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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. United States History, Minor Field in Labor History, Cognate Field in Women's History, Rutgers University, 1997.
- B.A. United States / Women's History, Certificate in Women's Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1990.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Instructor, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, (Spring 1997)
Lecturer (Tenure Track), Department of History, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand, (1997-1998)
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Georgia State University (1998 to 2003)
Associate Professor, Department of History, United States History, Georgia State University, 2004 to present
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, Georgia State University (2004 to 2007)
Associate Chair, Department of History, Georgia State University, (2006 to 2010)
Chair, Department of History, Georgia State University, (2011–present)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University-Newark (1994-1996)
California Institute of Technology (Spring 1997)
University of Auckland, New Zealand (1997-1998)
Georgia State University (1998- present)

PUBLICATIONS

- “South Africa’s ‘Strange’ Relations with UNESCO: Anti-racism vs. Apartheid,” in *UNESCO Without Borders: The Global Impacts of Education for International Understanding and History Textbooks after 1945*, ed. by Aigul Kulnazarova and Christien Ydsen. (Routledge, 2016).
- “Forgetting the South and the Southern Strategy,” *Miranda* (online, peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal) no. 5 (May 2011) <https://miranda.revues.org/83>.
- “UNESCO’s Postwar Engagement with Race: Using Science to Combat Racism” (University of Dakar, Senegal, accepted for publication).
- “Race, Racism, and Anti-Racism: UNESCO and the Politics of Presenting Race to the Postwar Public,” *American Historical Review*, 112 (December 2007) 1386-1413.

"Miscegenation and Competing Definitions of Race in Twentieth-Century Louisiana," in *Best American History Essays 2007*, ed. by Jacqueline Jones (New York: Palgrave, 2007) 199-234.

"Miscegenation and Competing Definitions of Race in Twentieth-Century Louisiana," *Journal of Southern History*, 71 (August 2005) 621-659.

The Politics of Whiteness: Race, Culture and Workers in the Modern South. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).

The Politics of Whiteness: Race, Culture and Workers in the Modern South. (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, paperback ed., 2004).

"The Pursuits of Post-exceptionalism: Race, Class, Gender and The New Southern Labor History." in *Labor in the Modern South*, ed. by Glenn Eskew, (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2001) 1-46.

"Making Friends and Enemies: Textile Workers and Politics in Postwar Georgia, 1946 -1977," *Journal of Southern History*, 61 (February 1997) 91-138.

"A town as small as that': Tallapoosa, Georgia and Operation Dixie," *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 81 (Summer 1997) 395-425.

Multiple biographical entries, *American National Biography*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

WORKS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS

"What Race Was: Blood, Genes, and History," book manuscript.

With Poul Duedahl, UNESCO's Race Programme, book manuscript on UNESCO's anti-racism program 1948-1975.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

American Historical Association Career Diversity Grant, co PI with Denise Davidson and Alex Cummings, 2017 Faculty Institute.

University System of Georgia award (competition for World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates conference), proposal selected and funded \$5000.

Danish Research Council, Sponsored Research, Routes of Knowledge: The Global History of UNESCO, 1945-1975. (May -December 2014).

Lead Historian, Teaching American History Grant, funded by Federal Department of Education, granted to Dekalb County Public Schools, Atlanta, GA, 2009-2011.

Georgia State University Scholarly Support Grant 2010.

Article, "Miscegenation and competing definitions of race in Louisiana," (2005) selected to appear in *Best American History Essays 2007*.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Library Resident Fellow, American Philosophical Society Library, July 2003.

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State

University, 2002.
Dale Somers Award, for research, Department of History, Georgia State University, 2002.
Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University, July 2001-July 2002.
Copen Faculty Grant, GSU History Department, summer 2001.
NEH summer stipend, Summer 1999.
Writing Fellow, American Council of Learned Societies, American National Biography, August 1996-August 1997.
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, Rieve-Polluck Foundation Research Grant, 1994.

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Michael Yudell, *Race Unmasked: Biology and Race in the Twentieth Century*, in *American Historical Review*, forthcoming 2016.
Review of Anthony Q. Hazard, Jr, *Postwar Anti-racism: The United States, UNESCO, and "Race," 1945-1968*, *American Historical Review*, 119, no. 1 (2014): 159-60.
Review of Paul Frymer, *Black and Blue: African Americans, the Labor Movement, and the Decline of the Democratic Party*, *American Historical Review*, 115, no. 4 (2010): 1183-1184.
Review of *Not Quite White: White Trash and the Boundaries of Whiteness*, by Matt Wray. *Journal of Southern History*, 74, no.3, (2008): 720-721.
Review of *Struggle for a Better South: The Southern Student Organizing Committee, 1964-1969*, by Gregg L. Michel. *Journal of American History*, 92, no. 4 (2006): 1510-11.
Review of *The Mulatta and the Politics of Race*, by Teresa C. Zackodnik. *Journal of Southern History*, 72, no. 1 (2006): 177.
Review of *Southern Struggles: The Southern Labor Movement and the Civil Rights Struggle*, John A. Salmond. *The American Historical Review*, 111, no. 2 (2006): 510-511.
Review of *Beyond Atlanta: The Struggle for Racial Equality in Georgia, 1940-1980*, by Stephen G. N. Tuck. *Journal of Southern History*, 71, no. 1, (2005): 203-4.
Review of *Labor's Promised Land: Radical Visions of Gender, Race, and Religion in the South*, by Mark Fannin. *Journal of American History* 91, no. 3 (2004): 1059-1060.
Review of *Race Against Time: Culture and Separation in Natchez Since 1930*, by Jack E. Davis. *The Historian*, 65, no. 6 (2003): 1413-1414.
Review of *The Future of the American Labor Movement*, by Hoyt N. Wheeler. *Political Studies Review*, 1, no. 3 (2003): 404.
Review of G.C. Waldrep III, *Southern Workers and the Search for Community*. *Labor History*, 43, no.1-2, (2002): 227-8.
Invited Response to H-South Review, of Brattain, *The Politics of Whiteness: Race, Workers, and Culture in the Modern South*. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001). Reviewed by Paul Harvey. Appeared on H-South, October, 2001.

SELECTED PAPERS PRESENTED/TALKS

"South Africa, Race, and UNESCO in its Early Years," American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 5, 2018, Washington, DC.
"UNESCO and Race," World History Seminar, Magdalene College, Cambridge University, November 30, 2017, Cambridge, UK.

- "South Africa's 'Strange' Relations with UNESCO: Anti-racism vs. Apartheid," in *UNESCO Without Borders* conference, June 17, 2015, University of Aalborg, Aalborg, Denmark.
- "Politics of Economy," invited talk, Russell Library 40th Anniversary Symposium, Athens, GA, October 28, 2014.
- "History, Memory and Ideas about Race," Staging American Memory Conference, University of Toulouse, Mirail, Toulouse, France, March 13, 2014.
- "'Lottery of the Genes': The Popular Discourse of Genetics and Race in the Postwar US," International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Salt Lake City Utah, July 10-15, 2011.
- "UNESCO and its race program, 1950-67," invited presentation at conference "Processes of Subjectivization: Colonial and Postcolonial Perspectives, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 16-18 August 2010.
- "Race, Genes, and History: The Construction of American Racial Identities in the late 20th Century," La construction de l'identité américaine : relations et interactions Conference, University of Toulouse, Toulouse, France, 10-11 June 2010.
- "Africa in American Culture," invited presentation to Department of English, University of Toulouse, Toulouse France, 12 May 2010.
- "Have we reached the 'end of southern history'?" invited presentation to conference "Race and the South," University of Toulouse, Toulouse, France, 21 May, 2010.
- "UNESCO's Postwar Engagement with Race: Using Science to Combat Racism" UNESCO History Project Conference, "UNESCO and Issues of Colonization and Decolonization," sponsored by UNESCO, at Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal, 5 - 6 October 2009.
- "The Modern Construction of Race," invited presentation to "The Race In Culture: 20th-Century Ethnology and Empire in Comparative Perspective," Ohio State University, May 1-2 2009.
- "Staging Race : Passing and Racial Identities in Postwar America," Staging American Identity Conference, Toulouse, France, March 12-13, 2009.
- "Gender, Race, and the Construction of the 'Southern Worker,'" invited paper, "Gender and Work" series, sponsored by Gender and Women's Studies program and the Shaw Chair, Kennesaw University, September 3, 2008.
- "Anthropology, Genetics, and the UNESCO Effort to Re- educate the Public on Race," History of Science Society, Vancouver, CA, November 4, 2006.
- "Redefining Race in the Post-World War II Era: Anthropology and the Unesco Effort to Re-Educate the Public on Race," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19, 2003..
- "The Science of Race in the Postwar Era," Race and Place Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 9, 2003.
- "Passing and the 'Public Interest': Race Identity and the State in Twentieth Century New Orleans," invited paper, Marial Seminar, Emory University, February 18, 2003.

SERVICE (ACADEMIC)

Georgia State University:

Department:

Department of History, Undergraduate Studies Committee, (1999-1999)

History Department Executive Committee (2000-2002)

Advisor, History Graduate Student Organization (AGSUH) (2000-2004)

Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) (2000)

History Faculty Search Committees (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2008 (chair), 2009 (chair))

Graduate Studies Committee (2000-2011)
Graduate Director (2004-2007)
Assessment Subcommittee (2006-2008)
Diversity Committee (2005-2007)
Associate Chair (2006-2010)
Chair (2011-present)

College:

College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee (2000-2006)
College of Arts and Sciences P&T Board (2000-2006)
Secretary, College of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee (2000-2006)
Graduate Council (2004-2007)
Dean's Evaluation Committee, chair (2005)
Co-Director, Exchange Program with University of Toulouse, Le Mirail (2010-present)

University:

Library Special Collections Search Committee (Spring 1999)
Merl Reed Fellowship in Southern Labor History Committee (2001-2003)
Area of Focus Committee (2008)
Dean of Libraries Search Committee (2008)
Internal Grants Program Faculty Peer Review Committee (2008, 2010)
Graduate Assessment Committee (2010)
University Strategic Plan Committee (2010)
Search Committee, Social Studies Clinical Position, MSIT, COE (2010)
Co-chair, Graduate Faculty Policy Committee, (2011-12)
Signature Experience Committee (2011-12)
Graduate programs Administration Committee (2012-2013)
Co-op planning committee (2013-14)
Associate Provost for Graduate Programs Search Committee (2014)
Committee to Evaluate Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness (2014)
GSU- Georgia Perimeter Consolidation, Operational Working Group (2014)
Associate Deans Graduate Group, (2012-present)
Administrative Council (2015-present)
Chair, University Assessment Committee (2016-present)
Search Committee, GSU Chief of Police (2016)
Search Committee, Associate Vice President Finance (2017)

University Senate:

Faculty Senator (2004-present)
Committee on Academic Programs (2004-present)
 APRC (2004-2005)
 Graduate Council (2004-2012)
 Chair, Graduate Council (2007-2012)
 Chair, CAP (2012-present)
Budget Committee (2004-2016)
 Budget Priorities Subcommittee (2005)
Admissions and Standards (2016-present)
Senate Executive Committee (2015-present)

University System:
Regents Academic Advisory Committee on History 2013-present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewed manuscripts for *Journal of American History*, *Isis*, *Science in Context*, *World History Bulletin*, *Theory, Culture and Society*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *Patterns of Prejudice*, *University of Georgia Press*, *University of Florida Press*, *Oxford University Press*.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Southern History*, 2007-2012.

Lead Historian, Teaching American History Grant, funded by Federal Department of Education, granted to DeKalb County Public Schools, Atlanta, GA, 2009-2011.

Visiting Professor, University of Toulouse, Toulouse, France, May-June 2010.

Officer, Southern Labor Studies Association, December 2007-2010.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Reviewer for Annual Summer Stipend competition, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007.

Labor and Working-Class History Association Program Committee, 2006-07.

Co-Organizer, Atlanta Area Seminar in Comparative History and Society (SCHAS), 1998-2006.

Southern Labor Studies Conference Program Committee, 1999 and 2001-2002.
Conference co-organizer, 1999.

Editorial Board, *Atlanta History*, 2000-2006.