock Trial Team

### **Student Teacher, World Connections**

Snowden International High School

January 1995-May 1995

Boston, Massachusetts

- Planned and taught three ninth grade World Connections courses. Co-taught special education study skills course.

**Teaching Assistant**

Merriam Elementary School

Fall 1994

Acton, Massachusetts

- Acted as a liaison between Tufts University and Merriam Elementary school in a program that brought science and math exploration activities into the classroom.

**Program Coordinator**

Ronald E. McNair Post baccalaureate Program

March 2002-September 2002

Rutgers University

- Counseled first generation, lower income and/or minority undergraduates on conducting undergraduate research and applying to graduate school. Coordinated student activities and trips; developed and conducted workshops on graduate education preparation; maintained office and student records; Taught a course on issues in American higher education.

**RESEARCH/ WRITING EXPERIENCE**

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**Columnist**

AOL's Blackvoices.com

Spring 2005 – present

Write bi-monthly column on educational issues in the African American community for [www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com). Blackvoices.com is the premier internet source for news and popular articles on issues of concern to the African American community. It has a readership of over two million.

**Consultant**

Lower East Side Tenement Museum

May 2001-October 2001

New York, New York

- Constructed research plans, conducted genealogical and other research on nineteenth century black New Yorkers, provided research reports to be used in designing a future public history space for an historic church on the lower east side of Manhattan.

**Wynona M. Lipman Research Fellow**

Center for American Women and Politics

May 2000-May 2001

Rutgers University

- First recipient of Lipman fellowship, created in honor of New Jersey's first African American woman state senator. Conducted oral histories and organized the papers of the late senator. Wrote a short biography of Senator Lipman.

**Research Assistant**

Department of History

August 1998-May 2001

Rutgers University

- Located and selected visual images to be used in the Atlantic City, New Jersey Civil Rights Garden. Conducted primary and secondary research on African American urban history, women and the Civil Rights Movement, and African American women's contemporary activism.

**PUBLICATIONS (Academic)**

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Wright, Stephanie. "Wynona Lipman." In the *African American National Biography*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (forthcoming).

Wright, Stephanie. "John W. Alvord." In *The Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition in the Trans-Atlantic World*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Publishers (forthcoming).

Wright, Stephanie. Review of *The Dawn at My Back: Memoir of a Black Texas*

*Upbringing* by Carroll Parrott Blue. *The Journal of African American History*, vol. 89, no. 2 (Spring 2004).

Sims, Stephanie. "Princeton University." *The Dictionary of American History*. New York: Scribner's, 2003.

Sims, Stephanie. *Wynona Lipman: In Profile*. New Brunswick: Center for American Women and Politics, 2000.

Sims, Stephanie. "The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Development of Historically Black Colleges." *Journal of the Midwest History of Education Society* 25 (1998): 137-140.

### **PUBLICATIONS (Popular)**

Wright, Stephanie and Charles Wright, Jr. "Getting into College." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 12 January 2005.

Wright, Stephanie and Charles Wright, Jr. "Black History Month: Black Educational Heroes." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 1 February 2005.

Wright, Stephanie and Charles E. Wright, Jr.. "Five Things You Can Do to Improve Your Kids' Schools." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 16 February 2005.

Wright, Stephanie and Charles E. Wright, Jr.. "Make Sure Your Child Moves to the Next Grade." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 2 March 2005.

Wright, Stephanie. "Going Back to School After 30." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 31 March 2005.

Wright, Stephanie. "Lessons from Our Foremothers." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 16 April 2005.

Wright, Stephanie. "Keep Your Kids Smart This Summer." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 11 May 2005.

Wright, Stephanie. "Fighting to Save Bennett College." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 27 May 2005.

Wright, Stephanie. "Spelman Students Take Scientific Study to New Heights." AOL's Black Voices ([www.blackvoices.com](http://www.blackvoices.com)), 23 June 2005.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

"Education and Social Protest in Black Southern Communities, 1870-1900." Organization of American Historians, Southern Regional Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, July 2004.

"'We desire to educate ourselves ere we sacrifice our manhood:' Self Determination on Black College Campuses." Women's and Gender Historians of the Midwest Conference, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, June 2004.

Invited Speaker, Black History Month Convocation. Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia. February 2004

“Sons and Daughters of Thunder: Black Educational Hopes and Dreams in the Post Emancipation South.” Cornell University, Engendering Africana Studies Summer Institute on Critical Theory, Black Women Scholarship and African Studies, Ithaca, New York, July 2003.

Chair, “Community and Resistance in the 1960s.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Orlando, Florida, October 2002.

“Black Women and Sexuality.” Warren Susman Graduate Student Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 1999.

“The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Development of Historically Black Colleges.” Midwest History of Education Society Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 1997.

### **HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

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Fellow, Cornell University, Engendering Africana Studies Institute, July 2003

Judge, History Day 2003, Cleveland, Ohio

Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities, Honorable Mention, 2003

Advisory Committee, Shaw University Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2001-02

Trustee Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1998-2004

Wynona M. Lipman Fellowship, Center for American Women and Politics, 2000-01

Summer Research Opportunities Fellowship, Committee on Institutional Cooperation, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1993

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Member, Organization of American Historians

Member, American Historical Association

Member, Southern Association for Women Historians

Member, Association of Black Women Historians

Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History