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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2022- Acting Associate Professor of African American Studies
Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- 2019-2022 Associate Professor of History
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2018-2020 Director, Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University,
University Park, PA
- 2017-2019 Associate Professor of History and African American Studies,
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2012- 2017 Assistant Professor of History and African American Studies,
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2011-2012 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of History and the Africana Research
Center, Pennsylvania State University, University, PA

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. U.S. History, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Dissertation: "To Be Free of Fear: Black Women's Fight for Freedom Through
the Child Development Group of Mississippi"*
- *Winner of the 2012 *Claude A. Eggertsen Dissertation Prize*, History of
Education Society
- *Winner of the 2012 *C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize*, Southern
Historical Association
- 2006 M.A. History, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2005 A.B. *cum laude*, History and Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC

SCHOLARSHIP

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Chance for Change: Head Start and Mississippi's Black Freedom Struggle (University of North Carolina Press, 2016)

*Winner of the 2017 *New Scholar's Book Award*, American Educational Research Association, Division F

*Winner of the 2017 *Critics' Choice Book Award*, American Educational Studies Association

*Finalist for the 2016 *Hooks National Book Award*, Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change

Books in Progress

"America's Forgotten Migration: The Black Pursuit for Graduate Education During the Age of Jim Crow" (under contract with UNC Press)

Book Chapters

"'In the Face of Her Splendid Record': Willa Cofield Johnson and Teacher Dismissal in the Civil Rights Era," in *Schooling the Movement: The Activism of Southern Black Educators from Reconstruction through the Civil Rights Era*, Derrick Aldridge and Jon Hale, eds., (forthcoming, Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2022)

Journal Articles

"North Carolina Justice On Display: Governor Bob Scott and the 1968 Benson Affair," *Journal of Southern History* LXXIX (August 2013): 659-680.

*The forthcoming documentary *The Benson Five* is based on the article

"Dignity in Life and Death: Undertaker Clarie Collins Harvey and Black Women's Entrepreneurial Activism," *Journal of Mississippi History* LXXVI (Fall/Winter 2014): 111-127.

*Winner of the *Willie D. Halsell Article Prize* sponsored by the Mississippi Historical Society

"Blue Water, Black Beach: The North Carolina Teachers Association and Hammocks Beach in the Age of Jim Crow," *North Carolina Historical Review* XCII (April 2015): 145-164.

*UNC-TV documentary *The Hammocks* is based on the article

“More Than Cookies and Crayons: Head Start Programs and African American Empowerment in Mississippi, 1965-1968,” *Journal of African American History* 100 (Fall 2015): 586-609.

“Money Talks: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the African American Freedom Struggle in Mississippi,” *History of Education Quarterly* (May 2016): 361-367.

“Pursuing the Unfinished Business of Democracy’: Willa B. Player and Liberal Arts Education in the Civil Rights Era,” *North Carolina Historical Review* XCVI (January 2019): 1-33.

*Winner of the Robert D.W. Connor Best Article Award sponsored by the Historical Society of North Carolina

“‘We Very Much Prefer to Have a Colored Man in Charge’: Booker T. Washington and Tuskegee’s All-Black Faculty,” *Alabama Review* 74, no. 2 (April 2021): 99-128.

“The First March on Raleigh: North Carolina College School of Law and the Fight for Educational Equality” (forthcoming, *North Carolina Historical Review*)

NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Commentary in National Media and Invited Essays

“Biden Has A Unique Opportunity to Undo Years of Education Inequality,” *Washington Post*, February 8, 2021.

“Historically Black Colleges and Universities are Remaking American Politics,” *Washington Post*, November 10, 2020.

“Racist Violence in Wilmington’s Past Echoes in Police Recordings Today,” *Washington Post*, June 26, 2020.

“Katherine Johnson Should Also Remembered for Desegregating Higher Education,” *Washington Post*, February 25, 2020.

“Unita Blackwell’s Legacy of Educational Activism Lives On,” *The North Star*, May 23, 2019.

“One Size Does Not Fit All: Bennett’s Accreditation Problem,” *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, February 28, 2019.

Blog Post, “Protest and Punishment in Rural North Carolina,” *Process: A Blog for American History*, December 21, 2018.

Blog Post, “More Than A Song: Giving Aretha a Little R-E-S-P-E-C-T,” *Black Perspectives: The Blog of the African American Intellectual History Society*, August 16, 2018.

“18 Books on Black Women’s History to Read to Better Understand ‘Lemonade,’” Forharriet.com, May 11, 2016. (more than 6,500 unique shares on Facebook)

Invited Blog Post for Oxford University Press, “Wilberforce University: A Pioneering Institution in African American Education,” February 2015.

Op-Ed, “South Carolina’s Brilliant Idea for Black History Month,” History News Network, February 11, 2015.

Op-Ed, “Targeting Elizabeth City was Unfair Given NC’s Historical Underfunding of HBCUs,” *News and Observer*, May 31, 2014.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Historically Black Colleges and Universities,” *Oxford Bibliographies*, July 15, 2019.

“Child Development Group of Mississippi” and “*Ayers v. Fordice*,” in *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, Ted Ownby and Charles Reagan Wilson, eds. (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2017).

Victoria Gray Adams,” “Elizabeth Bias Cofield,” “James Hood,” “Valerie Jarrett,” “Juanita Moore,” “Susan Rice,” and “Beverly Daniel Tatum,” in *African American National Biography* (online edition), Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, eds. (New York: Oxford University Press).

Book Reviews

Keisha Blain, *Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018); Elizabeth Gillespie McRae, *Mothers of Massive Resistance: White Women and the Politics of White Supremacy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018); and Rebecca Tuuri, *Strategic Sisterhood: The National Council of Negro Women in the Black Freedom Struggle* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018) in *Reviews in American History* 47 (December 2019): 629-636.

Christi M. Smith, *Reparation and Reconciliation: The Rise and Fall of Integrated Education* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 2016) in *American Historical Review* 124 (April 2019): 673-674.

Greta de Jong, *You Can’t Eat Freedom: Southerners and Social Justice after the Civil Rights Movement* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016) in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 115 (Autumn 2017): 699-701.

Jonathan Scott Holloway, *Jim Crow Wisdom: Memory and Identity in Black America Since 1940* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013) in *The North Carolina Historical Review* 93 (July 2016): 357-358.

Sue [Lorenzi] Sojourner with Cheryl Reitan, *Thunder of Freedom: Black Leadership and the Transformation of 1960s Mississippi* (Lexington: University of Kentucky, 2013) in *Journal of African American History* 99 (Fall 2014); 473-475.

Anastasia C. Curwood, *Stormy Weather: Middle-Class African American Marriages Between the Two World Wars* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 2010) in *Palimpsest: A Journal on Women, Gender, and the Black International* 3 (January 2014): 83-85.

Francois N. Hamlin, *Crossroads at Clarksdale: The Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta After World War II* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 2012) in *Journal of Mississippi History* 74 (Summer 2012): 181-182.

DOCUMENTARIES

Featured Historian and Consultant, *The Benson Five*. Directed by Sarah Nixon and Dakota Hall, forthcoming 2022.

Featured Historian, *George H. White: Searching for Freedom*. Directed by Mike O'Donnell, PBS NC, 2022.

Featured Historian, *The Hammocks*. Directed by Mike O'Donnell, PBC NC, 2018.

Featured Historian and Consultant, *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. Directed by Stanley Nelson. PBS, 2017.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND DISTINCTIONS

2021	American Historical Association Equity Award
2021	Dr. James Robinson Equal Opportunity Award, Penn State Alumni Association
2020	Anthony Kaye Fellowship, National Humanities Center
2019	Provost's Strategic Plan Seed Grant on behalf of the Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University (wrote grant for \$120,000)
2018	Senior Mentor, Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement, Duke University

- 2018 Filson Fellowship, Filson Historical Society
- 2018 Alyce Hunley Whayne Visiting Researchers Grant, University of Kansas
- 2017 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Alternate
- 2016 Named as a Duke University Alumnae Pioneer, Baldwin Scholars Program
- 2016 Participant, 2016 Mississippi Book Festival (Panel broadcast on C-SPAN 2)
- 2015 Archie K. Davis Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society
- 2013-2014 Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2012 C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize, Southern Historical Association
- 2012 Claude A. Eggertsen Dissertation Prize, History of Education Society
- 2009-2010 Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009-2010 Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008 John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Research Grant
- 2008 Huggins-Quarles Award, Organization of American Historians
- 2007 Drusilla Dungee Houston Prize for Outstanding Research, Association of Black Women Historians
- 2007 Labor and Working-Class History Association Graduate Student Travel Award
- 2007 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation
- 2005 Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2005 Elizabeth Cannon Outstanding Female Historian Award, Duke University
- 2005 William J. Griffith University Service Award, Duke University
- 2004 Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society
- 2003-2005 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Duke University

2001-2005 Robertson Scholarship, Duke University

MEDIA APPEARANCES in “Left of Black;” C-SPAN2 Book TV; AP: The Big Story; WUNC radio “The State of Things;” BBC Radio Women’s Hour; The Global African (weekly online news outlet); WREG-TV (Memphis); V101 radio (Memphis); WAUG-750 AM radio (Raleigh); 98.1 KMBZ FM radio (Kansas City, MO)

INVITED TALKS

Keynote, “A Forgotten Migration,” Cultivate Learning Black History Celebration, University of Washington, February 2022.

Guest Speaker, “After the Marching Stopped: Head Start in the Magnolia State, 1965-1968,” Duke University Alumnae Book Series, February 2022.

Keynote, “The Forgotten Migration: The Black Struggle for Graduate Education in the Age of Jim Crow,” Samuel Dewitt Proctor Distinguished Lecture, Rutgers University, October 2021.

Keynote, “America’s Forgotten Migration: The Black Struggle for Graduate Education in the Age of Jim Crow,” Earlie Thorpe Memorial Lecture, North Carolina Central University, October 2021.

Keynote, “Juneteenth’s Misconceptions and Why the Real History Matters,” North Carolina Museum of Art, June 2021.

Guest Speaker, “After Freedom Summer: The Child Development Group of Mississippi and the Ongoing Fight for Freedom,” Southern Education Foundation Teagle Project HBCU Board Meeting, May 2021.

Guest Speaker, “After Freedom Summer: The Child Development Group of Mississippi and the Ongoing Fight for Freedom,” Mississippi Department of Archives and History, April 2021.

Guest Speaker, “America’s Forgotten Migration: Black Southerners’ Efforts to Secure Graduate Education During the Age of Jim Crow,” Brandeis University, March 2021.

Keynote, “Humanizing the Heroes: Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives, Black History Month Celebration, Cary Academy, February 2021.

Keynote, “A Look at Head Start,” Early Childhood Center, University of Pittsburgh, February 2021.

Keynote, “‘Back Then They Didn’t Want Me’: A Look at Maligned, Misused, and Misremembered African American Activists,” University-wide MLK celebration, University of Montana, January 2021.

Guest Speaker, “Unconventional African American Politics,” University of Tennessee Knoxville, November 2020.

Keynote, “Head Start and the Black Freedom Struggle,” Washington State Head Start Association, November 2020.

Guest Speaker, “A Chance for Change: Head Start and Mississippi’s Black Freedom Struggle,” Amherst College Purposes and Politics of Education Seminar, October 2020.

Keynote, “The Radical Possibilities of Head Start,” Cultivate Learning, University of Washington, August 2020.

Panelist, “Leading Africana Studies Centers and Departments,” Library Company of Philadelphia, June 2020.

Plenary Speaker, “America’s Forgotten Migration,” 104th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Charleston, SC, October 2019.

Keynote, “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly: The Presbyterian Church in Civil Rights Era Mississippi,” Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA, September 2019.

Keynote, “Hidden Histories and Forgotten Folks: What the Past Can Teach Us About Our Current Moment,” Presbyterian College Black History Celebration, Clinton, S.C., February 2019.

Invited Panelist, “Black Women and Academic Leadership,” Association of Black Women Historians National Symposium, Los Angeles, CA, December 2018.

Guest Speaker, “A Chance for Change” State College Presbyterian Church Adult Education series, State College, PA, October 2018.

Workshop Facilitator, “Developing a Research Agenda and Teaching Portfolio,” SITPA, Duke University, Durham, NC, August 2018.

Keynote, “Head Start and the Presbyterian Church,” Presbyterian Historical Society Luncheon, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly, St. Louis, MO, June 2018.

Guest Speaker, “African America’s Great Educational Migration,” University of Kansas Library, Lawrence, KS, May 2018.

Keynote, “More Than Cookies and Crayons: Head Start and Mississippi’s Black Freedom Struggle,” Amherst College, Amherst, MA, February 2018.

Keynote, “Anna Julia Cooper and the ‘Accidents of Life’”: Saint Augustine’s University Lyceum Leadership Series, Raleigh, NC, November 2017.

Speaker, “Deferred Dreams and Exiled Citizens: Black Graduate Education in the Age of Jim Crow,” George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, University Park, PA, October 2017.

Plenary Speaker, “Head Start’s History,” National Head Start Association Fall Leadership Institute, Chevy Chase, MD, September 2017.

Keynote, “The Mississippi Movement Post-1964,” Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, April 2017.

Keynote, “Head Start and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement,” National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN, March 2017.

Guest Lecture, “A Chance for Change: Head Start and Mississippi’s Black Freedom Struggle,” Colloquium in History and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY, January 2017.

Speaker, “Head Start’s Proud History,” National Head Start Association Conference, San Juan Puerto Rico.

Panelist, “Conversations in Black Freedom Studies,” Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY, November 2016.

Guest Speaker, “Black Power’s Precursor?: Head Start in the Magnolia State,” Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., October 2016.

Speaker, “The History of African American Education,” Children’s Defense Fund Freedom School Conference, Alex Haley Farm, Knoxville, TN, June 2016.

Keynote, “Cookies, Crayons, and Black Power: Head Start in the Magnolia State,” West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, April 2016.

Plenary Participant, “The Movement Meets the War on Poverty: Using CDGM to Strengthen and Empower Black Mississippi Communities,” Veterans of the Civil Rights Movement Conference, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS, April 2016.

Plenary Participant, “The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) at 50: A Changing Federal Role in American Education,” History of Education Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, November 2015.

Keynote, “Freedom Schools, Head Start, and Moral Literacy in Civil Rights-Era Mississippi,” 20th Annual Consortium for the Study of Leadership and Ethics in Education (CSLEE), Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, October 2015.

Keynote, “Rediscovering Lost Values,” Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast, Johnston County NAACP, Smithfield, NC, January 2015.

Guest Speaker, “After the Marching Stopped: Head Start and the African American Freedom Struggle in Mississippi,” Emerging Scholars Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, October 2014.

Guest Speaker, “More Than Cookies and Crayons: Head Start and the Black Freedom Struggle in Mississippi,” War on Poverty Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, September 2014.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Sept. 2021 Book Commentator on *Fugitive Pedagogy* by Jarvis Givens, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, virtual conference
- April 2021 Panel Moderator, “Black Teacher Archive,” American Educational Research Association, virtual conference
- Oct. 2019 Chair, “Bennett College: Sisterhood, Soul, and the Search for a Woman’s Place,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, North Charleston, S.C.
- April 2019 Panel Participant, “New Directions in Black Educational History,” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- April 2018 Panel Participant, “Schools, Segregation, and Racial Justice in the Great Society and post-Great Society Eras,” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- April 2017 Roundtable Participant, “Routes to Power: New Views of African American Activism and Education,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Dec. 2016 Panel Participant, “Head Start: It’s Origins and History,” National Head Start Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Nov. 2016 Paper, “A Chance for Change: Head Start and the African American Freedom Struggle,” History of Education Society Annual Meeting, Providence, RI.
- Sept. 2015 Paper, “More than Cookies and Crayons: Head Start Programs and African American Freedom Empowerment in Mississippi,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- June 2015 Paper, “Preschool Politics: Head Start and the Black Freedom Struggle in Mississippi,” Eighth Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- April 2015 Paper, “Bennett Belles in Jail: Willa Player and Black College Student Activism,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- Feb. 2014 Paper, “The Politics of Preschool Education: Black Parents, White Supremacists, and the Child Development Group of Mississippi,” University of North Carolina Triangle African American History Colloquium, Chapel Hill, NC
- Jan. 2013 Paper, “Preschool Politics: The Child Development Group of Mississippi and Southern Opposition to the War on Poverty,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Nov. 2012 Paper, “Preschool Politics in the War on Poverty: Mississippi Black Women and the Grassroots Struggle for Freedom,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL.

TEACHING interests include History of Black Education, 20th Century United States History, African American History, Black Women’s History, Civil Rights History, Southern History

Pennsylvania State University

Graduate Courses Taught

HIST 551: The African American Freedom Struggle
HIST 602: Supervised Experience in College Teaching (graduate teaching and professionalization workshops)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

HIST 21: American Civilization Since 1877
AFAM 100: Living While Black: Themes in African American Thought and Experience
AFAM/HIST 152: African American History
HIST 302W: Topical Research Seminar
AFAM 401: Understanding Themes in African American Studies Through Film (created this course)
AFAM/HIST 465: The Post World War II Civil Rights Movement
HIST 497 Black Women’s History (created this course)

Audible

The History and Future of the HBCUs: a Great Books/Audible original exploring the complex history of historically black colleges and universities. Wrote and recorded 7 of the 10 ten lectures in the series.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Indira Bailey, Assistant Professor of Art Education, Claflin University

“A Black Feminist Narrative Inquiry of the Outsider-Within Positionality of Black Women K-12 Art Educators” (Ph.D., Art Education, 2020)

Brandon Erby, Asst. Professor of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies, University of Kentucky

“The Rhetorical Campaigns of Mamie Till-Mobley” (Ph.D., English and African American Studies, 2020)

Emily Seitz, Associate Director of the Office of College Grants, Franklin and Marshall College

“Prescribing Life: Women Physicians and the Changing Boundaries of Fetal Life in Nineteenth Century America,” (Ph.D. Women’s Studies and History, 2021)

Michael Hicks, in progress (Ph.D. candidate in History and African American Studies)

MASTERS THESES COMMITTEES

Cari Tindall, “‘Pricking the Conscience of the Nation’: An In-Depth Analysis of Media Coverage of the 1961 Friendship Nine Movement and Jail, No Bail Strategy,” M.A. 2014.

Tyler Sperrazza, “When Segregation Was All They Wanted: Black Stagehands and the Resistance to Integration in the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees,” M.A. 2015.

Michael Hicks, “There's a Train Comin' in the East: Shanghai's Interwar Jazz Scene, Black American Musicians, and Discourse of Blackness in Republican China,” M.A. 2019.

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES

Charisma Ricksy, “The Implications of the School-to-Prison Pipeline in New York City Public Schools on African American Students,” 2015.

Alexandria Vogel, “Civil Rights in Song: Music as a Vehicle for Activism in the Civil Rights Movement,” 2016.

SERVICE

TO THE PROFESSION

Committee Member, Frank L. and Harriet C. Owsley Award, Southern Historical Association, 2022-

Chair, Darlene Clark Hine Book Prize Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2021-2022

Manuscript Reviewer, Scholastic Books, 2021

Manuscript Reviewer, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020

Manuscript Reviewer, University of Virginia Press, 2020

Secretary, American Educational Research Association, Division F, 2020-2022

Member, SSRC-Mellon Mays Planning and Advisory Committee, 2020-present

Chair, Lorraine Williams Leadership Award Prize Committee, Association of Black Women Historians, 2019-2021

Manuscript Reviewer, University Press of Florida, 2019

Member, African American Studies Senior Search, 2018

Manuscript Reviewer, State University of New York Press, 2018

Member, The Meek-Eaton Center for Social and Political Justice Policy Paper Series, 2018-

Member, *Journal of Presbyterian History* Editorial Board, 2018-

Member, Critics' Choice Book Prize Committee, American Educational Studies Association, 2018, 2020

Grant Consultant, Elizabeth City State University History Program, 2018

Grant Consultant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte Libraries, 2017

Manuscript Reviewer, University Press of Florida, 2017
 Member, Southern Historical Association Membership Committee, 2017-2018
 Member, Organization of American Historians Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Committee, 2016-2017
 Member, Academic Programming Committee, 2014, 2015, and 2016 Annual Meetings of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History
 Manuscript Reviewer, University Press of Mississippi, 2015 and 2017
 Manuscript Reviewer for *Fire!!!*, 2015
 Member, Duke University Annual Fund Executive Committee, 2013-2019
 Manuscript Reviewer for *History of Education Quarterly*, 2013
 Manuscript Reviewer for *Left History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Historical Inquiry and Debate*, 2012
 Member, Graduate Committee, Southern Association for Women's Historians, 2011-2015

TO PENN STATE

Founder, Midcareer Faculty Advancement Program, Penn State University, 2019
 Advisor, McNair Scholars Program, 2019-2020
 Member, College of the Liberal Arts Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018-2020
 Member, McCabe-Greer Professorship Search Committee, Penn State Department of History, 2016-2017
 Member, African American Studies Head Search Committee, 2015-2016
 Member, African American Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2015-2016
 Member, Schreyer Honors College Diversity Council, 2015-2016
 Founder and Coordinator, Catto-LeCount Fellows Program for Equity and Inclusion, 2015-2019
 Faculty Advisor, Queens on the Rise (Student Organization), 2014-2015
 Member, Climate (Diversity) Committee, College of the Liberal Arts, 2014-2016
 Member, Selection Committee, Schreyer Honors College, 2014-2015
 Chair, Programming Committee, African American Studies Department, 2014-2015
 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, African American Studies Department, 2014-2015
 Member, Policy Committee, History Department, 2014-2015
 Member, Ad-Hoc Undergraduate Curricular Reform Committee, History Department, 2014-2015
 Facilitator, Schreyer Honors College Case Study Initiative, 2014
 Member, Executive Planning Committee, 2014 Pennsylvania State University Civil Rights Conference, 2013-2014
 Member, Programming Committee, African American Studies Department, 2012-2013
 Member, Awards Committee, African American Studies Department, 2012-2013

MEMBERSHIPS

African American Intellectual History Society (life member)
 American Educational Research Association
 Association for the Study of African American Life and History (life member)
 Association of Black Women Historians (life member)
 History of Education Society

Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Southern Association for Women Historians
Southern Historical Association