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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 – present Assistant Professor, American Ethnic Studies Department, University of Washington-Seattle
- 2015 – 2016 Visiting Lecturer, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Doctor of Philosophy, African American Studies (2013)
Cornell University, Master of Professional Studies, Africana Studies (2007)
University of Virginia, Bachelor of Arts, African American and African Studies (2000)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

African American History; Black Politics; Black Intellectual Thought; Black Women's Studies; and Twentieth Century Black Social Movements

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Article

"Freedom Summer and Its Legacy in the Classroom," with Nicole Burrowes, Laura Helton, and Deborah McDowell. *Southern Quarterly*, 52, No. 1 (Fall 2014): 155 – 173. (authors listed in alphabetical order; authored 1500/6500 words)

Book Chapters

"Black Conservative Dissent in the Post-Civil Rights Era," in *African American Intellectual Traditions* edited by Cornelius Bynum and Derrick Alridge, University of Illinois Press (forthcoming, Winter 2019).

"'Freedom is a Constant Struggle': Teaching the 1964 Freedom Summer Project," with Nicole Burrowes in *Teaching the Civil Rights Movement*, edited by Hassan Jeffries, University of Wisconsin Press (co-author listed in alphabetical order; authored 3,000/5,000 words), Fall 2018.

"Pan-Africanism in Theory and Praxis." In *Discourse on Africana Studies: James Turner and Paradigms of Knowledge*, edited by Scot Brown. New York: Diasporic Africa Press, 2016.

Refereed Short Works

Book Review: Making Black History: The Color Line, Culture and Race in the Age of Jim Crow Jeffrey Aaron Snyder. *Journal of African American History* (forthcoming, Winter 2019).

PUBLICATIONS, cont.

Book Review: Rumor, Repression, and Racial Politics: How the Harassment of Black Elected Officials Shaped Post-Civil Rights America by George Derek Musgrove. *The Black Scholar: Journal of Black Studies and Research*, Vol. 41, No. 2 (Summer 2014): 103 – 107.

“Remembering Sixth PAC: Interviews with Judy Claude and Sylvia Hill, Organizers of the Sixth Pan-African Congress,” *The Black Scholar: Journal of Black Studies and Research*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (Winter 2008): 39 – 47.

“Ward Connerly,” “Glenn Loury,” and “Black Conservatism.” In *Encyclopedia of African American History: 1896 – Present: From the Age of Segregation to the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Paul Finkleman. New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2009.

Book Manuscript in Progress

“Race Matters in the GOP: Black Republicans and the Limits of Two-Party Politics”

Journal Article in Progress

“‘Watch Wallace and Woo Blacks’: Black Republicans and Post-Southern Strategies in Richard Nixon’s Reelection Campaign”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Black Student Union Faculty/Staff Award for Outstanding Black Achievement and Excellence, University of Washington-Seattle, 2018.

Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination, University of Washington-Seattle, 2018.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2013 – 2015, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia.

Emerging Diversity Scholar Citation, 2013, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan.

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2011 – 2012, Ford Foundation and National Research Council of the National Academies.

Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) Fellowship, 2009 – 2010, DFI program and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

National Council for Black Studies Conference Travel Grant, 2008, National Council for Black Studies and Ford Foundation.

Best First-Year Graduate Student Paper, Department of African American Studies, Northwestern University, 2006.

Graduate Student Essay Contest, 2005 and 2006, National Council for Black Studies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American Ethnic Studies Department, University of Washington-Seattle

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to African American History
- Historical Roots of #BlackLivesMatter
- Black Power on College Campuses
- History of the South Since the Civil War
- Black Aesthetics
- #BlackLivesMatter in Media and Popular Culture

Undergraduate Independent Study Research Topics:

- African American Christianity During Slavery
- Race, Gender, and Medicine
- Historiography of Black Politics and Julian Bond
- #BlackLivesMatter and #AllLivesMatter (Honors Project, Department of Geography)

Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, University of Virginia

Courses Taught:

- Historical Origins of #BlackLivesMatter: History of the NAACP
- Introduction to African-American and African Studies
- Freedom Summer
- Black Studies Movement
- Black Conservatism and Its Critics

Department of African American Studies, Northwestern University

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Pan-Africanism

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist and Contributor. "Teaching Freedom Summer," We Who Believe in Freedom: A Symposium on Teaching the Civil Rights Movement, The Ohio State University, June 2018.

Discussant. "To the Promised Land" with author Michael Honey, Seattle Town Hall, University Lutheran Church, May 2018.

Presenter. "The Strange Career of Black Republicans," How We Get Free: The Black Political Imagination, Faculty-Graduate Seminar, Department of African American Studies, Princeton University, December 2017.

Panelist. "Lessons from #BlackLivesMatter," Why Race Matters: Resistance and Resilience, Department of History, University of Washington-Seattle, 2017.

Discussant. "Playing while White" with author David Leonard, Elliot Bay Bookstore, Seattle, Washington, September 2017.

Guest Lecturer. "Understanding #BlackLivesMatter," Dream Project, University of Washington, Seattle, October 2017.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, cont.

Presenter. "From Protest to Politics: Julian Bond as the People's Representative." 'Keep the Movement Coming On': A Symposium in Memory of Julian Bond, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2016.

Panelist. "Black Studies/Chronicle of Higher Ed Controversy: Circumstances, Context, Meaning." Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2012.

Panelist. "The Black Community: Then and Now: Forging Links and Building a Legacy." 1968 + 40: The Black Student Movement at Northwestern and its Legacy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2008.

Presenter. "Why #BlackLivesMatter," Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter of the NAACP, Charlottesville, VA, 2015.

Panelist. "Teaching Race, Violence, and Trauma," Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, 2015.

Participant. "Building Faculty Relationships," First-Year Seminar, Office of Orientation and New Student Programs, University of Virginia, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Black Conservative Dissent in the Post-Civil Rights Era," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, (accepted) 2017.

"Theorizing Race, Ideology and Domination: James Turner and the Africana School of Thought." Association for the Study of African American Life and History 101st Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, 2016.

"Novel Approaches to Teaching the Modern Civil Rights Movement," Association for the Study of African American Life and History 100th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2015.

"Cultivating Black Power Conservatism: Thomas W. Matthew and the N.E.G.R.O. Philosophy of Black Capitalism." Association for the Study of African American Life and History 98th Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, 2013.

"Sisters on the Right: Black Women in the Republican Party." Association for the Study of African American Life and History 97th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, 2012.

"Polishing Black Power: Richard Nixon, Black Capitalism, and Black Power Republicans." Twenty-Ninth Conference of Ford Fellows, Irvine, CA, 2012.

"Using the Master's Tools: The Challenge of Black Republican Politics in the Post-Civil Rights Era." Twenty-Eighth Conference of Ford Fellows, Irvine, CA, 2011.

"Where is Black Studies: Perspectives from Doctoral Students in the Field: A Roundtable Discussion." National Council for Black Studies 34th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, cont.

“Get Back and Get Busy: Black Women Organizers Remember Lessons and Legacy of the Sixth Pan-African Congress.” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Biennial Conference, Accra, Ghana, 2009.

“Black Conservatism in the Age of Obama: Crisis or Convergence?” Association for the Study of African American Life and History 94th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, 2009.

“From Anna Julia Cooper to Six-PAC: Black Women Activists of the Pan-African Congresses.” National Council for Black Studies 32nd Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2008.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND APPEARANCES

News Articles

Zubeyda Ahmed, “Placing #MeToo in Black History,” *The Seattle Globalist*, February 28, 2018.

Grace DeBusschere, “Professor talks academia, disrupting assumptions, and enacting social change: Dr. La TaSha Levy brings passion to UW American Ethnic Studies program,” *The Daily*, May 23, 2017.

Kim Eckart, “Class on Black Lives Matter Examines Ideas Behind the Slogan,” *UW Today*, April 28, 2017.

Monique Judge, “#BlackLivesMatter College Course Aims to Educate People Beyond the Hashtag and Slogan,” *The Root*, April 28, 2017.

Radio

Sunny in Seattle, “Roundtable on Race,” Sunny Joy McMillan, Alternative Talk, 1150AM, KKNW, November 2, 2017.

“What Black Lives Matter and Black Panthers Have in Common,” Patricia Murphy and Katherine Banwell, Race and Equity, KUOW radio, May 19, 2017.

Web Series

Left of Black, Season 2, Episode 33. Hosted by Mark Anthony Neal, John Hope Franklin Center for International and Interdisciplinary Studies, Duke University, 2012.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & OTHER ACTIVITIES

Faculty Senator. (Representing American Ethnic Studies; Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies; American Indian Studies; and Law, Societies and Justice), Faculty Senate, University of Washington-Seattle, 2017 – 2019.

Board Member. Center for Communication, Diversity and Equity, University of Washington-Seattle, 2018 – 2019.

Session Co-facilitator. Women Investigating Race, Ethnicity, and Difference (WIRED) Conference, University of Washington-Seattle, 2018.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & OTHER ACTIVITIES, cont.

Invited Participant. John E. Sawyer Seminar on Capitalism and Comparative Racialization, Washington Institute for the Study of Inequality and Race, 2017 – 2018.

Facilitator. “Teach In: We Stand Together: Anti-Racism, Grassroots Activism and Global Solidarities,” University of Washington-Seattle, 2017.

Panelist. “Faculty Perspectives,” Faculty Fellows Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Washington-Seattle, 2016.

Committee Member. “Keep the Movement Coming On”: A Symposium in Memory of Julian Bond. Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 2016.

Advisor. African-American and African Studies Majors Union, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies, 2015 - 2016.

Coordinator. “I Can’t Breathe: A Forum on Black Pain, Racial Justice, and Healing,” University of Virginia, 2014.

Co-organizer. “A Beautiful Struggle: Transformative Black Studies in Shifting Political Landscapes, A Summit of Doctoral Programs.” Visibility Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2012.

Co-organizer. “Inaugural Meeting of Black Studies Graduate Collective.” The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY, 2006.

Co-organizer. Africana Heritage Studies Association 38th Annual Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2005.

PUBLIC HISTORY

“‘Black is Beautiful’ and Other Streams of Resistance: A Presentation for Docents.” School and Educator Programs, Seattle Art Museum, 2018.

Academic Liaison, Civil Rights South Seminar with Julian Bond, Office of the Dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, 2014 - 2015.

Co-organizer. “Teaching the Civil Rights Movement,” A History Workshop for Virginia Teachers, The Center for Liberal Arts at the University of Virginia and The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, 2014.

“Standing on the Shoulders of Giants On-line Black History Curriculum,” Education for Life Academy, 2012 - 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

African American History Intellectual Society (AAHIS)

Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

National Council for Black Studies (NCBS)

Organization of American Historians (OAH)