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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, History

Degree expected Spring 2008

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Major Professor: Dr. David Carter

Dissertation: “Bloody Jasper”: Race and Violence in a Georgia County, 1880-1922

Master of Arts, History

Degree conferred August, 2000; GPA: 4.00

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama

Thesis Director: Dr. Harvey H. Jackson

Thesis: “Murder Farm: The 1921 Trials of John S. Williams and Clyde Manning”

Bachelor of Arts, English and History

Degree conferred May, 1993; GPA: 3.03

Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2004 – Present Jacksonville State University Jacksonville, Alabama

Visiting Assistant Professor/Instructor

Dr. Harvey H. Jackson – Department Head

Responsible for teaching the U.S. History Survey sequence. Duties include all aspects of teaching a University-level class, plus participating in student advisement, departmental and university service, and faculty enrichment seminars. Also taught upper-division course in the South Since the Civil War. Components included lectures, in-depth discussions, and an oral history project.

Fall 2006 Berry College Berry College

Adjunct Instructor

Dr. Jonathan Atkins – Interim Dean of Humanities

Assumed teaching responsibilities for two sections of U.S. History Survey for Dr. Jonathan Atkins, who was appointed interim dean.

Spring 2004 Auburn University Auburn, Alabama

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor)

Dr. Daniel Szechi – GTA Coordinator

Taught History 2020, Survey of U.S. History Since 1877. Duties included all

aspects of independently teaching a University-level class: preparing syllabi, writing and delivering lectures, designing and evaluating assignments and exams, and performing mandated administrative duties.

2000 – 2003 Auburn University Auburn, Alabama

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Dr. Daniel Szechi – GTA Coordinator

Served as teaching assistant in freshman World History classes. Duties included keeping class records, grading exams, assisting students, producing PowerPoint slideshows to accompany lectures, and administration of WebCT. Also participated in a pilot program that provided supplemental instruction to student athletes. Duties in this role included preparing and delivering World History lectures to large groups of student athletes, plus providing individualized tutoring.

1999 – 2000 Jacksonville State University Jacksonville, Alabama

Graduate Research Assistant

Dr. Glen Browder, Eminent Scholar in American Democracy

Assisted the Eminent Scholar in preparation of his papers from his tenure in the Alabama House of Representative, as Alabama Secretary of State, and in the United States House of Representatives. The papers are being organized for archival in the Jacksonville State University library. Other duties included logistical support for the Eminent Scholar's public lecture series, such as preparing mass mailings, press releases, and coordination of media events.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Featured Speaker – Jasper County High School Summer Enrichment Program, June, 2007
- Panel Chair: “Texts and Contexts” session at the Georgia Association of Historians Conference, Columbus State University, April 7-9, 2005.
- “Governor Hugh M. Dorsey and “The Negro in Georgia”” *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 89, No. 2 (Summer 2005): 185-212.
- Book Review of Steve Oney, *And the Dead Shall Rise: The Murder of Mary Phagan and the Lynching of Leo Frank*, published in *The Anniston Star*, November 8, 2004
- “*In Ghoulish Glee: The 1918 Lynching of Mary Turner.*” Paper presented to the Alabama Regional Meeting of Phi Alpha Theta, Jacksonville State University, March 15, 2003. (Runner up for best graduate paper.)
- “*In Ghoulish Glee: The 1918 Lynching of Mary Turner.*” Paper presented to the University of Memphis Fourth Annual Graduate Student Conference in African American History, October 18-19, 2002.

- *“Hugh M. Dorsey and ‘The Negro in Georgia.’”* Paper presented to the Georgia Association of Historians 30th Annual Meeting, April 12-13, 2002.
- *“Jim Crow in Crisis: Race and Politics in 1921 Georgia.”* Paper presented to the Phi Alpha Theta Alabama Regional Meeting, April 6, 2002.
- *“Hugh M. Dorsey and ‘The Negro in Georgia’”*. Paper presented to the 2002 Auburn University Graduate History Colloquium, March 13, 2002.
- *“Murder Farm: The Role of the Media in the Trial of John S. Williams.”* Paper presented to 2000 Graduate History Forum, University of North Carolina – Charlotte, March 24-25, 2000.
- *“Murder Farm: Editorial Reactions to the Trial of John S. Williams.”* Paper to be presented to the 2000 Southeast Symposium of the American Journalism Historians Association, February 12, 2000.
- *“The South and the Election of 1952.”* Paper presented to the Southern Writers, Southern Writing Graduate Student Conference at the University of Mississippi, July 24, 1999.
- *“The South and the Election of 1952.”* Paper presented to the Jacksonville State University 5th Annual Symposium, April 12, 1999. Subsequently published in the Symposium Proceedings.

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Recipient of the Marguerite E. Scharnagel Award, presented by the Auburn University Department of History, 2006
- Submission reviewer for the *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*, published by The National Association of African American Studies, Dr. Kathryn Brewer, editor
- Robert D. Reid Memorial Fellowship, presented by the Auburn University Department of History, 2004
- GTA Captain, Auburn University, 2001 – 2003
- Captain of Jacksonville State University Varsity College Bowl Team
- Vice-President of Tau Theta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta (National Historians Honor Society), 1999-2000
- Recipient of the “highly coveted” Second Annual “Kick the Chicken” Award, presented by the University of Mississippi Southern Writers, Southern Writing Conference, 1999
- O. Wayne Rollins Student Work Award, 1993
- Jasper County STAR Student, 1989

