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## EDUCATION

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS, MO

*Ph.D. History, August 2018*

Dissertation: “What Are We Going to Do For Ourselves?": African American Women and the Politics of Slavery from the Antebellum Era to the Great Depression”

Committee: Margaret Garb (Chair), Iver Bernstein, Adrienne Davis, Rafia Zafar, and Erica Armstrong Dunbar (Rutgers University)

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA ATHENS, GA

*M.A. History, 2008*

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION PORTLAND, OR

*Certificate, 2005*

RICE UNIVERSITY HOUSTON, TX

*B.A. History, 1996*

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## TEACHING INTERESTS

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- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> century African American History
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> century U. S. History
- Women’s Histories
- Communities within the African Diaspora
- Slavery & Emancipation
- Genders and Sexualities
- Movements for civil and human rights
- Museum Studies & Material Culture
- Public History
- Memory & Commemorative Culture

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## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2020	Mellon Scholars Program in African American History
2017	SSRC - Mellon Mays Preparing for the Professoriate Seminar
2014	SSRC – Mellon Mays Pre-doctoral Research Development Grant
2014	Mellon Scholars Program in African American History (Library Company of Philadelphia)
2014	Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship Award (Eisenhower Institute)
2013	SSRC – Mellon Mays Pre-doctoral Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
2012	SSRC – Mellon Mays Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar
2013 – 2018	J. Victor and Beulah E. Monke Scholar (Washington University in St. Louis)
2010 – 2018	Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowship (Washington University in St. Louis)
1994 – 1996	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow (Rice University)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- In Progress     “Justice Has a Compensation:’ The Battle to Pension Ex-Slave Citizens in the United States” (under review)
- In Progress     “*What Are We Going to Do For Ourselves?: African American Women and the Politics of Slavery from the Antebellum Era to the Great Depression* (dissertation-based manuscript)
- In Progress     “‘These Are Our Men:’ Black Confederate Soldiers’ Pensions in the New South”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES, AND PAPERS**

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- 2019             “Where Can We Go to Feel That Security That Other People Feel?: The Great Migration and African American History,” Black History Month Presentation, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
- 2019             “‘Its Success Is Our Success:’ Constructing a Politics of Slavery at the 1895 Atlanta Cotton States and International Exposition,” Southern Studies Conference, Auburn University at Montgomery.
- 2016             “African American Women and the Fight Against the Black Mammy Monument,” Black History Month Presentation, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
- 2015             “African American Women and the Politics of Slavery from the Antebellum Era through the Great Depression,” Graduate Research Seminar, Society for Historians of the Early Republic (SHEAR)
- 2015             “‘Its Success Is Our Success:’ The Negro Building and the Politics of Slavery at the 1895 Atlanta Cotton States and International Exposition,” Graduate History Association Conference, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2015             “The Old People Have No Money: The Politics of Ex-Slave Pensions,” Invited Lecture, Eisenhower Fellows Presentation, Gettysburg College.
- 2015             “A United Effort of Negro Womanhood: The Anti-Lynching Crusaders Campaign for the Dyer Bill,” Invited Lecture, Eisenhower Fellows Presentation, Gettysburg College.
- 2014             “Black Women’s Politics of Slavery from the Antebellum Era through the Great Depression,” Library Company of Philadelphia.
- 2013             “The Anti-Lynching Crusaders: Constructing a Public Politics of Slavery in the Generations after Emancipation,” Chancellor’s Graduate Fellowship Annual Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2013             “Don’t Lynch Mammy’s Children: African American Women, Domestic Labor, and Racial Violence,” Center for English as a Second Language, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- 2012             “‘Great Evils Stare Us in the Face:’ Discourses of Gender, Slavery, and Imperialism at the 1893 World’s Columbian Exposition,” Graduate Research Series, Washington University in St. Louis.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2020 -PRESENT     **GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Assistant Professor, Department of History

**ATLANTA, GA**

**2018 – PRESENT**      **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**      **CARBONDALE, IL**  
Assistant Professor, Department of History

HIST 356, *U.S. Women's History*, Fall 2019  
HIST 300, *Origins of Modern America, 1492-1877*, Fall 2018  
HIST 362A/AFR311A, *Black American History to 1865*, Fall 2018  
HIST 362B/AFR311B, *Black American History since 1865*, Spring 2019  
HIST 487/AFR497, *History of the Civil Rights Movement*, Spring 2019

**2015 – 2017**      **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**      **CARBONDALE, IL**  
Lecturer, Department of History

HIST 555, *Research Seminar in U.S. History*, Spring 2017  
HIST 554, *Violence and Cultural Memory in U.S. History*, Fall 2016  
HIST 487/AFR497, *History of the Civil Rights Movement*, Fall 2015  
HIST 300, *Origins of Modern America, 1492-1877*, Fall 2015-Spring 2017 (4 semesters)

**2014 – 2015**      **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**      **ST. LOUIS, MO**  
Teaching Assistant

*The Cold War, 1945-1991*, Fall 2014  
*U.S. in the World: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Foreign Relations*, Spring 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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2019      O'Day Award Committee (Best Undergraduate Paper), Department of History, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2019      Deb Morrow Graduate Fellowship Committee, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2018 –      Member, Teaching and Curriculum Committee, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2018 –      Planning Committee, Black History Month, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2016 – 2017      Sub-Committee Member, Graduate Student Education, Diversity Commission, Washington University in St. Louis.

2015 – 2016      Search Committee Member, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Africana Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2015 – 2016      Planning Committee, Black History Month, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

2014      Selection Committee Member, Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship Program, Washington University in St. Louis.

2013 – 2014      Graduate Student Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Washington University in St. Louis.

2013 – 2014      Co-Chair, "History of the Future," Graduate Student Conference, Washington University in St. Louis.

2013 – 2014      Graduate Student Mentor, YMCA Leadership Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**September 2006 – August 2010**

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**CARBONDALE, IL**

Education Coordinator, Center for English as a Second Language

- Advised over 120 ESL students on immigration, intercultural, academic and personal issues.
- Assessed students' academic performance and preparedness for study in a university setting.
- Served on the accreditation coordinating team that prepared for CESL's initial review and site visit by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).
- Served on the CESL Administrative Advisory Committee, the CESL Assessment Committee, and the CESL Student Services Committee.

**November 2000 – July 2006**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA**

Coordinator for International Student Services, Center for International Education

- Advised 200 F-1 and J-1 students on immigration, intercultural, academic, employment and personal issues.
- Implemented university compliance with SEVIS and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Advised faculty and staff on academic, employment and immigration issues on F-1 and J-1 students.
- Assessed the intercultural competence of international students on campus and creating programs and services that promoted development in this area.

## REFERENCES

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