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Professor of History  
Assistant Academic Unit Head  
Department of History, MSC 2001  
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**EDUCATION**

*Northwestern University* (Evanston, IL)  
Ph.D., American History, 1998

*Lawrence University* (Appleton, WI)  
Bachelor of Arts in History, 1987  
Graduated *magna cum laude*

**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

*James Madison University* (Harrisonburg, VA)  
Full Professor, Dept. of History, 2013–  
Assistant Academic Unit Head, 2020–  
Associate Professor, Dept. of History, 2005–2013  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of History, 1999–2005

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS**

Ottis Lock Endowment, East Texas Historical Association, 2010  
Edna T. Shaeffer Award, James Madison University, Summer 2000  
Summerlee Research Fellow, William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern  
Methodist University (Dallas, TX), 1998/99  
Charlsie E. Berly Award, Texas Gulf Historical Society, 1998  
Louis Pelzer Memorial Award, Organization of American Historians, 1995  
Ottis Lock Endowment, East Texas Historical Association, 1994, 2010  
Phi Beta Kappa

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Current Book Project**

*Buzzards over Texas: A Story of Race, Violence, and the Search for Justice in the Jim Crow South* (in preparation)

**Books**

*A Working People: A History of African American Labor since Emancipation* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2013)  
[Chapter 5 reprinted in Glenn O. Phillips, ed., *The African Diaspora Experience*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., (Littleton, MA: Tapestry Press, 2017), 370–383.]

### **Edited Reference Works**

*The World of Jim Crow America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2019)

*The Great Black Migration: A Historical Encyclopedia of the American Mosaic* (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood, 2014)

*Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*. 3 vols. Greenwood Milestones in African American History. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006 (Editor's Choice, *Booklist*, 2007)

### **Articles and Review Essays**

"Organized Labor and the Civil Rights Movement: Lessons from a Troubled Past," *New Labor Forum* 18, no. 3 (Summer 2009): 60–70.

"The Great Migration and the Literary Imagination." *Journal of the Historical Society* 9, no. 1 (March 2009): 87–128.

"The Great War, Black Workers, and the Rise and Fall of the NAACP in the South." In *The Black Worker: A Reader*, 147–77, edited by Eric Arnesen. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2007.

"The Making of Southern Disfranchisement: A View from Inside the Hall." Review of *Struggle for Mastery: Disfranchisement in the South, 1888–1908* by Michael Perman. *Reviews in American History* 30 (March 2002): 72–79.

"Soldiers of Democracy: Black Texans and the Fight for Citizenship, 1917–1921" *Journal of American History* 82 (March 1996): 1478–1504.

"Struggle in the Piney Woods: Land, Labor, and Working-Class Formation in Southeast Texas." *The Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record* 32 (November 1996): 9–20 [Reprinted in *The Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record*, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, 50 (November 2014): 208–21.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

"Hall, William Covington." *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015 (1250 words).

"United States: Great Black Migrations, 1900–1970." *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*. Edited by Immanuel Ness and Peter Bellwood. 5 vols. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013 (approx. 4000 words).

"Internal Migration: African Americans." *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*. Edited by Lynn Dumenil, 545–51. 2 vols. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. (2537 words).

"Forests." *The Old West: History and Heritage*. Edited by Edward Countryman. London: Marshall Cavendish, 2009 (2000 words).

“Brotherhood of Timber Workers.” *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History*. Edited by Eric Arnesen, 188–91. New York: Routledge, 2007. (2500 words)

“Industrial Workers of the World.” *Ibid.*, 653–57. (4200 words)

“Appalachia.” In *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*. 3 vols. Greenwood Milestones in African American History. Edited by Steven A. Reich. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006. (1500 words)

“Black Towns” (700 words); “Federal Surveillance of Black Migrants” (1000 words); “Gibson, Joshua” (600 words); “Labor Agents” (800 words); “Paige, Leroy Robert ‘Satchel’.” (900 words); “Return Migration” (1200 words); “State Clubs” (550 words), *Ibid.*

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Working in the Magic City: Moral Economy in Early Twentieth-Century Miami* by Thomas A. Castillo. *Journal of American History* (forthcoming)

Review of *Forging a Laboring Race: The African American Worker in the Progressive Imagination* by Paul R. D. Lawrie, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 15, no. 1 (March 2018): 112–14.

Review of *Winning the War for Democracy: The March on Washington Movement, 1941–1946* by David Lucander. *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 13, no. 2 (May 2016): 101–03.

Review of *Work and Faith in the Kentucky Coal Fields: Subject to Dust* by Richard J. Callahan, Jr. *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 7, no. 3 (Fall 2010): 97–99.

Review of *The Tribe of Black Ulysses: African American Lumber Workers in the Jim Crow South* by William P. Jones. *Journal of Southern History* 73, no. 1 (February 2007), 211–13..

Review of *Labor’s Promised Land: Radical Visions of Gender, Race, and Religion in the South*, by Mark Fannin. *Journal of Southern History* 72, no. 4 (November 2006), 910–911.

Review of *Hope and Danger in the New South City: working-Class Women and Urban Development in Atlanta, 1890–1940*, by Georgina Hickey, and *The New Deal and Beyond: Social Welfare in the South since 1930*, edited by Elna C. Green. *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 2, no. 2 (Summer 2005): 141–46.

Review of *Race, War, and Surveillance: African Americans and the United States Government during World War I*, by Mark Ellis. *Journal of Southern History* 69 (November 2003): 964–65.

Review of *Harvest Wobblies: The Industrial Workers of the World and Agricultural Laborers in the American West, 1905–1930* by Greg Hall. *International Labor and Working-Class History* 63 (October 2002): 186–88

Review of *The Politics of Whiteness: Race, Workers, and Politics in the Modern South*, by Michelle Brattain. *Journal of American History* 89 (September 2002): 685–86.

Review of *Divided We Stand: American Workers and the Struggle for Black Equality*, by Bruce Nelson. *Journal of Southern History* 68 (August 2002): 729–30

Review of *Black Unionism in the Industrial South*, by Ernest Obadele-Starks. *Gulf South Historical Review* 16 (Spring 2001): 58–60.

Review of *In Struggle against Jim Crow: Lulu B. White and the NAACP, 1900–1957*, by Merline Pitre. *Journal of American History* 87 (March 2001): 1571–72.

Review of *Nameless Towns: Texas Sawmill Communities, 1880–1942*, by Thad Sitton and James Conrad. *Journal of American History* 86 (December 1999): 1368–69.

Review of *Plain Folk of the South Revisited*, edited by Samuel C. Hyde, Jr. *Journal of American History* 85 (December 1998): 1065–66.

Review of *East Texas Mill Towns and Ghost Towns*, by W. T. Block. *East Texas Historical Journal* 33, no. 2 (1995): 83–84.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Buzzards over Texas: A Story of Race, Violence, and the Search for Justice in the Jim Crow South,” Newberry Library Seminar in Labor History, Chicago, Illinois, February 23, 2023

“Testifying against Jim Crow’s Violence,” Narratives and Narrativity in the Study of Violence: Workshop 2: Factual and Fictional Narratives of Violence, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, December 8–9, 2022

“The Slocum Massacre and the Radical Politics of Black Landownership in the Jim Crow South,” African Studies Workshop, James Madison University, October 19, 2021

“Has American Democracy Overcome Racism?” Session IV, Democracy in Peril?, James Madison University, April 11, 2017

“The Works of Civil Rights,” Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Social Justice Program, Drawing on the Left: Ben Shahn and the Art of Human Rights, Duke Hall Gallery, James Madison University, March 21, 2017

“The Significance of African American History in the Age of Trump,” Tuskegee University Black History Month Celebration Lecture Series in Honor of Frank J. Toland, Tuskegee University, February 9, 2017

Commentator, Placing Value – and Displacing Labor – in America’s Forests, American Society for Environmental History, Washington, DC, March 21, 2015.

Chair and Commentator, New Perspectives on Black Migration and U.S. History, Southern Labor Studies Association, Washington, DC, March 8, 2015

“The Migrant Generation: World War I, Southern Black Labor Activism, and the Meaning of Freedom in the Age of the Great Migration,” Southern Labor Studies Association, Washington, DC, March 7, 2015.

Chair and Commentator, African American Freedom Struggles, Working-Class Activism, and the Wartime State, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 23, 2013

“African American History as Labor History,” Keynote Address, The Organization for the Study of Southern Economy, Culture, and Society (OSSECS) and the Southern Labor Studies Association (SLSA) Annual Luncheon, Southern Historical Association Conference, Mobile, AL, November 3, 2012

Chair and Commentator, Session VA: New Directions in the History of Civil Rights and Race in the U.S. III, The Historical Society, June 3–5, 2010, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Chair, Session No. 1693, The Early Civil Rights Movement in the City, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 7–10, 2010

Chair and Commentator, Session No. 12, Race, Working Class Activism, and Repression in the Free Labor South, Conference on Race, Labor and Citizenship in the Post-Emancipation South, Charleston, SC, March 11–13, 2010

Featured Speaker, Labor Breakfast Forum: “A Century of Struggle: Labor and the Civil Rights Movement—Marking the Centennial of the NAACP,” The Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, CUNY, June 17, 2009

“Southern Black Laborers,” invited lecture in conjunction with the Winter Park Historical Association’s exhibit entitled “From Kin to Kant: The Culture of Turpentine,” Winter Park Historical Association, Winter Park, Florida, February 11, 2009

Comment on papers by R. Scott Huffard, Jr., and Gerard J. Fitzgerald. Environmental Aspects of Southern Industrialization. Southern Industrialization Project Conference. Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, June 13–14, 2008.

“The Great Migration and the Literary Imagination,” The Historical Society 2008 Conference: Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, June 5–7, 2008

“Slocum, Texas: Recovering the History of an American Pogrom,” Southern Historical Association Conference, November 2005, Atlanta, Georgia

Chair and Commentator, Panel entitled World War I in Alabama: Economic and Racial Issues, Twenty-Third Annual Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Pensacola, Florida, October 7–9, 2004

“Matrimony on the Move: Lumbering, Labor Migration, and Family Conflict in Southeast Texas, 1900–1920” Southern Labor Studies Conference, Birmingham, AL, April 16, 2004

“Searching for ‘Lost Land’: Squatters, Lumbermen, and the Struggle over Property Rights in the Timberlands of Southeast Texas, 1870–1920,” Southern Industrialization Project Annual Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis, May 31 and June 1, 2002

“African Americans, Rural Transformation, and the Making of the Brotherhood of Timber Workers, 1911–1913,” Southern Historical Association Conference, Louisville, November 2000 (panel organizer)

“Searching for ‘Lost Land’: Squatters, Lumbermen, and the Struggle over the Unoccupied Forest in the Making of the Texas Lumber Industry,” East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, TX, September 29, 2000

Commentator, Panel entitled Perspectives on African-American History, Southwestern Historical Association / Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, San Antonio, April 3, 1999

“Revolt Among the Timber Workers: African Americans and the Struggle for Interracial Unionism in the Jim Crow South,” Penn State Labor History Workshop, October 6, 1998

“Changes in the Forest: Large-Scale Lumbering and the Transformation of the Southern Backcountry, Southeast Texas, 1890–1915,” Newberry Library Rural History Seminar, Chicago, November 22, 1997

“New Perspectives on the Making of the Southern Working Class: Evidence from the Work Experiences of Black Lumber Workers in East Texas, 1890–1920,” New Perspectives in Southern History: A Graduate Symposium, Auburn University, May 1997

“Struggle in the Piney Woods: Land, Lumber, and Working-Class Formation in East Texas,” Southern Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, November 1995

“Soldiers of Democracy: Black Texans and the Fight for Citizenship, 1917–1920,” Southwestern Historical Association / Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, March 1994

#### **TEACHING**

*James Madison University*, 1999–

#### **Current Classes Taught**

HIST 150 Critical Issues in Recent Global History

HIST 225 United States History (one-semester survey)

HIST 322 Jim Crow South  
HIST 300 Historical Thinking  
HIST 301 Putting History Skills to Work  
HIST 401 The Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century  
HIST 605 Graduate Seminar in U.S. History—Recent Period  
HIST 671 Graduate Seminar in Historical Research Methods

### **Classes No Longer Taught**

HIST 356 African American History since 1865  
HIST 428/528 American Workers in the Industrial Age  
HIST 395 History Seminar (Historical Research Methods)  
HIST 439 History of Modern Inequality  
HIST 439/605 Twentieth-Century American Culture and Society  
HIST 430/530 U.S. History, 1877–1901: The Gilded Age  
HUM 120 What Is an American?

*Southern Methodist University, 1999*

History of the United States: Since 1877

*Northwestern University (Lecturer, History Department, 1993–1995*

Freshman Seminar: The Meaning of Freedom in the Age of Emancipation: Southern Society After Slavery, 1863–1968 (Winter 1995)

U.S. History Since 1865 (Summer 1994)

Upper-division Seminar: After Slavery: The American South From Reconstruction to the Great Depression (Spring 1994)

Upper-division Seminar: Popular Resistance in World Historical Perspective (Fall 1993; Spring 1994)

### **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, 2005–2023**

African, African American, and Diaspora Studies Center, Internal Advisory Board (2021–)

Provost's Task Force on research and Scholarship (2018–2020)

President's Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion (Co-Chair History and Context Working Group, 2017–2019)

Department of History, Curriculum Committee (2020–2023; interim chair Spring 2022)

Department of History, Chair, Russian History Search Committee (2017–2018)

Department of History, Representative to Cluster One Committee (2013–2020)

Department of History, Personnel Advisory Committee, Chair (2012–2017; 2022–)

Graduate Council, Executive Committee, CAL Representative (2011–2012)

Graduate Council, Department of History Representative (2007–2012)

Department of History, Academic Program Review of Graduate Program in History, Chair (2012)

Department of History, Assessment Coordinator for Graduate Education (2009–2012)

Department of History, Graduate Program Director (2007–2012)

JMU Research Council, CAL Representative (2006–08)

Department of History, Acting Assessment Coordinator (2007)

Department of History, Ad Hoc Committee on Educational Leave, Chair (2007)

Madison Historical Review (graduate-student academic journal), Faculty Advisor, (2002–2008)

JMU College Democrats, Faculty Advisor, (2000–2011)  
Faculty Senate, Department of History Alternate (2006–08)  
General Education, Cluster One Committee, Department Representative (2008–11, 2016)  
General Education, Cluster Four Committee, Department Representative (2005–07)  
Department of History, PAC Subcommittee on Research Standards for Promotion & Tenure, Chair  
(2006)  
Department of History, U.S. History Search committee (2005–06)  
Department of History, Carlton B. Smith Prize Committee (best graduate-student thesis prize),  
Chair (2005–07)  
Department of History, Technical Advisory Committee, Chair (2005–07)

#### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

H. L. Mitchell Prize Committee, 2013–2014  
Editor, H-Southern Industry (H-Net discussion list sponsored by The Organization for the Study of  
Southern Economy, Culture, and Society (OSSECS), formerly the Southern Industrialization  
Project, 2002–2014  
Manuscript Referee for *Journal of Southern History*, *The Journal of the Historical Society*, *Western Historical  
Quarterly*, *Great Plains Historical Quarterly*, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, University  
of North Carolina Press, University Press of Florida, Oxford University Press, Bedford  
Press, Prentice-Hall, and McGraw-Hill

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Labor and Working-Class History Association  
Southern Labor Studies Association  
Southern Historical Association  
Association for the Study of African American History and Life