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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Indiana University, Bloomington, Ph.D. in History, January, 1997.

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, M.A. in African/Afro-American Studies, August, 1987.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, B.A. in History, January, 1985.

Hofstra University, transferred, December, 1981.

Fields of Specialization

United States History, 1607-1861 and 1861 to the Modern Period
Latin American History
African Studies

Areas of Concentration

Late Nineteenth and Twentieth Century African-American Urban History

Master's Thesis: "Joe Louis: Culture Hero in African-America"

Directors: Professors William Cross, Jr. and Robert Harris, Jr.

Dissertation: "Over This Point We Are Determined to Fight: African-American Public Education and Health Care in St. Louis, 1910-1949"

Committee Chairman: Professor R.J.M. Blackett

AWARDS and HONORS

Missouri in Africa, Faculty-in-Residence, August-December, 2007.

Missouri Historical Society, Research Fellowship-in-Residence, January-May, 2002.

University of Missouri-St. Louis Small Grant, Winter, 2001.

Urban History Workshop, University of Houston, March, 1998.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Public Policy Research Centers, Fellowship, 1997-98.

Missouri Historical Society Research Exchange Scholar, 1991-1993.

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Public Policy Research Centers, Research Associateship, 1991-1992.
Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Fellowship, 1989-1990.
CIC Minority Fellowship, Indiana University, Summer 1988 and 1989.
Indiana University African and Afro-American Studies Departmental Fellowship, 1985-1986.
Cornell University Graduate Assistantship, 1986-1987.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Faculty-in-Residence, University of Ghana—Legon, August – December, 2007.
Associate Professor of History, University of Missouri – St. Louis, June 2004 – present.
Assistant Professor of History, University of Missouri-St. Louis, January, 1997 - 2004.
Lecturer, University of Missouri-St. Louis, August, 1990-1996.
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fontbonne College, August 1995 - December 1995.
Associate Instructor, Indiana University, 1989-1990.
Associate Instructor, Indiana University, Summer, 1989.
Course Assistant, Indiana University, Summer, 1988.
Teaching Assistant, Cornell University, 1986-1987.
Continuing Substitute Teacher, Gundlach Elementary School, St. Louis, Spring, 1985.

Professional Associations

Organization of American Historians
Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Paper, “Race and Memory in American History: Old and New Perspectives,” St. Louis Ethical Society,” October 25, 2006.

Paper, “Relationships Between Black Health Care Professionals and Recipients in St. Louis, WWI – WWII,” St. Louis University School of Public Health, October 14, 2004.

Paper, “To See Past the Differences to the Fundamentals: Racial Cooperation Within the League of Women Voters of St. Louis,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 26, 2003.

Paper, “Militant Without the Parade”: Racial Coalition Within the St. Louis League of Women Voters, 1920 – 1945”, Sixth Southern Conference on Women’s History, June 6, 2003.

Panelist, ‘Beyond the Lecture: Strategies for New Teachers in the 21st Century’, Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, April 28, 2001.

Paper, 'John Clark's Urban League', Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, October, 1998.

Presented Keynote Address, 'Taking Care of Our Own: African-American Women's Activism in St. Louis in Historical Perspective', Coalition of 100 Black Women, St. Louis Chapter, 1998.

Commentator, 'Brown V. Board of Education: African American History and the Making of A National Park', Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, October 1996.

Publications

Book Chapter

"To See Past the Differences to the Fundamentals: Racial Cooperation Within the St. Louis League of Women Voters," Judith Anthony and Angela Boswell, eds. *Women Shaping the South: Creating and Confronting Change* (University of Missouri Press, 2005)

Encyclopedia Entries

'National Urban League' and 'St. Louis, Missouri' entries, *The Encyclopedia of the Great Migration*, Steven Reich, editor, (Greenwood Press, 2006)

Article

"Over This Point We Are Determined to Fight: The Urban League of St. Louis in Historical Perspective, Gateway Heritage (Spring 1993):32-47.

Reviews

Strangers in the Land of Paradise: Creation of an African American Community in Buffalo, New York. By Lillian S. Williams. (Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1999) in *New York State Historical Society*, 2002.

For Freedom's Sake: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer. By Chana Kai Lee. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1999) in *North Carolina Historical Review*, 2001.

James Milton Turner and the Promise of America: The Public Life of a Post-Civil War Black Leader. By Gary Kremer. (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 1991) in *Gateway Heritage*, Winter 1992.

Daughters of the Dust. Written and Directed by Julie Dash, 1992. *Gateway Heritage*, Summer 1992.

The Great Migration in Historical Perspective: New Dimensions of Race, Class, and Gender. Edited by Joe William Trotter, Jr. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991) in the *Indiana Magazine of History*, March 1993.

Forthcoming Book

Groping Toward Democracy in a Jim Crow City: African American Social Welfare Community Organization in St. Louis, 1910-1949, (University of Missouri Press, forthcoming, 2008).

Research and Administrative Relative Experience

Consulting

Early Career Scientist, Minority Pre-doctoral Education to Reduce Disparities, St. Louis University School of Public Health, 2003 – present.

Principal researcher and writer, JeffVanderLou Initiative Historical Study, January, 2001 – April, 2002.

Historical Consultant, Community Design Group, wrote social and architectural history on St. Louis City Hospital, “In Spite of the Abuse and Neglect”; An Historical Study of St. Louis City (Max C. Starkloff Memorial) Hospital No. 1, 1998.

Consultant, The Library of Congress History of The African Americans, Ariel Books, forthcoming.

Featured scholar, “Sing It, Tell It”, a documentary exploring the African-American musical heritage of Missouri, created by Public Interest Films of Berkeley, California, forthcoming.

Featured scholar, “Decades”, a series on the history of St. Louis since the 1904 Worlds Fair, 1997.

The Ville Project, Heritage and Urban Design Division of St. Louis Development Corporation, Historical Consultant, Summer, 1995.

Project Director and Researcher for the Elizabeth Bridgwaters Photograph Collection, Mathers Museum at Indiana University, October, 1988 - May, 1989.

Curator for the exhibit, "Gather Together in Her Name: Elizabeth Bridgwaters' Extended Family." Mathers Museum, Indiana University, February 3 - May 21, 1989.

Grants

Consultant. Centers of Excellence in Cancer Communication Research. Submitted to the National Cancer Institute. Matthew W. Kreuter, PhD, MPH, principal investigator. Project period: 7-1-03 to 6-30-08. Total costs: \$11,124,562.

Early Career Scientist. Minority Pre-doctoral Education to Reduce Disparities. Submitted to the National Cancer Institute. Matthew W. Kreuter, PhD, MPH, principal investigator. Project period: 7-1-03 to 6-30-08. Total costs: \$1,603,552.

University Service

Department

Recording Secretary, Departmental Meetings (Fall, 1999 – Winter 2000; Fall 2001 – Winter 2002).

Member, Executive Committee (Fall, 1997 – Winter, 99; Fall, 2002 – Winter, 2003)

Judge, Scholarship Prize Committee (Fall, 2002 – present).

Judge, George P. Rawick Prize Committee (1999 – 2000).

Member, Senior Seminar Task Force (1997 – 1998).

Member, U.S. Survey Task Force (1997 – 1998).

College and Campus

Member, Black Faculty and Professional Staff Association Endowed Scholarship Committee, Winter 2003 – present.

Member, University Student Conduct Committee (Fall 2002 – present).

Member, University Library Director Search Committee (1999- Winter 2001).

Chair and Faculty Advisor, 21st Century Leadership Training Program Selection Committee, Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life (1999-2000).

Member, University Faculty Grievance Committee (1999-2000).

Member, Search Committee for Des Lee Professorship in African/African American Studies (1998-2000).

Member, Chancellor's Review Committee for Anthropology Department (1997-1998).

Member, Faculty Grievance Committee (1998 – 1999).

Member, Senate Committee on Student Publications (1998 – 1999).

Faculty advisor, Sisterhood Exchange (1997 – 1998).

Community Service

Dean, NaMayo Initiative, April 6 – 18, 2006, Lusaka, Zambia.

Coordinator, Young Women's Initiative of the Women's Missionary Society, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Fifth District, 2004 – present.

Member, Board of Directors, Safe Connections, St. Louis, Missouri.

Member, Board of Directors, Missouri Council on History Education.