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Education

Yale School of Management Leadership Program Certificate, 2023

The Johns Hopkins University, Postdoctoral Study, Advanced Academic Program, 2011-12

Howard University, Ph.D. U.S. History, 2008

Howard University, M.A. US History

Savannah State University, History, Magna Cum Laude

Research and Scholarly Interests

Slavery and Emancipation, Public History, African Diaspora, Digital History

Teaching, Public History, and Administration

- Chairperson, Department of History and Government, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD, 2025-present.
- **USM Wilson H. Elkins Endowed Professor of History, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD, 2022-present.**
- Graduate Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Eastern Washington University, Spokane, WA, 2022-2025.
- **Director, Du Bois Center for the Study of the Black Experience, Bowie State University, MD, 2023-present.**
- Associate Professor of History and Chairperson, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD, 2021-23.
- Assistant Professor of History, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD, 2011-2017 (tenured/promoted 2017).
- Visiting Assistant Professor of African American History, Towson University, 2010-11.
- Lecturer, African American History, Morgan State University, 2008-10.
- **Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD, 2003-07.**

- Teaching Associate, African Diaspora, Howard University.
- Instructor of African American History, Savannah State University.

Academic Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2025

American Council of Learned Societies, Faculty Fellowship, 2024

American Council of Learned Societies, Digital Justice Grant, 2024 (Declined)

University System of Maryland Wilson H. Elkins Endowed Professorship, 2022-present

Teaching Awards

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Award, Bowie State University, 2023

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Publications Award, Bowie State University 2019, 2017

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teacher Award, Bowie State University, 2017

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Researcher Award, Bowie State University, 2016, 2019

College of Arts and Sciences Image Award, Bowie State University, 2015.

Black Male Agenda, Spiritual Scholar Award, Bowie State University, 2015.

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Bowie State University, 2012.

Outstanding Academic Achievement for New Faculty, Department of History and Government, Bowie State University, April 2012

Publication Awards

1. African American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) **International Book Award** for *Southern Black Women and the Struggle for Freedom during the Civil War and Reconstruction*, 2025.
2. Association of Black Women Historians, **Letitia Woods Brown Best Article Prize Honorable Mention** for “Fugitivity and Enslaved Women’s Agency in the Age of Revolution,” *Journal of Women’s History*, vol. 34 no. 4 (Winter 2022): 58-80.
3. African American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) **International Book Award** for *Running From Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America*, 2022.
4. Association of Black Women Historians, **Letitia Woods Brown Book Award Honorable Mention** for *Running From Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America*, 2022.
5. African American Intellectual History Society, **Pauli Murray Book Prize Finalist**, Best Book in Black Intellectual History for *Running From Bondage: Enslaved People and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America*, 2021.
6. Georgia Board of Regents, **Excellence in Research Award** for *Claiming Freedom: Race, Kinship, and Land in Nineteenth Century Georgia*, (University of South Carolina Press, 2018).

Major Publishing Projects

1. **Editor, “Cambridge Studies on Black Women in US History,” Cambridge University Press (CUP) Book Series.**
 - Felicia Y. Thomas, *Everywhere, Nowhere: Black Women’s Emotional, Intellectual, and Spiritual Work in Massachusetts, 1704-1781*, under contract, CUP.
 - J.E. Morgan, *American Concubines: Gender, Race, Law, and Power in the Eighteenth-Century Anglo-Atlantic*, under contract, CUP.
 - Beth R. Wilson, *Testimonies of Emotion: Enslaved Peoples Emotional Lives in the Antebellum US South*, under contract CUP.
 - Karen Cook Bell, *Black Resistance in the Denmark Vesey Conspiracy: The Untold Story of Women and Family in One of the Largest Planned Insurrections in US History*,” under-contract CUP.
2. **General Editor, *Cambridge History of Black Women in the United States***, (Five Volumes, under contract, Cambridge University Press, 2025), Volume Editors: Felicia Y. Thomas, Catherine Adams, Nikki Taylor, Crystal Webster, Hilary Green, Crystal Feimster, Ashley Robertson Preston, Sheena Harris Hayes, Crystal Sanders, Hettie Williams.
3. **Editor, *Sources and Methods for Studying Slavery in the Americas***, Routledge Guide to Using Historical Sources Series, (Under Contract, 2025).

Publications-Books

1. *Black Resistance in the Denmark Vesey Conspiracy: The Untold Story of Women and Family in One of the Largest Planned Insurrections in US History* (ACLS, NEH funded, under contract CUP), 2026.
2. Co-Editor, *Twelve Years a Slave*, Broadview Edition, (under contract, Broadview Press, publication in 2026).
3. *Southern Black Women and Their Struggle for Freedom during the Civil War and Reconstruction*, Cambridge University Press, 2024.
4. *Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America*, Cambridge University Press, 2021.
5. *Claiming Freedom: Race, Kinship, and Land in Nineteenth Century Georgia*, University of South Carolina Press, 2018.

Publications-Peer Reviewed

1. "Slave Resistance in North America," *American History*, Oxford University Press, 2026.
2. "Freedom Dreams and Historical Silences in Denmark Vesey's Conspiracy," *Journal of the Early Republic*, under-review 2026.
3. "The Problem of the Color Line: Freedom and Black Progress in the Late Nineteenth Century South," *Freedom: A Journal of Research in Africana Studies*, (Summer 2024):35-42.
4. "The Department Chair and Educational Technology," *The Department Chair Journal*, Jan. 2024, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19364393>
5. "Fugitivity and Enslaved Women's Agency in the Age of Revolution," *Journal of Women's History*, vol. 34 no. 4 (Winter 2022): 58-80.
6. "Self-Emancipating Women, Civil War, and the Union Army in Southern Louisiana and Lowcountry Georgia, 1861-1865," *Journal of African American History*, Winter-Spring 2016.
7. "(Re)Envisioning the African Diaspora: Rice, Resistance, and Forced Transatlantic Communities, 1750- 1800," *Journal of African American History*, Special Issue on the African Diaspora, vol. 95, no. 2 (Spring 2010): 157-182.
8. "Southern Frontier," Spencer Tucker, ed., *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775: A Political, Social, and Military History*, vol. 1, 339-40, ABC-CLIO, 2008.
9. "Royal African Company," James Ciment ed., *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*, vol. 3, 751-52, M.E. Sharpe, 2006.
10. "The Atlantic Slave Trade to Savannah," on-line publication, *The New Georgia Encyclopedia*, Athens: The University of Georgia, 2004.
11. "The Ogeechee Troubles': Federal Land Restoration and the 'Lived Realities' of Temporary Proprietors, 1865-1868," *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 85(Fall 2001): 375-397. **(Winner of the William Bacon Stevens Award for Best Graduate Article)**

Book Chapters

1. "Black Female Freedom Seekers," in *The Cambridge History of the American Revolution*, Vol. II, Marjorie Kars, Michael McDonnell, and Andrew Shockett eds., Cambridge University Press, 2025.
2. "A Mulatto Woman Named Margaret," in *Women in Exile Across Early Modern Europe and the Americas*, Adrianna Bakos ed., Manchester Press, 2024.
3. "Slave Agency, the Emancipation Monument, and History's Reckoning," in *The Civil War Era and the Summer of 2020*, eds. Andrew Slap and Hilary Green, Fordham University Press, 2024.
4. "Richard Richardson and the Slave Trade in Savannah," Daina Ramey Berry and Leslie Harris eds., *Slavery and Freedom in Savannah* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2014).

5. “‘The Things They Carried’: Resistance, Knowledge and Information Transfer from West Africa to Low Country Georgia,” Julius O. Adekunle and Hettie V. Williams (eds.), *Converging Identities: Blackness in the Contemporary Diaspora*, Carolina Academic Press, 2013.
6. “Robert Smalls and the Politics of Race and Freedom in Low Country South Carolina,” in Matthew Lynch ed., *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians* (New York: Praeger, 2012).
7. “‘Developing a ‘Sense of Community’: U.S. Cultural Diplomacy and the Place of Africa during the Early Cold War, 1953-1964,” Alusine Jalloh and Toyin Falola (eds.) *U.S.-West Africa: Interactions and Relations*, University of Rochester Press, 2008.

Publications-Public Scholarship

1. “The Cambridge History of Black Women in the United States,” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, April 10, 2024, <https://www.aaihs.org/the-cambridge-history-of-black-women-in-the-united-states/>
2. “Black Resistance and Slave Politics in Low Country Georgia,” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, May 23, 2023, https://www.aaihs.org/black-resistance-and-slave-politics-in-lowcountry-georgia/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=black-resistance-and-slave-politics-in-lowcountry-georgia
3. “On War and U.S. Slavery: Enslaved Black Women’s Experiences,” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, November 7, 2022, <https://www.aaihs.org/on-war-and-u-s-slavery-enslaved-black-womens-experiences/>
4. “The Missing Black Women in Denmark Vesey’s Conspiracy,” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/the-missing-black-women-in-denmark-veseys-conspiracy/>, August 30, 2022.
5. “Marronage and Enslaved Women’s Fugitivity,” *Ms. Magazine*, July 2, 2021.
6. “Escape as Resistance for Enslaved Women during the American Revolution,” History News Network, June 27, 2021.
7. “Black Women and American Freedom in Revolutionary America,” *Black Perspectives*, <https://www.aaihs.org/black-women-and-american-freedom-in-revolutionary-america/>, July 13, 2021.
8. “Stacy Abrams Fight Against Voter Suppression Dates Back to the Revolution,” *Washington Post*, April 13, 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/04/13/stacey-abrams-has-taken-up-fight-against-voter-suppression-that-dates-back-revolution/>
9. “Black Women’s Fugitivity in Colonial America,” *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/black-womens-fugitivity-in-colonial-america/>, May 14, 2019.
10. “Black Politics in Lowcountry Georgia after the Civil War,” *Starting Points Journal*, September 24, 2018, <https://startingpointsjournal.com/black-politics-in-lowcountry-georgia-after-the-civil-war/>

11. "Literacy, History, and African American Spirituals," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/literacy-history-and-african-american-spirituals/>, December 2018.
12. "Slavery, Land Ownership, and Black Women's Community Networks," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/slavery-land-ownership-and-black-womens-community-networks/>, October 25, 2018.
13. "Haiti, Cultural Politics, and US Occupation," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/haiti-cultural-politics-and-us-occupation/> April 18, 2018.
14. "Dr. Martin Luther King's Vision of American Democracy," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/martin-luther-king-jr-s-vision-of-american-democracy/>, November 14, 2018.
15. "Gender, Civil Rights, and the Case of Odell Waller," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <https://www.aaihs.org/gender-civil-rights-and-the-case-of-odell-waller/> February 26, 2018.
16. "African American Freedom and the Illusive "Forty Acres and a Mule," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <http://www.aaihs.org/african-american-freedom-and-the-illusive-forty-acres-and-a-mule/> Nov. 16, 2017.
17. "Black Women, Agency, and the Civil War," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society, <http://www.aaihs.org/black-women-agency-and-the-civil-war/> Sept. 22, 2017.

Book Reviews

1. Kellie Carter Jackson, *We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance*, *Journal of American History*, 2026.
2. Matthew Clavin, *Symbols of Freedom: Slavery and Resistance Before the Civil War*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, Fall 2024.
3. Brenda Stevenson, *What Sorrows Labor in My Parents Breasts?: A History of the Enslaved Black Family*, *American Historical Review*, September 2024.
4. Tara Bynum, *Reading Pleasures: Everyday Black Living in Early America*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, Summer 2024.
5. Margaret A. Burnham, *By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow's Legal Executioners*, *Journal of American History*, March 2024.
6. Ashley Robertson Preston, *Mary McLeod Bethune: the Pan-Africanist*, *Black Perspectives*, September 2023.
7. Vanessa Holden, *African American Women and Resistance in Nat Turner's Community*, *Journal of Southern History*, August 2022.
8. Martha S. Jones, *Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All*, *Journal of American History*, June 2022.
9. Brandi Brimmer, *Claiming Union Widowhood: Race, Respectability, and Poverty in the Post-Emancipation South*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2022.
10. Alison M. Parker, *Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell*, *Journal of American History*, March 2022.
11. Van Gosse and David Waldstreicher, *Revolutions and Reconstructions: Black Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, March 2022.

12. Alejandro De La Fuente and Ariela J. Gross, *Becoming Free, Becoming Black: Race, Freedom, and the Law in Cuba, Virginia, and Louisiana, Black Perspectives*, Feb. 5, 2020.
13. Charles Postel, *Equality: An American Dilemma, 1866-1896, Journal of American History*, Dec. 2020.
14. Chris Dixon, *African Americans in the Pacific War, Black Perspectives*, January 2019.
15. Ana Lucia Araujo, *Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade: A Transnational and Comparative History, North Carolina Historical Review*, February 2018.
16. Adam Rothman, *Beyond Freedom's Reach: A Kidnapping in the Twilight of Slavery, Canadian Journal of History*, Winter 2017.
17. Talitha LaFlouria, *Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South, Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2016.
18. Adam Rothman, *Beyond Freedom's Reach: A Kidnapping in the Twilight of Slavery, Journal of Southern History*, November 2016.
19. Kate C. Gillin, *Shrill Hurrahs: Women, Gender, and Racial Violence in South Carolina, 1865-1900, Journal of Southern History*, November 2015.
20. Kidada Williams, "They Left Great Marks on Me": *African American Testimonies of Racial Violence from Emancipation to World War I, Journal of African American History* Summer 2014.
21. Peter McCandless, *Slavery, Disease, and Suffering in the Southern Lowcountry, Journal of American History*, March 2012.
22. Janice Sumler Edmond, *The Secret Trust of Aspasia Cruvellier Mirault: The Life and Times of a Free Woman of Color in Antebellum Georgia, Georgia Historical Quarterly*, (Winter 2011): 403-04.
23. Invited Roundtable Discussion and Review of Marc J. Selverstone, *Constructing the Monolith: The United States, Great Britain, and International Communism, 1945-1950, Passport: Newsletter of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, (April 2010).
24. Judith Carney, *Black Rice: The African Origins of Rice Cultivation in the Americas, Georgia Historical Quarterly*, (Spring 2003): 635-36.
25. Janet Duitsman Cornelius, *Slave Missions and the Baptist Church in the Antebellum South, Georgia Historical Quarterly*, (Spring 2000):157-158.

Digital History Project

1. [Historic Black Communities Project](#), Collaboration with BSU Thurgood Marshall Library.

Grants and Monetary Awards

1. "The Cambridge History of Black Women in the United States, National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant, (unfunded due to DOGE, \$291,465, 2025).
2. "Free Black Communities in the Shenandoah Valley Special History Study," National Park Service **(funded \$64,000, 2024)**.
3. "Humanities in Place: African American Communities in Art, Literature, and History, Mellon Foundation **(funded, \$150,000, 2023)**.
4. "African American Women in War and Freedom," National Endowment for the Humanities, (unfunded, \$250,000, 2024).
5. "War and Memory," Dialogues on the Experience of War, National Endowment for the Humanities, **(funded, \$82,655, 2022)**.
6. "Black Women in War and Freedom," Discovery Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities,

(unfunded, \$30,000, 2023).

7. “The Louisiana Corp d’Afrique Hospital,” Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative, (**funded, \$5500, 2022**).
8. “Using Digital History to Map Black Women’s History,” Bowie State University, (**funded, \$5500, 2021**).
9. “Redesigning the U.S. History Course,” Maryland Open Source Textbook Mini-Grant, Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation, University System of Maryland (**funded, \$1500, March 2018**).
10. “Redesigning the African American History Course with Multimedia Enhancements,” BSU Transformation/Innovation Initiative, (**funded \$12000, 2016, 2017**).
11. “Bridging the Gap between Content Courses and the Capstone Experience,” Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Bowie State University, Research Grant, (**funded \$1500, 2012**).
12. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Schlesinger Library for Women, Summer Research Support Grant, (**funded, \$2,000, 2010**).
13. American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Dissertation Fellow, \$20,000 (**funded, 40 out of 476 applicants**), 2006-07.
14. “Sapelo Island Oral History Project,” Title III, Teaching and Learning Grant, Savannah State University,
15. (**funded \$3,000, 2001**).
16. National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “The Civil Rights Movement: History and Consequences,” W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, Director: Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., July 1999, (**funded \$3,000**).

Academic Presentations and Invited Talks

1. “The Cost of Freedom: Margaret and Freedom-Seeking in Maryland,” **Women’s History Month Keynote**, Prince George’s County, MD, March 12, 2026.
2. “Advancing the Field: Cambridge Studies on Black Women in US History,” **Association for the Study of African American Life and History**, Pittsburgh, PA., September 2024.
3. “Slave Agency, the Emancipation Monument, and History’s Reckoning, **Organization of American Historians Conference**, New Orleans, LA., April 11-14, 2024.
4. “Black Women and the American Revolution,” **AAUW Conversation with CEO Gloria Blackwell**, April 14, 2023.
5. “Black Women and the American Revolution,” Black History Month Talk, **Montgomery County Libraries**, February 17, 2023.
6. “A Mulatto Woman Named Margaret: Fugitive Women in Pre-Revolutionary America,” Women in Exile in the Americas and Early Modern Europe Conference, **George Washington University**, March 4-5, 2022.

7. "Black Women and the American Revolution: A Retrospective on the 60th Anniversary of Benjamin Quarles' *The Negro in the American Revolution*," **Keynote Black History Month Address, Bowling Green State University**, Feb. 10, 2022.
8. "The Missing Black Women in Denmark Vesey's Conspiracy," **Invited Speaker for the Sherman Lecture**, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Oct. 28, 2021.
9. "Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America," **Howard University**, Sept. 21, 2021.
10. "A Mulatto Woman Named Margaret: Fugitive Women in Pre-Revolutionary America," **ASALH**, Charleston, S.C., Oct. 5, 2019.
11. "For a Time Such as This: Enslaved Women, War, and Freedom in Southern Louisiana and Lowcountry Georgia, 1861-1865," **ASALH**, Atlanta, Georgia, September 24, 2015.
12. "Robert Smalls and the Politics of Race and Freedom in Lowcountry South Carolina," **ASALH**, Jacksonville, Florida, October 4, 2013.
13. "In Search of the Beloved Community: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'Letter From A Birmingham Jail' and American Declension," Martin Luther King, Jr. Conference, **Bowie State University**, April 4, 2013, Bowie, Maryland.
14. "Slave Resistance, British Abolitionism, and the Legacy Eric Williams," Faculty Lecture and Colloquia Series, **Bowie State University**, Feb. 20, 2013, Bowie, MD.
15. "Women of War, Women of Freedom: The Wartime Experiences of Enslaved Women in Southern Louisiana and Low Country Georgia, 1861-1865," Sept. 29, 2012 **ASALH**, Pittsburgh, Pa.
16. "Soldiers of War, Soldiers of Freedom: General William T. Sherman's Georgia Campaign and the Discursive Realities of Freedom," Oct. 2011, **ASALH**, Richmond, Va.
17. "'Full and Fair Compensation': Free Labor Ideology and the Liminal Spaces of Freedom in Low Country Georgia, 1865-1868," **Organization of American Historians Conference (OAH)**, April 2010, Washington, D.C.
18. "'The Marks of an Old Offender': Forced Transatlantic Communities and African Resistance in Low Country Georgia," **American Historical Association Conference (AHA)**, January 2010, San Diego, California.
19. "Winning Hearts and Minds: US Cultural Diplomacy, African Independence Movements, and the Cold War," **Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference (SHAFR)**, Falls Church, Virginia, June 2009.
20. "Jane Crow and Pauli Murray: Gender, Civil Rights, and the Case of Odell Waller," 94th Annual **Association for the Study of African American Life and History**, Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 2009.
21. "Burroughs, Georgia through the Prism of Carter G. Woodson's *The Rural Negro*," 93rd **Association for**

- the Study of African American Life and History** (ASALH), October 2008, Birmingham, Alabama.
22. “Federal Land Policy and Its Impact on African American Community Formation in Low Country Georgia, 1865-1868,” 91st Annual **Association for the Study of African American Life and History** (ASALH), September 2006, Atlanta, Georgia.
 23. “‘Developing a Sense of Community’:” U.S. Cultural Diplomacy and the Place of Africa during the Early Cold War, 1953-1964,” LSE-UCSB-GWU International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War, Cold War Studies Center, April 6-8, 2006, **London School of Economics and Political Science and British National Archives, Kew.**
 24. “Exporting American Civic Culture: The U.S. Information Agency Historical Collection and the Place of Africa during the Early Cold War,” **Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference**, October 2005, Dover, Delaware.
 25. “‘Developing a ‘Sense of Community’: U.S. Cultural Diplomacy and the Place of Africa during the Early Cold War, 1953-1964,” 2005 **U.S.-West Africa Conference**, April 2005, University of Texas, Arlington.
 26. Invited Participant, **Advanced Oral History Institute**, University of California, Berkeley, Regional Oral History Office, August 15-20, 2004.
 27. “Colonial Savannah and the Atlantic Slave Trade,” “Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting,” **Albany State University**, April 2002, Albany, Georgia.
 28. **The Africa Program Study Abroad, “Senegal and the Atlantic Diaspora,”** The University of Texas, Arlington, Month-Long Seminar in Dakar, Senegal, July 2000.
 29. “‘The Ogeechee Troubles’: Federal Land Restoration and the ‘Lived Realities’ of Temporary Proprietors, 1865-1868,” **Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting**, April 1999, Savannah, Georgia.
 30. “From Temporary Proprietors to Contract Laborers: The Struggle Over Land and Labor in Low Country Georgia, 1865-1868,” **The American University**, Washington, D.C., April 1994.

Chair and Commentator

1. Panel: Community, Violence, and Slavery in the Antebellum South, **Southern Historical Association** Conference, Oct. 25, 2024.
2. Panel: Remaking Freedom: Black Rights Claims in the Age of Emancipation, **ASALH**, Pittsburgh, PA, September 27, 2024.
3. Panel: Abolition and the Birth of Black Politics in Early America, **Society for Historians of the Early Republic (SHEAR)**, July 13-16, 2023.
4. Panel: African American Landowners in the South: A Trajectory, **ASALH**, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 27, 2020.
5. Panel: Vigilant Memory: Intellectual Histories of Rural and Enslaved Black Women, **African American Intellectual History Society Conference**, Waltham, MA, Brandeis University, March 31, 2018.

6. Panel: Reframing Reconstruction and Race in the Era of Jim Crow, **Southern Historical Association**, Atlanta, Ga, Nov. 15, 2014.
7. Panel: “Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Politicians,” **ASALH**, Jacksonville, Florida, October 4, 2013.
8. Panel: “The American Civil War: The Social and Local Context, **Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference**, Shepherd University, March 23, Sheperdstown, West Virginia, March 2013.
9. Panel: “The Black Female Slave Body and its Many Uses,” **Association for the Study of African American Life and History**, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 28, 2012.
10. Panel: “Your Activism Don't Look Like Mine: The Many Activist Lives of African American Women,” **Association for the Study of African American Life and History**, Pittsburgh, PA, September, 28, 2012.
11. Panel: Slave Rebellions and the Building of African Identities in the Caribbean,” **American Historical Association (AHA)**, Chicago, IL, January 2012.
12. Panel: “Forty Acres and A Mule: A Contemporary Look at Reparations and the Economics of Race,” featuring Dr. Mary Frances Berry, **Beach Institute Lecture Series**, Savannah, Ga, March 2002.

Thesis Research Advisement and Mentoring

- 2025: Walker, Juliet. “The Maroons of Jamaica.”
- 2021-2022: Bonds, Jasmine. “Freedom Songs during the Modern Civil Rights Movement.”
- 2019-2020: Bassey, Felix. “Three Cases of Segregation in the United States, Pertinent Background Information And Their Results Between the 1950s and 1970s.”
- 2018-2019: Newby, Alexis. “The Everlasting Institution of Slavery on Maryland’s Western Shore, 1864-1877: Apprenticeship and Sharecropping Hindering Freedpeople.”
- 2016-2017: Joyner, Tianna. “The Integration of Baltimore Public Schools, 1954.”
- 2015-2016: Bragg, Cory. “The Crusade of John Brown.”
- 2014-2015: Ellis, Alexander. “The Louisiana Native Guard: B. F. Butler’s Black Brigade.”
- 2014-2015: Wilson, Kimberly. “The South and Slavery.”
- 2013-2014: Dennis, Hugh. “Frederick Douglass: “Freedom Dreamed In A Time Of Struggle.”
- 2013-2014: Long, Gregory. “The Exodus Movement of 1879.”
- 2012-2013: Allen, Thomas. “Sherman’s’ March to the Sea: Friend or Foe to African-Americans during the Civil War.”
- 2012-2013: Robinson, Jimmie. “The Resilience of the Black Family.”
- 2012-2013: Crouner, Shannon. The Freedmen’s Bureau Influence on the Southern Educational System.
- 2012-2013: Hall, Sherae. “The Women’s Suffrage Movement and Its Effect on the Fifteenth Amendment.”

National Park Service Mellon Humanities Mentorship, Dissertation External Examiner

- 2023-present: Joshua Strayhorn, National Park Service-Mellon Humanities Post-Doctoral Fellow (Ph.D. Duke University, 2024).
- 2025: Kendra Woodfolk Anthony, “Attending the Crossing: The Spirituality of African American Midwives, 1877-1955,” (Ph.D. Howard University).

University Committees

1. Chair of the 2022, 2023 Black History Month/Spring Convocation Committee.
2. Senator, Faculty Senate, 2020-2023.
3. Title III Proposal Review Committee, 2018.
4. Elected Member, Grievance Committee, Bowie State University, 2017-19.
5. Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Bowie State University, 2013-2020.
6. Member, Academic Policies and Standards Committee, Bowie State University, 2012.

Departmental Committees

1. Member, Archivist Search Committee, Thurgood Marshall Library, 2017.
2. Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of History and Government, 2015-16.
3. Member, African American History Search Committee, 2015-16.
4. Member, African History Search Committee, 2013, 2014, 2018.
5. Member, Committee on Closing the Achievement Gap, Department of History and Government, Bowie State University, 2012-13.
6. Co-Coordinator, Faculty Lecture Series, Department of History and Government, Bowie State University, 2012-13.
7. Member, History and Government Graduate Degree Committee, 2012-18.

Professional Service

1. **Guest Editor, *Journal of African American History*, Special Issue on African American Women's History, 2027.**
2. **Editorial Board, *Journal of African American History*, 2024-present.**
3. **Managing Editor, *Freedom: A Journal of Research in Africana Studies*, 2023-present.**
4. **Chair, ASALH Book Prize Committee, 2025-26.**
5. **Juror, African American History Museum, Stone Book Award, 2025.**
6. **Letitia Woods Brown Book Prize Committee, Association of Black Women Historians, 2023-2024.**
7. **Executive Council, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), 2024-26.**
8. Consultant, National Park Service, Network to Freedom 250th Freedom Seeking in the Era of the American Revolution, 2023-2026.
9. Review Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2022-23.
10. Program Committee Member, Southern Historical Association, 2022-2023.
11. Manuscript Reviewer, University of Georgia Press, 2023-present.
12. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of the Early Republic*, 2023-present.
13. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of American History*, 2020-present.
14. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Women's History*, 2020-present.
15. Peer Reviewer, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 2013-present.
16. Peer Reviewer, *Modern Intellectual History*, 2024-present.
17. Portfolio Evaluator and Subject Matter Expert, African American Studies Program, UMGC, 2019-22.
18. Consultant and Interviewee, Women of Color in STEM Documentary, 2019.
19. Contributor, *Black Perspectives*, 2018-present.
20. Consultant, Africans, African Americans, Academia, and Activism Conference at Bowie State University April 6-7, 2018.
21. Editorial Board Member, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 2015-18.
22. Review Panelist, American Association of University Women, International Fellowship Competition, American Competition, 2010-19.
23. Guest Editor, *Bowie State University Journal of Undergraduate Research and Writing*, 2013.
24. Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) Elected to Executive Council, Class of 2016.

25. Member, American Historical Association Committee on Minority Historians, 2012-15.
Liaison, AHA Graduate and Early Career Committee, 2012-15.
26. Co-Chair, Rosalyn Terborg Penn Award Committee, Association of Black Women Historians, 2011.

Book Talks and Interviews on Black Women's History/Studies

1. Lurie Daniel Favors Show, Sirius XM Radio, July 1, 2021
2. [Rising Up With Sonali](#), Pacifica Radio, July 6, 2021
3. Reflecting History Podcast, July 9, 2021
4. [Recollect Podcast](#), July 13, 2021
5. Letters and Politics Podcast, July 26, 2021
6. Stepping Into the Truth Podcast, July 29, 2021
7. [New Books in Gender Studies Podcast](#), July 30, 2021
8. Cambridge Conversations, December 8, 2021
9. [Ben Franklin's Book Club](#), London, England, December 15, 2021
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- WSAV TV, Savannah, Black History Month Hero, Feb. 2015.

Professional Associations and Honor Societies:

- 1. Association of Black Women Historians, (Life Member)**
- 2. Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH, Life Member)**
3. National Council on Public History
4. Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)
- 5. Southern Historical Association (Life Member)**
6. Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)
7. Organization of American Historians(OAH)
8. American Historical Association (AHA)
9. Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
10. Society of Civil War Historians
11. Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society (History)
12. Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society (Social Sciences)