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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Ph. D. History, May 2002

Dissertation: “Way Up North in Louisville: African-American Migration in Louisville, Kentucky, 1930- 1970”

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.

BA, History, August 1994.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington—Tacoma, 2009 – Present.

Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington – Tacoma, 2002 – 2009.

Lecturer, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 2001-2002.

Instructor, Qualitative Methodologies, Mc Nair Summer Institute, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.

Instructor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-2000.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 1994-1997.

Graduate Assistant, Afro-American Studies Pre-Freshmen Summer Institute, Summer, 1998-2000.

COURSES TAUGHT

American History I 1607-1877

American History II 1877-Present

The Metropolis: Chicago

The Making of America

U.S. History 1945 - Present

African American History 1619-1865

African American History 1865-1945

African American History 1945-Present
African American Culture and Consciousness
African American Religious History
Black Freedom Movements

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK LENGTH STUDY

Manuscript, "Way Up North in Louisville: African American in the Urban South, 1930 –1970" University of North Carolina Press, Fall 2010.

In Progress

"Black and Blue: Toward a History of Police Brutality." In Progress

REFEREED ARTICLES

"Headed to Louisville: Rethinking Rural to Urban Migration in the South, 1930 – 1950" in *The Journal of Social History*, Volume 40, Number 2, Winter, 2006, pp. 407-430.

"It Was North of Tennessee: African American Migration and the Meaning of the South" *Ohio Valley History*, 3(3), Fall, 2003, pp. 37-52.

"African American Migration to Louisville in the Mid-Twentieth Century," *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Vol. 99, No. 4 (Autumn 2001), pp. 363-384.

REVIEW ESSAY

"Expecting the Unexpected: Black and Jewish Relations in America," in the *Journal of Urban History*, Vol. 34. No. 5, July, 2008, pp. 901-915.

INVITED ARTICLES

A. Philip Randolph, www.blackpast.org, 2009, 813 words.

Chandler Owen, www.blackpast.org, 2009, 488 words.

Benjamin Mays, www.blackpast.org, 2009, 543 words.

Bayard Rustin, www.blackpast.org, 2009, 803 words.

Julian Bond, www.blackpast.org, 2008, 620 words.

Alfred "Al" Sharpton, www.blackpast.org, 2008, 522 words.

"Causes of the Great Migration," in Steven A. Reich, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century*, (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006) pp. 349-354.

"Louisville," in Steven A. Reich, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century*, (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006) pp. 500-502.

"National Recovery Administration," Steven A. Reich, ed. in *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century*, (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2006) pp. 590-591.

“Muhammad Ali,” in *The Contemporary World: African American Reference Series*, Volume 1, (New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming) 2,322 words.

“Mary Frances Berry,” in *The Contemporary World: African American Reference Series*, Volume 1, (New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming) 518 words.

“Destination: North” in Leslie Alexander & Walter Rucker, eds. *Encyclopedia of African American History*, Forthcoming, 1,038 words.

“Exodusters” in Leslie Alexander & Walter Rucker, eds. *Encyclopedia of African American History*, Forthcoming, 1,933 words.

“Dirt Bowl” in John Hardin, ed. *Kentucky African American Encyclopedia* (Lexington, Kentucky: University of Kentucky Press, Forthcoming) 414 words.

“Louisville Leader” in John Hardin, ed. *Kentucky African American Encyclopedia* (Lexington, Kentucky: University of Kentucky Press, Forthcoming) 498 words.

“Reverend C. Ewbank Tucker” in John Hardin, ed. *Kentucky African American Encyclopedia* (Lexington, Kentucky: University of Kentucky Press, Forthcoming) 574 words.

“The Great Migration” in Robert Johnston, ed. *Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (Congressional Quarterly Press, Forthcoming) 2800 words.

REVIEWS

Lisa Krissoff Boehm, *Making a Way Out of No Way: African American Women and the Second Great Migration* in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Forthcoming.

Clarence Lang, *Grassroots at the Gateway: Class Politics and Black Freedom Struggle in St. Louis, 1936-75*, in *The Journal of Southern History*, Forthcoming.

Leslie Brown, *Upbuilding Black Durham: Gender, Class and Black Community Development in the Jim Crow South*, in *Business History Review*, Forthcoming.

Eric Robert Taylor, *If We Must Die: Shipboard Insurrections in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade* in the *Journal of African American History*, Forthcoming.

Davarian L. Baldwin, Chicago’s *New Negroes: Modernity, The Great Migration, and Black Urban Life* in *Business History Review*, Vol. 82, No. 1, 2008, pp. 141-144.

James N. Gregory, *The Southern Diaspora: How the Great Migrations of Black and White Southerners Transformed America* in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 65, No. 4, 2006, pp. 378-380.

Bobby L. Lovett, *The Civil Rights Movement in Tennessee: A Narrative History*, in *The Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 73, No. 1, 2007 pp. 220-221.

James W. Loewen, *Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism*, in *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 93, No. 2, September 2006, pp. 601-602.

Thomas C. Buchanan, *Black Life on the Mississippi: Slaves, Free Blacks and the Western Steamboat World*, in *The Journal of African American History*, Vol. 94, No. 2, Spring, 2006, pp. 213-215.

Lance Hill, *The Deacons for Defense: Armed Resistance and the Civil Rights Movement*, in *The Journal of Social History*, Vol., No. 3, Fall 2005, pp. 254-256.

John Hinshaw, *Steel and Steelworkers: Race and Class Struggle in Twentieth-Century Pittsburgh*, in *Ohio Valley History*, Volume 4, Number 3, Fall 2004.

Andrew Wiese, *Places of Their Own: African American Suburbanization in the Twentieth Century* in *Reviews of New Books*, Volume 33, Number 1, Fall 2004, pp. 6-7.

Quintard Taylor, & Shirley Wilson Moore, Eds. *African American Women Confront the West*, in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*. Volume 95, Number 2, Spring 2004 pp. 92-93.

Douglas Hurt, ed. *African American Life in the Rural South* in *Reviews of New Books*, Volume 32, Issue 2, Winter 2003 p. 50.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Way Up North in Louisville: African American Migration in the Urban South, 1930-1970," Organization of American Historians, Spring 2011.

"Way Up North in Louisville: African American Migration in the Urban South, 1930-1970," Association for the Study of Afro-American Literature and History, Fall, 2010.

""Louisville's Tale: 'The Dream that Failed:' Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Urban History Association, Fall, 2008.

""No Where to Move: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Southern Historical Association, Fall, 2008.

""No Where to Move: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity and Nationalism in History. Conference of the Historical Society, Summer 2008

""Upon This Rock: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Organization of American Historians, Spring, 2008.

Discussant, Fourth German-American Frontiers of Humanities Symposium, American Philosophic Society – Humboldt Foundation, Potsdam, Germany, Fall, 2007.

""Upon This Rock: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Africana Studies Program, West Virginia University, Spring, 2007.

"Surrounded By Hate, Yet I Love Home," Keynote Speaker, African American Heritage Month, Community College of Philadelphia, Spring, 2007.

""Upon This Rock: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," Keynote Address, Boundaries and Alliances Graduate Student Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, Spring, 2007.

"Upon This Rock: African American Migration, Urban Renewal and the Struggle for Open Housing in Louisville, Kentucky," CAUSE Speaker Series, Carnegie Mellon University, Spring, 2007.

"Behold the Land: African American Migration and the Struggle for Civil Rights," American Historical Association, Winter, 2005. (Panel Organizer)

"Behold the Land: African American Migration and the Struggle for Civil Rights," Association for the Study of Afro-American Literature and History, Fall, 2004. (Panel Organizer)

“Headed to Louisville: Rethinking Rural to Urban Migration, 1930 – 1950,” Southern Labor Studies Conference, Spring, 2004.

“The Struggle to Desegregate Higher Education and the Limits of Southern Liberalism, Louisville, Kentucky, 1941-1951,” Association for the Study of Afro-American Literature and History, Fall, 2003.

“You Ran Away From the Problem: African American Migration and the Meaning of the South,” Constructing and Reconstructing a Region: 21st Century Approaches to the Ohio Valley’s History, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, Kentucky, Spring, 2003.

“It Was North of Tennessee,” 5th U.S. Senator Rush Holt History Conference: "On the Move: Migration and the Reconstruction of Cultural Identity" West Virginia University, Spring 2003

“African-American Migrations and the Civil Rights Movement in Louisville, Kentucky, 1930-1957,” History of Activism, History as Activism Conference, Columbia University, Spring, 2002

“ ‘No Room for Possum or Crawfish:’ African-American Migration and the Civil Rights Movement in Louisville, Kentucky, 1930 –1960,” Ohio Valley History Conference, Western Kentucky University, Fall, 2001.

“No Room for Possum or Crawfish,” Center for the Study of Black Culture and Literature, University of Pennsylvania, Spring, 2001.

“I Never Jim Crowed Myself: Negotiating Race and Space in Louisville, Kentucky,” Future of African-American Studies, Harvard University, Fall, 2000.

“ ‘Way Up North in Louisville:’ African-American Migration and the Meaning of the South,” Second Annual African-American History Conference, University of Memphis, Fall, 2000.

“ ‘I Never Jim Crowed Myself:’ Negotiating Race and Space in Louisville, Kentucky,” Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky, Spring, 2000.

“Way Up North in Louisville,” Tenth Reunion of Mexican and North American Historians, Migrations in North America, Fall, 1999.

“*Invisible Man: A Post-Colonial Reading, A Post-Colonial Critique,*” The Black Image in the Black Mind, Graduate Student Conference, Spring, 1997.

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Carnegie Mellon University, African American Urban Studies Fellowship, Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy, 2006-2007.

Internationalizing the Curriculum, Office of Undergraduate Education, University of Washington, 2006.

Carnegie Mellon University, African American Urban Studies Fellowship, Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy, 2005-2006. (Declined)

University of Washington - Tacoma, Faculty Scholarship Support Award, Spring Quarter, 2005.

University of Washington, Institute for Teaching Excellence, 2004.

Harvard University, NEH Summer Institute on African American Civil Rights, 2003.

W. E. B. Du Bois Award for Academic Excellence, University of Pennsylvania, 2002.

Center for the Study of Black Culture and Literature, Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2001.
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1998-1999.
Fontaine Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1994- 1999.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History
Kentucky Historical Society
Organization of American Historians
Southern Historical Association