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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, 2016

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Examination Field: African History, Transnational U.S. History, European History

Dissertation, “Imagining Home: Tracing the Bond between African Americans and Africa from 1619 to 1936” (*Georgia State University*), 2015

M.A. History, 2008

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Thesis, “The Ties That Bind: A Comparative Study of the Domination, Oppression, and Resistance of African-Americans and the Oromo of Ethiopia, (*Georgia State University*), 2007

B.A., History, 2002

Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Ethiopia, We Hear You!’ African Americans Respond to the Italo-Ethiopian Crisis, 1935-1936”

“Changing Faces: England’s Racialization of African People as a Consequence of the Atlantic Slave Trade”

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Africana Studies, Atlantic History, African History, Transnational U.S. History, Intellectual History, European History, Comparative Studies

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Selected and attended the Teaching Academy for Part-Time Faculty (*Kennesaw Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning- sponsored*), Two-day seminar, 2016

Active participant in the “Slavery in the American Republic” Summer Institute (*CCHA-sponsored National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC*), 2015

Service-Learning Faculty Fellows 2012-2013, Georgia Perimeter College

The Chancellor’s List, 2005 2006

All-American Scholar, 2003

Magna Cum Laude, 2002

National Dean’s List, 1999-2000

Presidential Scholar Award, 1999-2000

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

“A Nuanced Perspective: Energy, Environment, and the Historic Desegregation Story of the Scarboro 85” *Energy and Environment Week* (University of Tennessee, 2024)

“Blood at the Root: The Legacy of Race, Violence, and the Jena Six,” *Black Ecologies Week* (moderator) (University of Tennessee, 2022)

“Africa’s Great Civilizations,” A Critique of Henry Louis Gates’ latest series (Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Knoxville, TN, 2017)

“Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break the Silence”; An Analysis of Martin Luther King Jr’s Ground-Breaking Speech,” (Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Knoxville TN, 2017)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Ethiopia, We Hear You! Exploring the Bond between African-Americans and Ethiopia during the Italo-Ethiopia Conflict of 1935-36,” Maryville College (*Conference Presentation*), 2011

“A Beacon of Hope: Examining the Historical Relationship between African-Americans and Ethiopia,” University of Alabama (*Conference Presentation*), 2011

“Examining the Economic and Social Effects of Oppression and Domination,” Kennesaw State University (*Conference Presentation*), 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 – Present

Limited Term Instructor – University of West Georgia,
Carrollton, GA

Courses: Survey of U.S. History since 1865

Survey of World History I and II

Survey of World History II (online)

2022 – 2025

Teaching Associate Professor, Africana Studies – University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, TN

Courses taught: Intro to African American Studies from pre-history to 1900

Intro to African Studies from earliest civilizations to 1600

Intro to African Studies from earliest civilizations to 1600 (*Online*)

2017 – 2022

Lecturer, Africana Studies – University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Courses taught: Intro to African American Studies from pre-history to 1900

Intro to African Studies from earliest civilizations to 1600

Intro to African Studies from earliest civilizations to 1600 (*Online*)

2015 - 2016

Part-time Assistant Professor, History – Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

Course taught: World History to 1500

2015 - 2015

Adjunct Instructor, History – Gordon State College, Barnesville, GA

Course taught: U.S. History from 1865

2011 - 2014

Instructor, History – Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, GA

Courses Taught: U.S. History to 1877

World History from earliest times to 1880

World History from 1500 to present

Honors U.S. and World History

2008 - 2011

Adjunct Instructor, History – Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody, GA

Online Instructor, History – Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA

Courses taught: World History from earliest times to 1800

World History 1500 to present

World History from 1500 to present (*Online*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Alpha Theta

Association of Georgia State University Historians

Golden Key International Honour Society