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Senior Lecturer
Department of History
University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

EDUCATION:

University of Missouri – Columbia, Missouri
Ph.D., History (2005)
Fields of Study: United States, Africa

University of California at Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara, California
M.A., History
Fields of Study: Africa, U.S.

Oral Roberts University – Tulsa, Oklahoma
M.Div.

Campbell University – Buies Creek, North Carolina
B.S., Social Sciences with emphasis in history

Academic Experience:

Senior Lecturer, Department of History (Fall 2023)
University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, Texas

Associate Professor, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences (Fall 2015-Spring 2023)
History Program Coordinator
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Assistant Professor, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences (Fall 2006-Spring 2015) History program coordinator
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Economics, and Geography (2005-2006)
Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

SAMPLE OF COURSES TAUGHT:

United States History to 1877
United States History Since 1877
Slavery in the Americas
African American History to 1865
African American History Since 1865
African History

PUBLICATIONS SAMPLE:

Slavery Race and Religion in Antebellum Missouri: Freedom From Slavery and Freedom From Sin (Lexington Books), 2023.

“Religion in the Diaspora,” in Mario Azevedo, editor. *Africana Studies: A Survey of Africa and the African Diaspora*. (Carolina Academic Press), 2019.

Articles in the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas* (2016-2017):

“Guy v. Daniel”

“Gary v. Stevenson”

“Lawrence A. Davis, Sr.”

“An Equal Right to Die for One’s Country: African Americans and Immigrants,” in Christos G. Frentzos and Antonio Thompson, editors. *The Routledge Handbook of U.S. Diplomatic and Military History, Colonial Period To 1877*. Routledge Press, 2014.

“American Anti-Slavery Society,” in Carlos E. Cortes, editor. *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Sage Publications, 2013.

“Henry Bibb,” in Junius P. Rodriguez, editor. *The Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition*. M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2007.

“Mifflin Gibbs,” in Junius P. Rodriguez, editor. *The Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition*. M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2007.

Reviews:

Amrita Chakrabarti Myers, *Forging Freedom: Black Women and the Pursuit of Liberty in Antebellum Charleston* in *Journal of African American History* Vol. 99 #3 Summer (2014).

Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, *Setting Down the Sacred Past: African American Race Histories* in *Journal of Southern History* Summer (2012).

Kevin Adams, *Class and Race in the Frontier Army: Military Life in the West, 1870-1890* in *Chronicles of Historical Studies* Volume 6 (2010).

Robert J. Robertson, *Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas* in *The East Texas Historical Journal* Vol. 40 (2006).

Joshua D. Rothman, *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families Across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861* in *Southern Historian* Vol. XXV (2005).

SERVICE:

Department of History University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

Assessment Committee (2023 – Present)

Three-Year Lecturer Committee (2023 – Present)

Ethnic Studies Learning Collaborative (2023 – 2024)

Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences Service:

Curriculum Committee (Chair) (2019-2023)

Peer Review Committee (Spring 2016-2023)

Technology Committee (2017-Present)

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Teacher Education Committee (2012-2016; 2019-Present)

Professional and Community Service:

Rio Grande Valley Regional History Day Judge, February 17, 2024
College Board Higher Education Symposium on Advanced Placement (AP) African American Studies, Washington, D.C. (March 4-6, 2022).
Arkansas Humanities Council Board of Directors (2018-2023). A working board that Awards dozens of grants each year to community organizations and schools to Promote humanities programs.
Arkansas Historical Association Board of Trustees (2016-2022)

PRESENTATIONS:

"The Development of Slavery in Colonial America," Region One presentation, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley (May 18, 2024)
"Two Headed Negroes' and Cultural Resistance to Slavery" Black History Month Presentation, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley (February 22, 2024)
"An Urban Institution: The African American Church in Antebellum Missouri," Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (April 21, 2022).
"African American Churches in Antebellum St. Louis," Pacific Coast Branch American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon (2022).
"African Americans and Civil War Saint Charles," Western Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon (2020).
"Securing the White River: The Union Post of St. Charles During the Civil War," Western Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (2019).
Moderator, "Navigating Whiteness in Arkansas," Panel at Arkansas Historical Association Annual Meeting, Stuttgart, Arkansas (2019).
Documentary Interview: *War in the Sixties*, 2014. Arkansas Educational Television Documentary about the Civil War in Arkansas aired summer 2014.
"James S. Rollins and the Thirteenth Amendment," 2013 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Student Faculty Research Seminar.
"Free African Americans in Antebellum Arkansas," 2011 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Student Faculty Research Seminar.
"The Independent African American Church in Antebellum St. Louis," Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, September 2010.
"Making a Slave Society: Arkansas County, Arkansas," 2010 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Student Faculty Research Seminar.
"Racial Equality and Civil Rights," Breaking the Cycle of Cultural Bondage Thru Knowledge and Reconnection to the Past, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Humanities Lectures (2008).
"Lewis County, Missouri: A Historical Assessment of a Slave Conspiracy," Mid America Conference on History, Tulsa, Oklahoma (2007).
"Folk Religion in Frontier Slave Communities," Journey to Freedom. NEH Symposium at Texas Southern University sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (2006).
"The Lewis County, Missouri Slave Revolt," Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas (2006).

“Building a Christian Community: New Salem Baptist Church, Boone County, Missouri; 1828-1860,” Missouri Conference on History, Sedalia Missouri (2006).

“Leadership and the Antebellum Black Churches of St. Louis,” Missouri Conference on History, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (2003).

“Slavery and Religion in Antebellum Missouri,” Mid-America History Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas (1999).

“Middle Class Black Christians and Civil Rights in St. Louis, 1945-1960,” Missouri Conference on History, Columbia, Missouri (1998).

Professional Associations:

Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Organization of American Historians
Southern Historical Association

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, Awards:

Ethnic Studies Learning Collaborative.
NEH Summer Institute for College History Teachers. African American History and Culture in the Georgia Lowcountry. Georgia Historical Society (June 2013).