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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 2007.
M.A., American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 2000.
B.A., American History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, 1995.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2014- present.
Assistant Professor of History, Fairfield University, 2008-2014.
Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.
Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar, Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Advanced Placement Exam Reader, Educational Testing Services, 2008- present.
Instructor, Upward Bound Summer Program, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007 and 2008.
Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.
Frederick Douglass Institute Visiting Scholar, California University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007.
Senior Research Assistant, Black Studies Program, University of Arkansas, 2005.
Adjunct Faculty, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, 2004.
Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Multicultural Center, 2002-2003.
Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Freshmen Mentor, 1996-2002.
Internship, Department of the Interior, Pea Ridge National Military Park, 1997-2003.
Head Male Counselor, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, University of Arkansas, 1999-2000.
Assistant Director, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, University of Arkansas, 1996-1998.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Frederick Douglass Institute Visiting Scholar (FDI), California University of Pennsylvania.

Doctoral Fellow, Southern Regional Education Board (2000-2005).

Next Generation Internship Program, American Battlefield Protection Program Project, 2000.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Achievement Program, 1994-1995.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Research Fellow, 1994-1995.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript

Choctaw Reconstructions: Sovereignty, Land, and Race in Indian Territory, University Press of Florida, under revision.

"The Decreasing Value of Labor in the Modern Age," in *Broken Promise: Black Deaths and Blue Ribbons*, Kenneth Varner, Kerri Tobin, and Stephen Lentz, eds., forthcoming.

"Losing the 'Middle Ground': Conflict, Culture, and Civilization in the Southeastern Borderlands," submitted to the *The Middle Ground Journal*, Number 11, Fall 2015.

"History and Symbolism: The Lost Cause and the Confederate Flag," Enduring Question Series, ABC-CLIO, September 30, 2013.

"In the Midst of the 'Nadir': Samuel A. McElwee and the Search for Democracy and Freedom," in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. (Vol. 2 Praeger (October 31, 2012): 87-102.

"Henry P. Cheatham and Fusion Politics in North Carolina," in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. Vol. 1, Praeger (October 31, 2012): 69-86.

Book reviews

Trail Sisters: Freedwomen in Indian Territory, 1850-1900 by Linda Williams Reese (Lubbock: Texas Tech University, 2013) *The Journal of Southern History*, Vol. LXXXI, No. 1 (February 2015): 194-195.

Between Freedom and Bondage: Race, Party, and Voting Rights in the Antebellum North, by Christopher Malone, *The Journal of African American History*, Vol. 94, No. 4 (Fall 2009): 573-575.

A Stranger and a Sojourner: Peter Caulder, Free Black Frontiersman in Antebellum Arkansas, by Billy D. Higgins, *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 109, No. 3 (Jan., 2006): 407-408.

Bones Hooks: Pioneer Negro Cowboy, by Bruce G. Todd, *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 110, No. 2 (January, 2005): 299-300.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"Freedmen on the Frontier: Food, Identity, and Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation," World History Conference, Boston, MA, June 23, 2017.

"From Border to Center: Manifest Destiny, Abolitionism, and Racial Identity in the Choctaw Election of 1860" Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, New Haven, CT, July 22, 2016.

"Freedom on the Frontier: Liberty, Land, and Labor in the Choctaw Nation" Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia, September 25, 2015.

"Frontiers, Borderlands, and Middle Grounds: Historical Interpretation, Diversity, and the Classroom" Diversity in the West Conference, Organization of American Historians (OAH) Regional Conference, Glendale, California, July 19, 2015.

"Freedom on the Frontier: Liberty, Land, and Labor in the Choctaw Nation," National Underground Railroad Conference" (proposal not selected)

"Freedom by a Different Name: Adoption and the Choctaw Freedmen," Panel Presentation at the 96th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia, Oct. 6, 2011.

"Young, Restless, Armed and Invincible: New Discourse on Black Student Activism in the 1960s," Panel Chair, 94th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 2009.

"Hip-Hop in the New Millennium: The Need for New Discourse on the Cultural Significance of Hip-Hop and Rap-Related Genres," Panel Chair, 93rd Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, Alabama, October, 2008.

"New Directions in African and Native American Women's History," Discussant, Women and Work: Changing Economic Influences on Families, Gender Studies Annual Conference, California University of Pennsylvania, March 22, 2007.

Invited presentations, regional or national conferences

"Beyond the Pale: The Multi-Faceted Usage of the Olympic Stage," Co-Presentation, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, May, 2008.

"Pushing the Limits: African American Graduate Students and the Black Community," Panel Discussion, National Black Graduate Student Association Conference, Chicago, March, 2008

"Pushing the Limits: African American Graduate Students and the Black Community," Panel Discussion, National Black Graduate Student Association Conference, Chicago, March, 2008.

"You Make History, Your History Does Make You," Presenter, Urban Youth Action, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November, 2007.

"The Impact of the 14th Amendment," Panel Discussion, California University of Pennsylvania, September, 2007.

"General Albert Pike and the Battle of Pea Ridge," Civil War Roundtable, College of the Ozarks, Fall 2001.

"The New Militancy of the Black Panther Party: Another View," Third Annual California McNair Scholars Symposium, University of California-Berkley, Summer 1995.

"Militancy of the Black Panther Party: Another View," Ronald E. McNair Scholar Symposium University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Fall 1994.

Additional academic presentations

Community and on campus presentations

“Winning the West and Closing of the Frontier” Presenter, Texas A&M University – Commerce Professional Development Day, February 10, 2017.

“Carter G. Woodson, J. Mason Brewer, Black History Month, and the Removal of ‘A Badge of Inferiority’”, Presenter, Texas A&M University – Commerce, January 30, 2017.

“The Emancipation Proclamation,” Moderator, Stamford Black History Month Committee, Stamford, CT, February 21, 2013.

“Steal Away to Jesus”: Fugitives and the Underground Railroad in Connecticut, William B. Stanley Lecture Series, Norwich Historical Society, April 19, 2012.

“America’s Road to Redemption: Resistance and the Underground Railroad,” Kenté Cultural Center, New London, CT, Sept. 29, 2011.

“Setting Goals and Priorities,” Fairfield University, Educational Talent Search, April 26, 2010.

“Race in the 21st Century- Have we arrived,” Panel Participant, Black Rock Public Library, Bridgeport, CT, Feb. 2010.

“Civil Rights in America: A Historical Perspective,” Black Rock Public Library, Bridgeport, CT, Feb. 2010.

“A Question of Race or Gender? African American Women and the Struggle for Equality,” Fairfield University, Feb. 2010.

“A Perfect Storm: The Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1500-1800,” Guest Lecturer, Fairfield University, October, 2008.

“A Perfect Storm: The Origins of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1500-1800,” Guest Lecturer, Fairfield University, October, 2008.

“Succeeding as a Graduate Student of Color: Tales from the Front Line,” Panel, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas, Spring 2003

“A Guide to Parliamentary Procedure,” NAACP, University of Arkansas, Fall 2002.

“Minority Survival on a Majority Campus,” Panel Facilitator, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas, Spring 2000.

“Graduate Student Survival,” Panel Participant, Black Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, Spring 1999.