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EDUCATION

- May 2006 Ph.D. in United States and African American History
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
Dissertation: *Messmen No More: African American Sailors on the USS Mason in World War II*
Dissertation Advisor: Emory Tolbert, Ph.D.
Dissertation Committee: Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Ph.D;
David De Leon, PhD; Selwyn Carrington, PhD; John Ditmer, PhD
- Minor Fields: Public History, Latin America and Caribbean
- May 2001 Masters in United States and African American History
Howard University, Washington, D.C.
Phi Alpha Theta
- May 1999 Bachelor of Arts, Africana Studies
State University of New York at Stony Brook
Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

A Quest for a Democratic Society: The NAACP Crusade for African-American Veterans, 1918-1955 (University of Tennessee Press) (book contract, pending revisions)

“‘To Tighten the Walls of the Negro Ghettos:’” The NAACP’s Fight against Discriminatory Federal Housing Administration Mortgage Insurance Policies, 1937-1962” *Journal of North Carolina Association of Historians* (Fall 2020)

“‘The Inevitable Products of Racial Segregation:’ The Multidimensional and Generational Consequences of 20th Century Exclusionary Housing Policies on the African American community, 1910-1960” *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 77, No. 3-4 (October, 2018): 967-1012.

“Killing for Inclusion: Racial Violence and Assimilation into the Whiteness Gang,” in *Trayvon Martin in US: An American Tragedy*, Emmanuel Harris II and Antonio D. Tillis et al eds., (New York: Peter Lang, 2015).

“Can Health Equity Co-Exist with Housing Inequalities? A Contemporary Issue in Historical Context,” Louis Lee Woods II, Mary Shaw-Ridley and Charlotte A. Woods *Health Promotion Practice*, July 2014, Volume 15, No. 4: 476-482.

“Virtually ‘No Negro Veteran...Could Get a Loan.’ African-American Veterans, the GI Bill, and the NAACP’s Relentless Campaign against Residential Segregation, 1914-1960,” *Journal of African American History*, Volume 98, No. 3 (Summer, 2013): 392-417.

“The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Redlining, and the National Proliferation of Racial and Socioeconomic Lending Discrimination, 1921-1950,” *Journal of Urban History*, Volume 38, Issue 6, (November 2012): 1036-1059.

JOURNAL AND BOOK REVIEWER

Louis L. Woods, “Omar Nelson Bradley: America’s GI General, 1893-1981,” *Journal of American History*, Vol. 106, Issue 3 (December, 2019): 806-807.

Reviewer “A Marital Freedom Movement: Black GIs’ Political Struggles during World War II,” *Journal of American History* (Mar 2016)

EXTERNAL PROGRAM REVIEWER

Invited External Reviewer. African and African American Studies (AAAS) Program, University of Central Arkansas (Mar 2019)

INVITED LECTURES

Structural Inequity: Historical Barriers to Racial Justice
Cristo Rey, High School, New York City
Virtual Keynote speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct 2020)

The Criminalization of Blackness: The 13th Amendment and the History of Unequal Criminal Justice
Northern Virginia Community College
Virtual Keynote Speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct 2020)

Race and the Policy of Exclusion: Structural Racism and the Construction of Place
First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Tennessee Hosted Event
Virtual Guest Speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct 2020)

Why is the Conversation About Race So Important in Today’s Society?
Paylocity Hosted Forum
Virtual Panelist, Nashville, Tennessee (Sept 2020)

Critical Conversations: Black Lives Matter;
Middle Tennessee State University
Virtual Guest Speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Sept 2020)

Race and the Policy of Exclusion: Systemic Racism and the Construction of Place;
Tennessee Department of Health
Virtual Guest Speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Aug 2020)

Racism: Over 400 Years of Oppression; Tennessee Department of Health
Virtual Panelist, Nashville, Tennessee (Jul 2020)

“George Floyd Murder and Athletic Protests: A Conversation with Current and Former NFL Players”
Virtual Guest Speaker, Nashville, Tennessee (Jun 2020)

“Dad Talk Live: A Conversation with Dads about Youth Sports and Academics During and After the Quarantine”
Virtual Guest Speaker and Panelist, Nashville, Tennessee (Jun 2020)

“George Floyd Murder/Black Lives Matter Protest Teach-In Panel Discussion”
Virtual Guest Speaker and Panelist, Austin Peay State University, Nashville, Tennessee (Jun 2020)

“‘East Lake Meadows,’ Public Housing Documentary and Panel Discussion”
Virtual Guest Speaker and Panelist, Nashville Public Television, Nashville, Tennessee (Apr 2020)

“Code Red: Redlining historical Overview and Panel Discussion”
Guest Speaker and Panelist; Channel to Channel Art Studio, Nashville, Tennessee (Nov 2019)

“Social Engineer: The Historical Importance of the Black Lawyer in America”
Guest Panelist; Tennessee Alliance for Black Lawyers, Nashville, Tennessee (Jun 2019)

“Government Plunder: The Disastrous Legacy of Federal Housing Policy on African Americans.” Guest Lecturer; Real Property Law Class; Jones College of Business, Middle Tennessee State University (Jan 2018)

Structural Inequality: Institutional Racial Barriers to Fair Housing in Nashville and the Nation, Guest Panelist; Tennessee Fair Housing Matters Conference (Apr 2016)

“Systemic Residential Segregation: Institutional Racial Barriers to Fair Housing in Nashville and the Nation.” Places Spaces & Voices: Northeast Nashville Community History Project, First Baptist Church, East Nashville (Oct 2016)

“Legacies of Racial Discrimination: The GI Bill and the Unequal Formation of the Modern American Middle Class.” Black Law Student Association Brown Bag Lunch Series, Vanderbilt University (Feb 2016)

“Excluded from the American Dream: African-American World War II Veterans and the GI Bill.” Institutional Equity and Compliance Brown Bag Lunch Series, Middle Tennessee State University (Oct 2014)

“Federally Segregated Residential Communities: Understanding the Built Environment,” Keynote Speaker, Symposium on “Sustainable Communities” Benjamin Banneker Awards and Scholarship Banquet, Alabama A&M University (Feb 2014)

“Excluded from the American Dream: African-American World War II Veterans and the GI Bill.” University of Texas at El Paso (Feb 2013)

“Poor by Design: Redlining and the 20th Century Roots of African American Poverty.” The Black Cultural Center, Vanderbilt University, TN (Nov 2011)

“The History of Lending Policies and their Impact on the Growth and Development of Urban Communities,” The Morrison, Hobson, Thomas Keynote Speaker; The Twenty-Sixth Annual School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Week at Alabama A&M University (Apr 2011)

“Discriminating Deeds: 20th Century Housing Discrimination and the Racial Disparities in Wealth, Education and Health,” article presentation at *The Role of the Built Environment on Health Disparities: Removing Roadblocks to Healthy Communities Conference*, Nashville, TN (Jun 2008)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Telling the Truth and Its Consequences: Special Roundtable Discussion”
Moderator and Panelist; Fifth Annual Slave Dwelling Conference, MTSU (Oct 2018)

“A Piece of Barbarism Worthy of Savages: The Burning of Jim McIherron and the Spectacle of Lynching as White Racial Socialization” panel presentation; The Afro-Latin/American Research Association (ALARA), Willemstad, Curacao (Aug 2016)

“Killing for Inclusion: Racial Violence and Assimilation into the Whiteness Gang,”
panel presentation, The Afro-Latin/American Research Association (ALARA), New Kingston, Jamaica (Aug 2014)

“Complexities of Complexion: Color Bias within the African American community,” panel presentation; forum moderated by the NAACP chapter, Middle Tennessee State University (Nov 2013)

Challenges of Securing an Academic Position in Today’s Market, panel presentation; **“Preparing for the Job Market: Tenure-Track Jobs, Visiting Appointments, & Pre and Post-Doctoral Positions,”** Graduate student Workshop, Howard University, Washington, DC (Mar 2013)

Challenges of Securing an Academic Position in Today’s Market, panel presentation; **“Publishing: Articles & Dissertation to Manuscript,”** Graduate student Workshop, Howard University, Washington, DC (Mar 2013)

“Brainwashed: Modern Effects of Slavery,” panel presentation; Black History Month Forum moderated by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Middle Tennessee State University (Feb 2013)

Roundtable discussion on teaching African American History, panel presentation; 28th Annual meeting of the Ohio Valley History Conference, Johnson City, TN (Oct 2012)

“Homeownership is limited to the Caucasian race in Perpetuity: Home Owners’ Loan Corporation, the Federal Housing Administration and Redlining in California, 1933-1955;” panel presentation; *The Policy History Conference* in Richmond, VA (Jun 2012)

“No Swine, or Persons of African Blood or Descent” Shall Own This Property: Residential Segregation in Nashville, TN 1906-1955;” panel presentation; The Student Planning Conference at Jackson State University, in Jackson, MS (Mar 2011)

“The Government-Sponsored Ghetto: The Home Owner’s Loan Corporation and the Origin of Redlining, 1935-1968;” panel presentation; The Fifth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Accra, Ghana (Aug 2009)

“Discriminating Deeds: Racially Restrictive Covenants and the Residential Exclusion of African-American World War II Veterans, 1917-1950;” panel presentation; The 93rd Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, NC (Oct 2008)

“Interested in Knowing What You Should Be Doing to Insure Tthat You Graduate?” panel presentation; NAACP Educational Retention Forum, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN (Sep 2008)

“From Indio to Negro: Dominican Immigrants in New York City and Residential Segregation;” panel presentation; The Seventh Biennial International Interdisciplinary

Research Conference of The Afro-Latin American Research Association (ALARA), Cartagena, Columbia (Aug 2008)

“Discriminating Deeds: 20th Century Housing Discrimination and the Racial Disparities in Wealth, Education and Health;” presentation; The Role of the Built Environment on Health Disparities: Removing Roadblocks to Healthy Communities, Sponsored by the Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engagement Research Core, Nashville, TN (Jun 2008)

“Despite Our History: We Are Still Here and We Can’t Be Stopped;” presentation; Black History 365: The Inspirational Lecture Series, Nashville, TN (Feb. 2009)

“From King to Dollar: How Social Justice Gospel Evolved into Prosperity Preaching;” presentation; The Ninth Annual J. Marie McCleary Interdisciplinary Symposium: The Black Church Responds: “Ye are the Light of the World;” Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (Mar 2007)

“On Leave: Black Sailors in Belfast, Northern Ireland During WWII;” Black Masculinities Conference; panel presentation; The Graduate Center, City University of New York, NY (Feb 2005)

“Rewriting 20th Century History: African American Men, the GI Bill and Beyond;” presentation; Great Lakes Colleges Association, Students of Color Leadership Conference, “Answering the Call,” DePauw University, IN (Oct 2005)

“A GI Bill For Whom? African American WWII Veterans, Racially Restrictive Covenants, and Segregation Suburban Expansion;” presentation; Faculty Research Colloquium, DePauw University, IN (Apr 2005)

“Marital Crisis: The Impact of the Gender Gap Between Black Men and Black Women in Higher Education;” presentation; Howard University, Washington D.C. (Nov 2003)

“Affirmative Action and You: Howard University Law School Strikes Back Against George W. Bush’s Legal Brief on the University of Michigan’s Case;” panel discussion; Howard University, Washington D.C. (Feb 2003)

“Internalized Racism: The Plague of Self-Hated;” presentation; Howard University, Washington D.C. (Oct 2002)

“Sexual Slavery: Are Women Voluntarily Oppressed Within Their Own Bedrooms? A Panel Discussion Based Upon Shere Hite’s The Hite Report, Howard University, Washington D.C. (Feb 2002)

“The Dehumanization of Black Men: A Panel of Men Discussing How Sexism Affects Men,” Howard University, Washington D.C. (Oct 2001)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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July 2020- Present	Middle Tennessee State University Presidential Fellow for Social Justice
July 2020- Present	Chair, Presidential Task Force for Social Justice
August 2017- July 2020	Africana Studies Program Director
August 2017- July 2020	Facilitator, Africana Studies Program Coordinating Committee
August 2017- May 2018	Participant, Future of General Education Work Group
August 2016- May 2017	Vice Chair, Africana Studies Major Committee
August 2013- May 2017	Founder and President of the Black Faculty and Staff Association University-wide organization
August 2013	Associate Professor of African American History Department of History
August 2007	Assistant Professor of African American History Department of History

Undergraduate Courses

United States History Since 1865
 Survey African American History I
 Survey African American History II
 Introduction to African American Studies
 America Divided: Race, Class, Gender
 Urban Crisis: The Origin of the Modern Ghetto
 Race and Place: The Struggle for Fair Housing Since 1900
 African American Intellectual and Social History
 Hip Hop: Beyond Beat and Rhymes
 Civil Rights Movement

Graduate Courses

Graduate Seminar: Readings in Modern American History
 Graduate Research Seminar: Historic Housing Segregation
 Public History Field School (May 2012)
 Graduate Readings Seminar: The Black Freedom Movement

Graduate Research Seminar: Examining Digital NAACP Papers

August 2006-
May 2007

University of Texas at El Paso

Visiting Assistant Professor of United States History and African American Studies

Acting Director of African American Studies Program (in the absence of Dr. Maceo Dailey, PhD)

Co-Chair, Black History Month Planning Committee

August 2004-
May 2006

DePauw University

Pre-Doctoral Dissertation Fellow

Facilitator, Internalized Oppression Workshop

Faculty Chaperone, Service Learning Costa Rica Trip

August 2003-
May 2004

Howard University

Teaching Assistant

Instructor of Record, African American History since 1877

August 1999-
May 2003

Howard University

Department of History

Research Assistant, *The African Burial Ground Project*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Professional Awards and Honors

February 2020

National Endowment for the Humanities (\$60,000)

Under Review

Spring 2019

Non-Instructional Assignment (Competitive Sabbatical)

Middle Tennessee State University

February 2018

John Pleas Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient

Middle Tennessee State University

August 2013

Tenured and Promoted to Associate Professor

Middle Tennessee State University

August 2004-
May 2006

Pre-doctoral Fellowship

DePauw University

Department of History

\$110,000.00

August 2001- May 2004	Doctoral Scholars Fellowship Howard University Department of History \$45,000.00
	Participant, Preparing Future Faculty (PFF)
08/00-05/01	Graduate Assistantship Howard University Department of History \$24,000.00
04/01	Phi Alpha Theta-History Honor Society Howard University Department of History
04/99	Phi Beta Kappa State University of New York at Stony Brook
04/99	Golden Key National Honors Society State University of New York at Stony Brook
04/99	Undergraduate Recognition Award for Excellence State University of New York at Stony Brook \$2,000.00
Grant Awards	
Spring 2019	Non-Instructional Assignment Award \$58,300.00
Fall 2016	Collection Acquisition <i>ProQuest NAACP History Digital Vault: Board of Directors, Annual Conferences, Major Speeches, and National Staff Files</i> \$30,000.00
Fall 2015	Collection Acquisition <i>ProQuest NAACP History Digital Vault: The NAACP's Major Campaigns—Legal Department Files and Special Subjects</i> \$60,000.00
Fall 2014	Collection Acquisition <i>ProQuest NAACP History Digital Vault: The NAACP's Major Campaigns—Scottsboro, Anti-Lynching, Criminal Justice, Peonage, Labor, and Segregation and Discrimination Complaints</i>

and Responses and Branch Department, Branch Files and Youth Department Files
\$60,000.00

Fall 2013 **Collection Acquisition**
ProQuest NAACP History Digital Vault: The NAACP'S Major Campaigns—Education, Voting, Housing, Employment, Armed Forces
\$30,000.00

Spring 2013 **Collection Acquisition Grant**
NAACP Papers, Part 5: The Campaign against Residential Segregation, 1914-1965
\$10,000.00

Summer 2012 **Archival Research Summer Grant**
\$5,000.00

Spring 2012 **Release Time Grant**
Middle Tennessee State University; 6 hours of Release Time
\$4,200.00

Summer 2009 **Archival Research Summer Grant**
\$5,000.00

Summer 2008 **FRCAC Summer Research Grant**
\$13,000.00

MEDIA

Guest Hosted, “I Can’t Breathe: Surviving the Dual Pandemics of Racism and Covid-19,” *Road to Now*, #176, (Jun 2020)

“The GI Bill and the Legacy of Racial Discrimination” with Louis Woods, *The Road to Now* Podcast, #118, (Jan 2019)

“**Controlled: Estill Springs, Tennessee,**” *The Dead Files*, Expert consultant on the lynching of Jim McIlherron; Season 7, Episode 3, Travel Channel (Aug 2016)

MTSU on the Record; Middle Tennessee State University
Discussion about my articles entitled: “Can Health Equity Co-Exist with Housing Inequalities? A Contemporary Issue in Historical Context,” published in *Health Promotion Practice*; and “Virtually ‘No Negro Veteran... Could Get a Loan:’ African-American Veterans, the GI Bill, and the NAACP’s Relentless Campaign against

Residential Segregation, 1914-1960,” published in the *Journal of African American* (May 2014)

MTSU on the Record; Middle Tennessee State University
Discussion about my article entitled: “The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Redlining, and the National Proliferation of Racial and Socioeconomic Lending Discrimination, 1921-1950,” published in the *Journal of Urban History* (Jun 2013)

KETP radio station; University of Texas at El Paso
“All Things Considered” (Jan 2007)
Invited speaker: Promoting Black History Month Events at UTEP

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Phi Beta Kappa
National Golden Key Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta

ARTICLE REVIEWER

Journal of American History
Journal of Urban History
Social Problems

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

External Program Reviewer; African and African American Studies Program, University of Central Arkansas (Mar 2019)

Guest Facilitator; Gentlemen’s Academy, Legacy Museum: From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and The National Memorial for Peace and Justice Field Trip, Montgomery, Alabama (Sep 2018)

Guest Facilitator; Gentlemen’s Academy, *Birth of a Nation* film viewing and debriefing discussion, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct 2016)

Guest Facilitator; Gentlemen’s Academy, *12 Years a Slave* film viewing and debriefing discussion, Nashville, Tennessee (Oct 2013)

Guest Participant; 19th Annual Business Exchange for the Entrepreneurially Minded (BEEM) Elementary School Career Fair; Interdenominational Services Organization of America (ISOA); Nashville, Tennessee (Apr 2011 and Apr 2010)

Guest Lecturer; The 100 Kings program; 100 Black Men of Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee (May 2009)

Howard University Office of Residence Life Employee
(Aug 2001-Aug 2004)

Howard University Intern at Historic Howard Hall
Residence of General Oliver Otis Howard (Aug 2000-May 2001)

Howard Plaza Towers, Resident Assistant
(Aug 2001-May 2004)

White House: National Park Service Interpretive Ranger
(May/Aug 2000-01)

The Information presented above is an accurate compilation of professional biographical information.

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