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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D., Yale University, Department of History
- 2004 M.A., Yale University, Department of History
- 2000 B.A., University of Wisconsin – Madison

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-present Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project – Lead Historian
- 2019-2021 National Museum of African American History and Culture – Consulting Historian
- 2015-2019 George Washington University – Visiting Scholar
- 2010-2016 Hood College, Department of History – Assistant Professor
- 2008-2010 University of Arizona, Department of History – Adjunct Professor

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books:

- In progress *A History of Impunity: Lynching and Police Violence in the Twentieth Century*
- 2018 *Hard Work: A History of Sanitation Workers and the Teamsters* (Washington, DC: International Brotherhood of the Teamsters, 2018).
- 2014 *Schooling Jim Crow: The Fight for Atlanta’s Booker T. Washington High School and the Roots of Black Protest Politics.* (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2014).

Articles:

- In progress “Counting Lynchings: Uncovering the Hidden History of Anti-Black Violence, 1930-1954.”

Book Chapters:

- 2006 “The Awakening of Amzie Moore: The Biographical Roots of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, 1912-1960,” in The Human Tradition and the Civil Rights Movement, 1865-1980, Paul R. Beezley and Susan M. Glisson, eds., (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2006), pp. 129-156.

Exhibits and Other Curatorial Projects:

- 2022 The Burnham-Nobles Digital Archive of Racially-Motivated Homicides, <https://www.crrjarchive.org/>, launched Oct 2022.
- 2019 “Make Good the Promises: Reclaiming Reconstruction and Its Legacies,” Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Sept 2021 through August 2022.
- 2016 “Black Main Street: Funding Civil Rights in Jim Crow America,” Smithsonian National Museum of American History in the “New Perspectives” case in the *American Enterprise* exhibit, September 2016 through March 2017.
- 2016 “African American Contributions to the Smithsonian: Challenges and Achievements,” virtual exhibit under contract with Smithsonian Institution Archives, September 2016.

Book Reviews and Shorter Publications:

- 2024 Review of *Violence and Public Memory*, edited by Martin Blatt, *The Public Historian*. Vol. 46, no. 2, May 2024.
- 2019 Review of *The Sweat of Their Face: Portraying American Workers*. Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC. Dorothy Moss, Curator, and David C. Ward, Historian Emeritus. November 3, 2017–September 3, 2018, *The Public Historian*. Vol. 41, No. 1, February 2019.
- 2017 Review of *New Labor in New York: Precarious Workers and the Future of the Labor Movement*, edited by Ruth Milkman and Ed Ott, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*. Vol. 14, No. 2, May 2017.
- 2016 “Making Waves: Beauty Salons and the Black Freedom Struggle,” *O Say Can You See? Stories from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History*, 6 Nov.
- 2016 “Freedom's Tally: An African American Business in the Jim Crow South.” *O Say Can You See? Stories from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History*, 18 Oct.
- 2016 “Against Exceptionalism, Beyond Triumphalism: A Review of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.” *Public Seminar*, 24 Sept.
- 2016 “Hearing the Unheard: the Smithsonian and the Riots of 1968,” *The Bigger Picture: Exploring Archives and Smithsonian History*, 20 Sept.
- 2016 “A Working-Class Hero Is Something to Be.” *Public Seminar*, 17 March.
- 2016 “Between Science and Empire: Oldfield Thomas and Anglo-American Zoology,” *The Bigger Picture: Exploring Archives and Smithsonian History*, 19 Jan.

- 2015 Review of *A World More Concrete: Real Estate and the Remaking of Jim Crow South Florida* by N. D. B. Connolly, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*. Vol. 12, No. 4 (Winter, 2015).
- 2015 “An Atlas of Self-Reliance: The Negro Motorists’ Green Book, 1937-1964.” *O Say Can You See? Stories from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History*, 29 July.
- 2015 “How they ignore Black America: Freddie Gray, Baltimore & the pernicious influence of respectability politics,” *Salon.com*, 28 April.
- 2014 “America just doesn’t get it: Why police killings demand more than a ‘respectable’ response,” *Salon.com*, 13 December.
- 2014 Review of *To Render Invisible: Jim Crow and Public Life in New South Jacksonville* by Robert Cassanello, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, Vol. 11, No. 4 (Winter, 2014).
- 2014 Review of *A New Deal for All? Race and Class Struggles in Depression-Era Baltimore* by Andor Skotnes, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (Fall, 2014).
- 2014 “Writing History with Wite-Out: A Review of PBS’s *The Abolitionists*,” *Jacobin: A Magazine of Culture and Polemic*, 25 March.
- 2012 “A Solidarity of Strangers: Reflections on Organizing,” *CoreyRobin.com*, 8 June.
- 2011 “More!” A review of *The Labor Question in America: Economic Democracy in the Gilded Age* by Rosanne Currarino, *H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences*, October 2011.
- 2010 “Civil Rights” in *The Encyclopedia of United States Political History, Vol. 4: 1876-1920*, ed. Robert Johnston (Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010).
- 2002 Review of *Worker Participation: Lessons from the Worker Co-ops of the Pacific Northwest* by John Pencavel, *The Journal of International Labor and Working Class History* 63 (October, 2002).

INVITED TALKS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2021 “Doing Research in Federal Archives,” University of Georgia, 17 February.
- 2021 “Working as a Professional Historian,” University of Georgia, 10 February.
- 2020 “Freelancing as a Historian,” Texas A & M University, 18 September.
- 2018 “Researching Lynching and Police Violence: Method and Historical Context,” Texas A & M University, 17 September.

- 2018 “Finding ‘Lost’ Cases of Lynching and Police Brutality,” Digital Red Records: A Workshop on Digital Collections Covering Historical Racial Violence in the U.S., Northeastern University School of Law, 26 January.
- 2017 “Documenting Lynching and its Influence,” *The Metropole: the Official Blog of the Urban History Association*, 26 June.
- 2016 “Minding the Till of Freedom: African American Businesses in Jim Crow America,” National Museum of American History, 7 October.
- 2015 “The Roots of Black Protest Politics,” an interview with Beth English for the Southern Labor Studies Association’s *Working History* podcast, 18 June.
- 2012 “Civic Rights: Respectability and Urban Development in Jim Crow Atlanta,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, 27 February.
- 2011 “The Nineteenth Century Labor Movement and the Language of Americanism.” National History Day Teacher Training Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 13 June.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2021 “Building A Digital Red Record: The Burnham-Nobles Archive,” Indiana Society of Archivists, 29 April.
- 2017 “Farewell to the Golden Age: Rewriting Labor History After the New Deal.” Southern Labor Studies Association Conference, 4 March.
- 2015 “Hope and Peril: World War One and Working-Class Black Southerners.” Southern Labor Studies Association Conference, 7 March.
- 2013 “Disaster Progressivism: Urban Crisis, Power and Reform.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 3-6 Jan.
- 2009 “Who Were the Black Progressives?” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 29 March.

Panels Chaired

- 2016 “Precarity and Coercion: Southern Labor Regimes.” Southern Capitalisms Graduate Student Conference, Johns Hopkins University, 5 March.
- 2015 “Teamster Union Responses to Congressional Investigations in the Late 1950s.” Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, 29 May.
- 2015 “Unfree Markets.” A Time and Place: Race and Racism in Comparative Perspective, Fourth Annual Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship Graduate Student Conference. Johns Hopkins University, 1 May.

Papers Presented

- 2017 “Golden Ages and Dark Ages in U.S. Labor History.” Southern Labor Studies Association Conference, 4 March.
- 2016 “War, Sanitation, and Suburbia.” D.C.-Area Working-Class Studies Seminar, 19 November.
- 2015 “Self-Determination at the Ballot-Box: the Fight for Atlanta’s Booker T. Washington High School, 1913-1924.” Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, 30 May.
- 2015 “‘War Dreams’: Patriotism and Cross-Class Black Solidarity in WWI-Era Atlanta.” Southern Labor Studies Association Conference, 7 March.
- 2014 “Rethinking Interracial Politics and the Long Civil Rights Movement: Black Jacksonville and the Knights of Labor, 1887-1892.” D.C. African American Studies Works-In-Progress Seminar, 8 Feb.
- 2014 “Florida’s ‘Second Reconstruction’: The Knights of Labor and Interracial Politics in Jacksonville, Florida, 1887-1889.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 3 Jan.
- 2013 “Learning How to Jim Crow: Jacksonville, Florida’s White Progressives, 1887-1892.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 4 Jan.
- 2011 “Respectable Militants: Atlanta’s Neighborhood Union and the Transformation of the Politics of Respectability, 1908-1913.” D.C.-Area Working-Class Studies Seminar, 15 October.
- 2009 “The Limits of the Politics of Respectability: Disfranchisement, ‘Manhood Rights,’ and the 1906 Georgia Equal Rights Convention.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 29 March.

CAMPUS TALKS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- 2021 Discussion of *Schooling Jim Crow: The Fight for Atlanta’s Booker T. Washington High School and the Roots of Black Protest Politics*, American University, Washington, DC, 9 Feb.
- 2015 Book Talk for *Schooling Jim Crow: The Fight for Atlanta’s Booker T. Washington High School and the Roots of Black Protest Politics*. Hood College, Frederick, MD, 24 Feb.
- 2015 Participant on the Black Lives Matter Student-Faculty Panel. Sponsored by the Hood College Black Student Union. Hood College, Frederick, MD, 3 Feb.
- 2014 *The Abolitionists*: Screening and Panel Discussion. Part of the Created Equal film series, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Hood College, Frederick, MD, 25 Feb.

2012

“The Politicians of Respectability: Urban Development and Interracial Politics in Atlanta, GA, 1899-1919.” Hood College, Frederick, MD, 3 April.