

## **Curtis J. Austin, Ph.D**

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## **Education**

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### **Ph.D. Mississippi State University, 1998**

**Areas of Concentration:** U.S. Social and Political History, African American History, Civil Rights, Latin American and Caribbean History, Quantitative Analysis  
Dissertation: "The Role of Violence in the Creation, Sustenance, and Destruction of the Black Panther Party, 1966-1972"

### **MA University of Southern Mississippi, 1993**

**Areas of Concentration:** United States History, Southern History, and Latin American History  
Thesis: "The Black Panther Party in Oakland, California, 1966-1972: Menace to Society"

### **BA University of Southern Mississippi, 1991**

Major: United States History

## **Professional Experience**

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**Associate Professor**, Department of History, University of Oregon, 2017-present

**Director**, Black Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oregon, 2017-2019

**Director**, Umoja Academic Residential Community, University of Oregon, 2018-2019

**Associate Professor**, Department of African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, 2012-2017

**Director**, Undergraduate Studies and Curriculum, African American and African Studies, The Ohio State University, 2014-2017

**Director**, Young Scholars Program, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Ohio State University, 2011-2014

**Director**, Center for Black Studies, University of Southern Mississippi, 2007-2011

**Associate Professor**, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall 2007-2011

**Director**, Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall 2002-2007

**Assistant Director**, Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall 2000-2002

**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, University of Central Florida, 1997-2000

**Instructor**, Department of History, Mississippi State University, 1993-1996

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi, 1991-1993

## **Courses Taught**

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- Undergraduate Studies (year-long freshman seminar)
- The Long Black Freedom Struggle
- Early African American History Survey
- Modern African American History Survey
- Civil Rights and Black Power Movements
- Black Political Organizations (graduate)
- The Black Panther Party (graduate)
- History of the Civil Rights Movement (graduate and undergraduate)
- History of the Black Power Movement (graduate and undergraduate)
- The Black Radical Tradition (graduate)
- Black Visual Culture and Popular Media
- The Black Lives Matter Movement
- Afro Brazilian Society and Culture
- United States History Survey, Discovery to 1877 (includes Honors classes)
- United States History Survey, 1877-Present (includes Honors classes)
- Our Times: U.S. Political History, 1945-present
- Jamaican History
- Mississippi History
- African American History, From Africa to the Present
- Black Protest in American History (graduate and undergraduate)
- Directed Readings: History of American Slavery; History of Black Protest
- World Civilizations, 1648-present

## Publications

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*Up Against the Wall: Violence in the Making and Unmaking of the Black Panther Party*, (University of Arkansas Press, 2006). \***Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award**.

“Dare to Struggle: A History of the Black Power Movement,” (Rowman and Littlefield Press, forthcoming 2020). Manuscript submitted to publisher in June 2019.

Books in Progress:

“The Valiant Soldier: A Biography of Clyde Kennard.” Kennard was a World War II and Korean War veteran who became the first African American to attempt to enroll at the University of Southern Mississippi. He was imprisoned for his activism and later died as a result of his imprisonment.

“Dare to Win: A History of the San Francisco 8.” The SF8 are former members of the Black Panther Party who were arrested in 2007 after being charged with the 1971 homicide of a San Francisco police officer. After being held on a combined \$13 million in bail, serving nearly a year in the SF County jail, and working through four years of discovery motions, the trial court dismissed the charges against the men in 2011.

“Africana Studies and Oral History: A Critical Assessment,” in Jeanette R. Davidson, ed., *African American Studies* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, revised for second edition, forthcoming 2020).

“The Black Panther Party in Summation,” in *The Black Panther Party in a City Near You*, (University of Georgia Press, 2018).

“An Interview with Harold Taylor,” *Journal of African American Studies* (2017) 21: 159-171.

“Africana Studies and Oral History: A Critical Assessment,” in Jeanette R. Davidson, ed., *African American Studies* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2010), pp.171-193.

“The Black Panthers and the Vietnam War,” in Andrew Wiest et al., eds. *America and the Vietnam War: Re-Examining the Culture and History of a Generation* (Routledge Press, December 2009), pp. 101-120.

Introduction in Orissa Arend, *Showdown in Desire: The Black Panthers Take a Stand in New Orleans* (University of Arkansas Press, 2009), pp. xvii-xxvi.

Article: “On Violence and Nonviolence: The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” in *Mississippi History Now*, an online publication of the Mississippi Historical Society, February 2002.

## Encyclopedia Entries:

Entry on Black Panther Party co-founder **BOBBY SEALE** in *Black Power Encyclopedia: From the Black Panthers to Stokely Carmichael*, published by ABC-CLIO. 10 pages. (2018)

Entry on the **BLACK PANTHER PARTY** in *Black Power Encyclopedia: From the Black Panthers to Stokely Carmichael*, published by ABC-CLIO. 12 pages. (2018)

“Fard Muhammad,” “Elijah Muhammad,” “Malcolm X,” “Martin Luther King, Jr.” in Phyllis Jestice, editor, *Holy People of the World: A Cross-cultural Encyclopedia*, 2004.

“Republic of New Afrika,” “Revolutionary Action Movement,” “Socialist Worker’s Party,” “The Mafia,” “Reefer,” “Black Liberation Army,” “Farrakhan,” “Louis X,” “Judaism,” and “The Black Panther Party,” in Robert L. Jenkins and Mfanya Tryman, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Malcolm X*, 2002.

“The Political Life of Booker T. Washington,” in Salem Press, *Encyclopedia of Civil Rights*, 1998.

## Book Reviews:

Review, David T. Beito and Linda Royster Beito, *T.R.M. Howard: Doctor, Entrepreneur, Civil Rights Pioneer*, *Journal of African American History* (forthcoming 2020).

Review, Andrew Witt, *The Black Panthers in the Midwest: The Community Programs and Services of the Black Panther Party in Milwaukee, 1966-1977*, *Journal of American History*, September 2009, Vol. 96, issue #2.

Review, Simon Wendt, *The Spirit and the Shotgun: Armed Resistance and the Struggle for Civil Rights*, *Journal of Southern History*, 2008.

Review, *Pure Fire: Self-Defense as Activism in the Civil Rights Era* in *Journal of Mississippi History*, 2008.

Review, Timothy B. Tyson, *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams & the Roots of Black Power*, in *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Spring 2002.

Review, Frederick Wirt, “*We Ain’t What We Was*”: *Civil Rights in the New South*, in *Journal of Mississippi History*, 2000.

Review, Cynthia Griggs, *Soon We Will Not Cry: The Liberation of Ruby Doris Smith Robinson*, in *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Winter 1999.

Review, Robert C. Smith, *Racism in the Post-Civil Rights Era: Now You See It, Now You Don’t*, in *Journal of Mississippi History*, 1997.

Review, Gerald Smith, *A Black Educator in the Segregated South: Kentucky's Rufus B. Atwood*, in *Journal of Mississippi History*, 1996.

## **Film/Media:**

Executive Producer & Historian, *Union Time Fighting for Workers Rights*, a documentary film that tells the triumphant story of Local 1208, a newly created union among workers at the Tarheel, North Carolina Smithfield Pork Processing Plant, 2016

*DRUM Magazine*, "50th Anniversary Commemoration of Freedom Summer," July 2014

Script Writer, Producer, and Narrator of *Clyde Kennard and the Integration of the University of Southern Mississippi*, a short documentary on the attempted integration of USM, Spring 2008.

Produced *Mississippi Moments* installments. These are four-minute radio clips that highlight various aspects of Mississippi history and are aired on MPR in conjunction with the USM Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, 2006-2008.

"*Ordinary People Living Extraordinary Lives: The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi*," an interactive CD-ROM project, Spring 2001.

## **Conferences**

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Presenter, "Resistance and Revolution: From Nat T to Don C," Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, November 6, 2019.

Presenter, "The Black Liberation Army International: Roots, Routes, and Radicalism During the Black Power Era," CSAAD-ASWAD Medial Meeting, New York University, New York City, New York, May 2019. (paper read by colleague Mike Gomez, Professor and Chair at NYU).

Discussant, "Peace, Democracy and the Future of the Dispossessed: Black Internationalist Challenges to U.S. imperialism, 1950-1970," Annual Conference of the African American Intellectual History Society, Ann Arbor University of Michigan, March 2019.

Panelist, "Student Athlete Activism in the Global Campus," PAC 12 Global Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2019.

Presenter, "Toussaint's Timeless Tactics: The Black Panther Party and the Uses of History," National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2018.

Presenter, "Revolutionaries or Regular Radicals: The Black Panther Party International," Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora," Seville, Spain, November 2017.

Presenter, “Stories of Trauma from the Black Liberation Movement: Listen at Your Own Risk,” Oral History Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 10, 2017.

Panelist, “Seize the Time: Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Black Panther Party,” National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 2016.

Chair, “Citizen and Professional Journalism: Responding to #BLM and the Killing of People of African Descent in the U.S.,” National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 2016.

Roundtable Participant, “Reflections on the Promise and Power of Black Power: 50 Years Later,” National Council for Black Studies Annual Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 2016,

Presenter, “Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Black Power Movement,” Annual Meeting of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi, March 2016.

Presenter, “Legacy of Blackness: Haitian Military Strategy, Armed Struggle, and the Black Power Movement,” Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Studies Association, Port Au Prince, Haiti, June 2016.

Presenter, “A Call to Arms: The Strategy and Tactics of the Black Panther Party,” presented at National Council of Black Studies Annual conference, Los Angeles, California, March 13, 2015

Chair and Discussant, “Black Community Solutions to Socioeconomic Disparities,” Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora Biennial Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, November 5, 2015

Presenter, “Ethiopia Shall Stretch Forth her Hands: Black Power in Global Historical Perspective,” 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Association of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, November 2013.

Chair and Commentator, “Making Oral History Public: The Media and the Movement Project and Digital and Traditional Outreach,” Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 2013.

Organizer and Commentator, “Roundtable: Black Kings of Oklahoma Live or B KOOL for Short,” Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October, 2013.

Chair and Commenter, “New Perspectives on African American Freedom Struggles in the Gulf South,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Mobile, Alabama, November 2012.

Chair and Commentator, “You don’t Have to Tell me Twice: Method and Innovation in African American Oral Histories,” Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Cleveland, Ohio, October 2012.

Moderator, “Holla Holla Young Scholar! Celebrating 25 Years of Educational Excellence,” Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Cleveland, Ohio, October 2012.

Presenter, “Trials and Tribulations: Trauma, Oral History, and the Black Panther Party,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 2012.

Presenter, “Violent Revolution in a Nonviolent Era: The Program and Strategies of the Black Liberation Army,” Annual Meeting of the National Council of Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2012.

Presenter, “A Call to Arms: Strategy and Tactics in the Black Power Movement,” Sixth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the World Wide African Diaspora, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2011.

**Organizer, Convener, Chair, Panelist, “A Centennial Celebration of the Civil Rights Movement.” Three-Day conference featuring civil rights scholars, graduate students, and Civil Rights Movement activists, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, October 2010.**

Chair & Commenter, Presidential Panel, “SNCC and the African-American Freedom Struggle: Using Oral History to Reshape the Narrative of the Freedom Movement,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2010.

Panelist, “Ethiopia Shall Stretch Forth Her Hands: Black Power in Global Historical Perspective,” University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, September 2010.

Panelist, “Memory, Reality and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement,” Porter Fortune, Jr. History Symposium/Future of the South Conference, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, February 2010.

Presenter, “International Solidarity, Pan Africanist Thought and the Black Panther Party,” Fifth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the World Wide African Diaspora, Accra, Ghana, August, 2009.

Panelist, “*Looking Forward, Looking Back: Leadership in African American/ Black Studies Programs for the Next 40 years,*” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 2009.

Presenter, “*The Black Power Movement: How The Movement Influenced Change in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,*” Mississippi Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, March, 2009.

Presenter, “The Politics of Healing: Oppression, Trauma, and Recovery in African American Communities,” World Psychiatric Association, Culture and Mental Health: Encountering Trends in Psychotherapy and Social Programs, International and Cuban Approaches, Havana, Cuba, February, 2009.

Chair and Commentator, “Black Political Activism in Post World War II America,” 32nd Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 2008.

Participant, Kellogg Foundation Conference, “Economic Development in Mississippi,” Greenville, Mississippi, 2008.

Presenter, “The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi” at the 44th Annual Goodman, Cheney, Schwerner Memorial in Neshoba County, Mississippi, 2008.

Lecturer/workshop leader, “The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” Teaching American History Grant, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2008.

Lecture/workshop leader on the “Great Black Migration of World Wars I and II” for the federally funded Teaching American History Grant in Lafayette, Louisiana, 2008.

Chair, “Africana Cultures and Policy Studies in Transnational Contexts: Connections in Black History, Social Movements, Literature, and Policy,” National Council of Black Studies Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March, 2007.

Presenter, “The Black Panther Party in the American South,” Southern Historical Association, Birmingham Alabama, October, 2007.

Panelist and Organizer, Mississippi Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement Second Annual Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, March 22-25, 2006.

Panelist, “Black Panther Scholar Roundtable,” 40th Year Reunion/Conference of the Black Panther Party, Oakland, California, October 2006.

Presenter, “Black Newspapers in World War II Mississippi,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2006.

Panelist, “Civil Rights Activism in the ‘Rustbelt’,” Organization of American Historians Regional Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, July, 2006.

Workshop Facilitator, “The Roles of a Research Center and Repository in Regards to Administrative and Infrastructural Support for Community Projects,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas, October 25-29, 2006.

Organizer/Commentator, First Annual Human Rights and Activism Conference, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 28-29, 2006.



Participant, "Roots, Race, Resistance: Revisiting the Legacies of Black Power" Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, Spring 2006.

Panelist and Organizer, Mississippi Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement First Annual Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, March 2-5, 2006.

Keynote Speaker, Mississippi Delta Literary Festival, Greenwood, Mississippi, October 1-2, 2005.

Discussant, *The Intolerable Burden: School Desegregation in Drew, MS*, documentary film produced by Constance Curry, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2005.

Presiding/Commentator, "White Resistance and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement: Histories and Legacies," Organization of American Historians, San Jose, California, March 2005.

Presenter, "Black Panther Party Photo Exhibit," Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, October 2004.

Panelist, "Pitfalls and Problems of Researching the Black Panther Party," Black Panther Party in Historical Perspective Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2003.

Presenter, "The Black Panther Party, Globalization, and the Third World," Association of Third World Studies, Taipei, Taiwan, December 2002.

Panelist, "Oral History and Civil Rights in the Digital Domain," Association of Moving Image Archivists," Boston, Massachusetts, November 2002.

Presiding, "Women of Color and Martha Washington's World," Women of the South Conference, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, September 2002.

Organizer and Panelist, "The Black Panther Party in Historical Perspective," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C. April 2002.

Presenter, "*CD-ROMs, Civil Rights, and Black Power: Oral Histories of the Mississippi Movement and the Black Panther Party*," Oral History Association Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2001.

Moderator, "The Intellectual Origins of American Racism," Black American Heritage Forum, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, February 2001.

Workshop Participant, "*Training Community Scholars in Oral History*," at the Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Durham, North Carolina, October, 2000.

Panelist, "Race and Politics in the World War II South," Louisiana Historical Association, Lafayette, Louisiana, March, 2000.

Presenter, "Protection and Service: Violence and the Black Panther Party," Mid-American Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November, 1999.

"An Oral History of Desegregation and Civil Rights in Yazoo City, Mississippi," Presenter, Phi Alpha Theta Conference, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March, 1990.

## **Invited Presentations**

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Speaker, "1969: A Year in the Life of the Black Panther Party," Black Panther Party 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Free Breakfast for Children Program, Oakland, California, October 2019

Keynote Speaker, "Travel and Transformation: MLK & Malcolm X," Mills International Center, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, May 23, 2019.

Keynote Address, "A Different Kind of Cat: The Black Panther Party and Revolution in America," Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon, April 18, 2019

Keynote Address, "The Greatest Threat: The Black Panther Party and Revolution in America," *From Segregation to Black Lives Matter*: A Symposium and Celebration of the Opening of the Joel Buchanan Archive of African American Oral History at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, March 2019.

Keynote Address, "The Modern Black Freedom Struggle," University of Texas El Paso, Black History Month Lecture Series, El Paso, Texas, February 13, 2018

Presenter, "A History of the Black Panther Party," Wings: University of Oregon Presidential Speakers Series, Portland, Oregon, November 2018.

Pub Talk, "The Greatest Threat: The Black Panther Party and Revolution in American," University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, March 2018.

*UO Today* interview with host Paul Peppis, Oregon Humanities Center, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 2017

"The Denaming of Dunn Hall: A Panel discussion with President Michael Schill," University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 2017.

TedX Talk, The Ohio State University, "Black Panthers, White Lies," Columbus, Ohio, March 2016.

“The Black Panther Party: A 50 Year Retrospective,” University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 10, 2016

The Ohio State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue and Discussion Series on Diversity, “Exploring the Black Lives Matter Movement and Its Impact on Student Activism,” Columbus, Ohio, November 17, 2016

“The Black Panther Party: Peace and Power,” Thompson Library, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, November 15, 2016.

“The Black Panther Party and Interracial Unity,” at the National Conference on Diversity, Race, and Learning, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Spring 2016.

“The Intersection of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, State of Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Annual Black History Month Lecture, Columbus, Ohio, February 2015.

“The Political Art of Emory Douglas,” Creative Control Fest, King Arts Complex, Columbus, OH, February 2015.

Rosa Parks Day Statewide Commemoration, a recorded and televised event held in December 2014 at WOSU studios, Columbus, Ohio, 2015.

Keynote Address, “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freedom Summer Event” sponsored by the University of Southern Mississippi and the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, June 2014.

Panelist, “Sentenced to Death: Stereotyping the Black Male,” Symposium sponsored by the Future Black Lawyers Association, The University of Southern Mississippi, Spring 2011.

Keynote Address, “Clyde Kennard and the Integration of The University of Southern Mississippi,” Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, January, 2011.

Keynote Address, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wayne Thompson Memorial Lecture, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, November 2010.

Public Lecture, “The Black Panther Party in Historical Perspective,” Annual History/Anthropology Symposium, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, October, 2010.

Panelist, “Self-Defense and Black Power,” Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Symposium, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, October 2010.

Panelist, “The Civil Rights Movement and Oral History in the Mississippi Delta,” Sponsored by the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi, September 2010.

Public Lecture, "Terrorism, Torture, and the San Francisco 8," Campus/Community Forum, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, May, 2010.

Keynote Speaker, "Community, Consciousness, and Living Legacies: Celebrating the Scholar Activist," Annual Banquet of the Black Graduate and Professional Students Association, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May, 2010.

Panelist, Delta State University/University of Florida Sam Proctor Oral History Program: Documenting the Civil Rights Movement, "Civil Rights History in the Mississippi Delta," Cleveland, Mississippi, 2010.

Keynote Address, "Race, Gender, and Politics in the Black Panther Party," Conference on "Race, Gender and Politics: Past, Present, and Future, sponsored by African American Studies Program, University of North Carolina Greensboro, 2009.

Keynote Address, "The Historic Implications of the Obama Presidency," City of Hattiesburg, MS, Annual African American History Celebration, 2009.

Panelist, "Is Racism Dead in the Post-election era of Barack Obama?" Roundtable Discussion sponsored by The University of Southern Mississippi College Democrats, 2009.

Keynote Address, "Ordinary People Living Extraordinary Lives: The Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," Southern University of New Orleans, Annual Black History Month Lecture Series, New Orleans, Louisiana, February, 2009.

Keynote Address, "Barack Obama and the Civil Rights Movement," University of Minnesota, Duluth, 2009; MLK Day Annual Celebration, Duluth, Minnesota, January, 2009.

Keynote Address, "A History of the Black Panther Party and the San Francisco 8," Hopkinsville, Community College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 2009.

Keynote Address, "The Black Panther Party: Then and Now," University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, 2009.

Panelist, "The State of Black Studies in Mississippi," Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, 2008.

Keynote Speaker, Multicultural Student Center, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, November, 2001.

Keynote Speaker, "Culture and Complexion in the African American Community," University Activities Council, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Fall 2001.

Workshop, "Teaching Civil Rights and Oral History in the Middle and High School Classrooms," University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Spring 2001.

Keynote Speaker, African American History Month, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, February, 2001.

Workshop Leader, "Frontiers in History," University of Southern Mississippi Teacher Workshop Series, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2000.

Lecturer, "Nazism and Racism in the World War II South," Nicholls State University, Thibideaux, Louisiana, Spring, 2000.

Lecturer, "The Black Panthers and Violent Protest in America," Nicholls State University, Thibideaux, Louisiana, Spring, 2000.

Lecturer, "Oral History and the Historical Profession," University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, 1999-2000.

Lecturer, "The Role of Blacks in World War II," Valencia Community College, Orlando, Florida, Spring, 1997.

## Awards

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- Outstanding Faculty Program for Promoting Inclusion Award, sponsored by The Ohio State University Housing, Spring 2016
- 2013 C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award, \$20,000
- 2013 North Central Region W. K. Kellogg Foundation Engagement Award, \$5000
- 2013 Distinguished Community Engagement Award, The Ohio State University, \$8,000
- National Council for Black Studies Award for Outstanding Service In The Promotion of Social Responsibility in Africana Studies, 2011
- *Choice* Outstanding Academic Book for *Up Against the Wall: Violence in the Making and Unmaking of the Black Panther Party*, (University of Arkansas Press, 2006)
- Educator of the Year Award, Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc. 2008
- Black History Month Educator of the Year Award, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, 2007
- Graduate Research Fellowship, Mississippi State University, 1995-1996
- Graduate Assistantship, Mississippi State University, 1993-1995
- Graduate Assistantship, University of Southern Mississippi, 1991-1993

## Grants

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- American Honda Foundation, Building Mathematical Capacity, The Ohio State University, 2012-2013 \$60,000
- Honda Marysville STEM Grant, \$25,000 (2013)
- Outreach and Engagement, The Ohio State University, \$40,000 (2012 & 2013)
- College Board, CollegeKeys Compact Innovation Award for “Best Practices” in College Preparatory Programming (Mid-Western Region), \$5,000 (2013)
- Tensor-Summa/Mathematical Association of America, Building Mathematical Capacity Summer Camp, \$12,000 (2012 & 2013)
- Co-PI, Hurricane Katrina Oral History Project, University of Southern Mississippi, 2005-2011
- Co-PI, Mississippi Statewide Oral History Program, University of Southern Mississippi, 2004-2008
- PI & Project Director, John C. Robinson Brown Condor Association Oral History Project, Gulfport, MS, 2002-2007
- PI, “Mississippi Veterans Oral History Project,” Mississippi Humanities Council, 2001-2011
- PI, The University of Southern Mississippi College of Business Grant, “An Oral History of Black Businesses in the Mobile-Bouie Historic Neighborhood District, 2008-2009
- Project Consultant, “Moss Point Oral History Project,” 2007-2008
- PI, Mississippi Arts Commission Grant, “Roots Reunion Radio Show,” The University of Southern Mississippi, 2006-2008
- PI & Project Director, “Children of the Right Oral History Project,” Mississippi Humanities Council, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2006
- PI & Project Director, “After School Stories in the Pine Belt,” with Center for Community and Civic Engagement, University of Southern Mississippi, 2006
- PI & Project Director, Mississippi Statewide Oral History Program, 2002-2004

- PI & Project Director, National Endowment for the Humanities “Civil Rights Era in Mississippi,” University of Southern Mississippi, 2002-2004
- Dean’s Initiative Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Central Florida, 1996-1997

## Professional Activities

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- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2019-2020
- Member, Third Year Untenured Review Committee, 2019-2020
- Participant, Office of the Provost’s Leadership Academy, University of Oregon, 2018-2019
- Member, Presidential Task Force on Recognizing our Diverse History, University of Oregon, Appointed by President Mike Schill, 2019
- Member, Diversity Committee, UO Department of History, 2018-2019
- Chair, Diversity Committee, UO Department of History, 2017-18
- Manuscript Review, “The Theory of Grace: A Civil Rights *Memoir*,” University Press of Mississippi, 2019
- Manuscript Review, “The Story of Black Panther Pete O’Neal,” University of Florida Press, 2019
- Journal Article Review, “The Case of Cheryl D. James: Institutionalized Racism and Police Violence Against Black Women in Portland, OR (1968-1974),” *Oregon Historical Quarterly*, 2019
- Book Chapter review, “The Totalitarian Challenge to the Automobile Exception” in *Policing Everyman: How Cars Transformed American Freedom*, Center for the Study of Women and Society, 2018
- Journal Article Review, “The Making of Eldridge Cleaver,” *Journal of Civil and Human Rights*, 2018
- Organizer, Office of the President Freedom of Expression Series, “The Role of Protest in Transforming Education, University of Oregon, October 2018
- Member, Search Committee for Women’s Studies tenure track position, UO Department of History, 2017-18
- Member, Direct Appointment Evaluation Committee, UO Department of History, 2017-18

- First Vice President, Oral History Association, 2017-18
- Member, Presidential Committee for Naming of Unthank Hall, 2017
- Chair, Director of Undergraduate Studies and Curriculum, AAAS, The Ohio State University, 2013-2017
- Member, Chair's Advisory Committee, AAAS, The Ohio State University, 2013-2017
- Search Committee Member, Student Advisor for College of Humanities, The Ohio State University, Spring 2016
- Program Committee Member, Oral History Association, 2016
- Member, Gwen Kagey Committee Awards Committee, AAAS, The Ohio State University, 2012-2016
- Chair, Library Committee, AAAS 2014-2016, The Ohio State University
- Ex-Officio member, Graduate Studies Committee, AAAS, The Ohio State University, 2013-present
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Oral History Association, 2017
- Nominating Committee, Oral History Association, 2015- present
- Member, National Council for Black Studies, 2008-present
- Member, Association for the Study of the World Wide African Diaspora, 2008-present
- Committee Member, President's Public Service Collaborative, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2009-2011
- Committee Member, Provost's Internationalization Council, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2009-2011
- Chair, Oral History Association Committee on Diversity, 2009-present
- Member, Oral History Association Program Committee, 2009-present; 2003-2006
- Member, Southern Historical Association Program Committee, 2009-present
- The University of Southern Mississippi Centennial Celebration Committee, 2008-present



- Founder and Director, The University of Southern Mississippi, Center for Black Studies, 2007-2011
- Member, State Historical Records Advisory Board, 2007-2011
- Aubrey K. Lucas Endowment Awards Committee, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2007-2011
- Committee Member, Center for the Study of the Gulf South, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2007-2011
- Committee Member, Undergraduate Committee, The University of Southern Mississippi Department of History, 2007-2011
- Member, Katrina Research Center, University of Southern Mississippi, 2005-2011
- Conference Organizer, “A Centennial Celebration of Civil Rights,” The University of Southern Mississippi, October 2010
- Board Member, Mississippi Freedom Riders 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, 2010-2012
- Master Teacher, A Civil Rights Bus Tour of the South, Teaching American History, Grant, U.S. Department of Education, Summer 2010
- Chair, Committee on Diversity, Oral History Association, 2009-2012
- Post-doctoral Review Panel, “Civil Rights on the Cell Block: Prison Reform in Texas,” by Robert Chase, Southern Methodist University, 2009
- Archival Assessment, Duluth, MN—assessed value and worth of Sue Sojourner’s Holmes County Civil Rights Collection, which amounted to sixteen file cabinets, ten boxes, and thirty-eight rolls of film, 2008
- Participant, American Humanities Fundraising Seminar, University of Southern Mississippi, 2008
- Attendee, Congressional Black Caucus Annual Conference, Tunica, Mississippi, 2008
- Reviewed manuscripts for the University of Arkansas Press, the University of Iowa Press, and the *Journal of Mississippi History*, 2008
- Manuscript Review, “Beckwith Murder Trial: Ghosts of Mississippi,” textbook for proposed use in Mississippi Public Schools, 2008
- Attended Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado to interview a cross-section of Mississippi delegates for a documentary focusing on a 40 Year Retrospective

of the Democratic National Convention of 1968, which marked the first time Black Mississippians were allowed to participate in the convention, 2008

- Worked with the Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University in collecting and depositing at The University of Southern Mississippi the oral histories of Gulf Coast residents who experienced psychological trauma as a result of Hurricane Katrina, 2007-2008
- Conference Organizer, Oral History Association, 2007
- Plenary Session Organizer, “Oral History and The Black Panther Party,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, California, October 2007
- Committee Member, Emerging Crises Oral History Research Fund, Oral History Association Standing Committee, 2006-2009
- Executive Council Member, Oral History Association, 2006-2009
- Committee Member, European History Search Committee, University of Southern Mississippi, 2006
- Committee Member, College of Arts and Letters Lucas Fund Summer Fellowship, University of Southern Mississippi, 2006
- Participant, Content Digital Media Training, University of Southern Mississippi Digital Lab, 2006
- Chair, Race and Ethnicity Exploratory Committee, The University of Southern Mississippi Department of History, 2006-2008
- Article Review, “Blanche K. Bruce and American Politics,” *Journal of Mississippi History*, 2006
- Article Review, “Leadership and Community: Montgomery and Johannesburg Women Create Community in Resistance,” 2006
- Facilitator, Manhattan Country School Civil Rights Tour of Mississippi, Summer 2006
- Board Member, Mississippi Historical Society, 2002-2006
- Chair, Oral History Committee, Mississippi Historical Society, 2002-2004
- Chair, Oral History Search Committee, University of Southern Mississippi, 2002

- Workshop Leader, “Civil Rights and American History in the Classroom,” National Endowment for the Humanities Teaching American History Grant, Nicholls State University, Summer 2002
- Committee Member, African History Search Committee, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall 2000
- Coordinator, “CD-ROMs, Civil Rights, and Oral History in the Classroom,” Mississippi Humanities Council, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2000
- African American Studies Search Committee, University of Central Florida, Spring 2000
- Organizer, Volunteer, Homes for the Homeless, Eatonville, Florida, Fall 2000
- Consultant, Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Project, Glatting and Jackson Architects, Inc., Orlando, Florida, 2000
- Organizer, History and Community in the Sunbelt Conference, Orlando, Florida 1999-2000
- Editorial Assistant, Collegiate Press, 1999
- Supervisor, Inner City Tutoring Program, Orlando, Florida, 1998-2000
- Advisory Board, Democracy Forum, Ocoee, Florida, 1998-2000
- Committee Member, Middle Eastern Search Committee, University of Central Florida, 1998
- Member, University of Central Florida Foundation Endowment Committee, Orlando, Florida, 1998
- Committee Member, African History Search Committee, University of Central Florida, 1998
- Consultant, Soldiers To Scholars Program, Orlando, Florida, 1997-2000
- Consultant, African American Genealogical Society of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, 1997-1998

## **Memberships**

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

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora  
National Council for Black Studies