

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Professional Experience:

- 2016-present Professor, General Faculty (History and American Studies) & Assistant Dean—*University of Virginia*.
- 2018-present Co-Chair, University of Virginia *President's Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation*.
- 2016-present Managing Director, Universities Studying Slavery (USS) consortium
- 2016-present Founder and Director, UVA *Cornerstone Summer Institute*.
- Provides high school students with the opportunity to engage in historical investigation, archaeological excavation, and community engagement around the themes of slavery and its legacies as they learn and develop thinking skills that will prepare them for success in college and beyond.
- 2013-18 Co-Chair, University of Virginia *President's Commission on Slavery and the University* (<http://slavery.virginia.edu>).
- History consultant for Rotunda Visitor's Center museum—part of team that developed language and exhibit interpreting slavery at the early university.
  - Worked with design team on community engagement and design of the Memorial to Enslaved Laborers.
  - Developed continued memorialization and interpretation of slavery on Grounds, including interpretive panels at multiple sites.
  - Created Enslaved African Americans Walking Tour Map and App.
- 2011-16 Associate Professor, General Faculty (History) & Assistant Dean—*The University of Virginia*.
- 2010-11 Associate Professor of History (with tenure)—*Lynchburg College*.
- 2009-11 Chair—Department of History, *Lynchburg College*.

- 2012-16 Editor—*Virginia Social Science Journal*, the peer-reviewed scholarly journal of the Virginia Social Science Association.
- 2009-12 Associate Editor—*Virginia Social Science Journal*.
- 2008-11 Graduate Teaching Faculty—*Lynchburg College*
- 2008-09 Consultant—Diuguid Funeral Home Records Digitization Project  
 • collaboration involving the Old City Cemetery and the Legacy Museum of African American History in Lynchburg, Virginia, with grant funding provided by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and the Easley Foundation.
- 2007-09 Director—*Virginia History Research Center at Lynchburg College*.
- 2006-11 Fellowship Advisor, National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA)  
 • At Lynchburg College, recruited and mentored potential national scholarship students and promoted competitive external learning opportunities.
- 2004-10 Assistant Professor (tenure track)—*Lynchburg College*
- 2003-04 Assistant Professor—*Piedmont Virginia Community College*

## **Education**

2005—Ph.D. (History), *The Johns Hopkins University*

2000—M.A. (History), *The Johns Hopkins University*

1997—B.A. (History, Distinguished Major with High Distinction), *University of Virginia*

## **Publications & Scholarly Projects**

### ***Books***

Co-editor and contributing author, “UVA and the History of Race” book manuscript (under review with University of Virginia Press, July 2021).

Contributing author, *Educated in Tyranny: Slavery at Thomas Jefferson’s University*, Maurie McInnis and Louis Nelson, eds., (Charlottesville, University of Virginia Press 2019).

Co-author, President’s Commission on Slavery and the University *Report to President Teresa A. Sullivan*, (Charlottesville: Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, 2018)

*Freedom Has a Face: Race, Identity, and Community in Jefferson's Albemarle, 1780-1865*, (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2012).

### ***Digital Projects***

2020—Author, “Enslaved African Americans at UVA” walking tour digital app (in collaboration with the University of Virginia Library’s *Walking tours of Grounds* app release). <https://www.library.virginia.edu/map/walking-tours>

2018-present—Scholar/investigator, [\*Holsinger Portrait Project\*](#), University of Virginia.

- Research project founded by John Mason that is investigating the Holsinger Studio Collections portraits of African Americans in Charlottesville, ca. 1890-1940.
- Includes community-sourced research identifying people in photos as part of an effort to tell the social history and geography of African American life in the Charlottesville area during the Jim Crow Era.
- Includes planning a major exhibition of studio-quality prints and development of a website.
- Project has already received a \$5,000 grant from Virginia Humanities to begin public outreach as well as a \$11,000 DDI grant to continue work.

2018-present—Participating Scholar/Investigator, *Freedom's Loom* project

- This project in development is led by historian Edward E. Baptist and Cornell University. It involves scholars from several research universities where digital projects are already underway or where there’s an active program of confronting the institution’s history of human bondage.
- It is building a relational database linking all U.S. slavery-related projects and will include a community action research element allowing genealogists and other Americans to search the database and share additional information about the enslaved.
- Includes active student participation as researchers, writers, transcribers, and coders.

2016-present—@slaveryuva Twitter feed author/director.

- This feed tweets out in chronological order facts about slavery, white supremacy, and the enslaved every two hours as a way to share truth-telling facts with students and a broader public.

2012-present—Co-Founder and Principal Investigator, [\*Jefferson's University-The Early Life Project \(JUEL\)\*](#)

- Digitizing all records related to UVA, 1817-1870. Thousands of documents already available.
- Tracking people, place, and event at the granular level in a relational database.
- Includes a 3D model of UVA as it would have looked circa 1850.
- Continues to illuminate UVA’s early history as both a site of large-scale enslavement and as a pioneer in public higher education.

## Articles

“Exploring the Past—The Memorial to Enslaved Laborers: Reframing the Academical Village,” in [Discover Charlottesville](#) (Charlottesville: City Select, 2020), pp. 14-19.

2020—Author, “Enslaved African Americans at the University of Virginia Walking Tour Map,” revised edition. This is a walking tour fold-out paper tour map available at several locations around Grounds. It is also a tour on a University Library app. Both are self-guided tours that introduce some of the people, places, and stories related to African American life at the University ca. 1817-1865.

Co-author with Ashley Schmidt, [“UVA and the History of Race: When the KKK Flourished in Charlottesville.”](#) *UVA Today*, September 25, 2019.

Co-author with Ashley Schmidt, [“UVA and the History of Race: Blackface and the Rise of a Segregated Society.”](#) *UVA Today*, September 4, 2019.

Lead author, [“UVA Today Presents Stories Explored by Commission on Segregation,”](#) *UVA Today* Sept. 4, 2019 (interview by McGregor McCance of Kirt von Daacke, Andrea Douglas, and Louis Nelson).

[“Michelle Obama’s Speech and the Powerful Realities of American Slavery,”](#) *NBC News* article, July 28, 2016.

“Denmark Vesey” article interrogating the historical narrative presented in textbook entries and state standards regarding Denmark Vesey for *Beyond the Textbook*, for the National History Education Clearinghouse (teachinghistory.org), a partnership of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, the Stanford University School of Education, the American Historical Association, and the National History Center, August 2010. <http://teachinghistory.org/history-content/beyond-the-textbook/24126>

Essay entries for *The Encyclopedia of African American History*, Leslie Alexander and Walter Rucker, eds., ABC-CLIO Inc., 2009.

“Slaves Without Masters? The Butler Family of Albemarle County, Virginia, 1780-1860,” *The Magazine of Albemarle County History*, Vol. 55, 1997, pp. 39-59.

## Reviews

Review of Jennifer Oast, *Institutional Slavery: Slaveholding Churches, Schools, Colleges, and Businesses in Virginia, 1680-1860*. Cambridge University Press, 2016. *History of Education Quarterly*, V. 57, #2, May 2017, pp. 13-16.

Digital history review of *Two Plantations: Enslaved Families in Virginia and Jamaica* (<http://twoplantations.com/>), *Journal of American History*, V. 102, #3, December 2015.

Review of Arica L. Coleman. *That the Blood Stay Pure: African Americans, Native Americans, and the Predicament of Race and Identity in Virginia*. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. Volume 46, Issue 1, Summer 2015.

Review of Alan Taylor. *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832*. (New York: Norton, 2013). [Law and History Review, Volume 33, Issue 1, pp. 233-35](#).

Review of William A. Link. *Atlanta, Cradle of the New South: Race and Remembering in the Civil War's Aftermath*. (Chapel Hill, N.C.: University of North Carolina Press, 2013). *The Historian*, Spring 2015, Volume 77, Issue 1, pp. 128-29.

Review of Eva Sheppard Wolf. *Almost Free: A Story About Family and Race in Antebellum Virginia*. (Athens, Ga.: University of Georgia Press, 2012). August 2013, *The Journal of Southern History*.

Review of Max Grivno. *Gleanings of Freedom: Free and Slave Labor Along the Mason-Dixon Line, 1790-1860*. (University of Illinois Press, 2011). August 2012, *Civil War Book Review* ([www.cwbr.com](http://www.cwbr.com)).

Review of Warren R. Hofstra and Karl Reitz, eds. *The Great Valley Road of Virginia: Shenandoah Landscapes from Prehistory to the Present*. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2010), February 2012, *Journal of Southern History*.

Review of Gabor Borritt and Scott Hancock, eds., *Slavery, Freedom, and Resistance*, April 2010, H-South online review colloquium for H-NET ([www.h-net.org](http://www.h-net.org)).

Review of Andrew Levy, *The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves*, August 2006, *Journal of Southern History*.

Review of Eric Burin, *Slavery and the Peculiar Institution: A History of the American Colonization Society*, November 2006, H-South online review colloquium for H-NET ([www.h-net.org](http://www.h-net.org)).

## **Paper Presentations, Panel Presentations, and Public Lectures**

2021—"Free People of Color in Albemarle County—Promise and Peril Seeking Intergenerational Wealth and Security in a Slave Society," Public Talk with K-12 teachers (part of "Embracing Our Narrative" programming) at Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, June 21.

2021—Panelist, "#MoreThanDiversity Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparation," The Center for the Study of Race, Politics & Culture at the University of Chicago, April 2.

- 2021—Invited Lecture, “Slavery and Memorialization at the University of Virginia,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UVA, February 26.
- 2021—Presenter and Panelist on “Public Humanities: Challenges and Opportunities,” at “Humanities in the Information Ecosystem,” NISO PLUS 2021 Conference (<https://niso.plus/program/>), February 22.
- 2020—Consultant and Scholar/Presenter, Charlottesville City Schools *Changing the Narrative* Seminar Series, November 12 to February 4, 2021
- 2020—Moderator/Creator, UVA President’s Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation online Public Talk, *Contested “Memories:” A Conversation on Monuments, Memorials, and the Lost Cause in Public Space*, October 29.
- 2020—Co-Presenter (with Dr. Andrea Douglas), “President’s Commission on Slavery and the University--History and Meaning of the Memorial to Enslaved Laborers,” University of Virginia Colonnade Club, October 6.
- 2020—Co-Presenter and Consultant (with Dr. Andrea Douglas), “Ten Takeaways from Our Work at the University of Virginia,” Texas Christian University Race and Reconciliation Retreat, September 11.
- 2020—Panelist, Albemarle County Seminar: “Court Square as Public Space: Historic Significance, Cultural Landscapes, Monuments, and Markers,” July 20.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9Iy4M3Ktlk>
- 2020—UVA Lifetime Learning Jefferson Summer Symposium, “The University of Virginia Memorial to Enslaved Laborers—History and Meaning,” June 18-19. Included filming of [a tour of the memorial](#).
- 2020—UVA Human Resources Cornerstone Program, invited talk, “University History, Acknowledgment, Atonement, and Repair—Pathways to Diversity and Inclusion?”, May 19.
- 2020—Consultant and Co-Presenter (with Dr. Andrea Douglas and Dr. Ashley Schmidt), “Coming to Terms with Difficult History at the University of Virginia,” University of North Carolina Commission on History, Race, and a Way Forward, May 8. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeJmos5AwNA&feature=youtu.be>
- 2020—UVA Lifetime Learning Lecture, “How Did We Get Here? The University of Virginia, Slavery, and the Work of Atonement,” Mariner’s Museum, Newport News, Virginia, March 3.
- 2020—Invited Keynote Lecturer, “Coming to Terms with Slavery and Racism at the University of Virginia,” *Southern Intellectual History Circle* Conference, University of the South (Sewanee), February 27-29.

- 2020—Rivanna Station Defense Intelligence Agency Lecture, “The University of Virginia’s Difficult History after 1865,” February 25.
- 2020—“Free People of Color—Promise and Peril in Albemarle County,” Public Talk with K-12 teachers (part of “Teaching Hard History” programming) at Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, February 17.
- 2020—“Slavery at the University of Virginia” 3<sup>rd</sup> grade presentation, Cale Elementary School, Albemarle County, February 7.
- 2020—“Understanding Virginia Slavery in Global Perspective,” Teaching Hard History lecture, Charlottesville Public Schools (part of a series in using state, local, and institutional history to animate larger historical themes), January 28.
- 2020—“How Did We Get Here? The University of Virginia, Slavery, and the Move Toward Restorative Justice,” Keynote panel presentation, *Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists* (VCEA) conference, University of Richmond, January 25.
- 2019—Roundtable Panelist, “The Rotunda from the perspective of the Enslaved,” Rotunda Planetarium: Science & Learning in UVA’s First Library conference, University of Virginia, November 1.
- 2019—Roundtable Panelist, “Universities and the History of Race,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) conference, Charleston, South Carolina, October 3.
- 2019—“UVA’s Difficult Past, 1865-1965,” community engagement lecture, Fry’s Spring Beach Club, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 22.
- 2019—“Coming to Terms with Slavery at UVA” lecture, University of Liverpool, Liverpool England, June 12.
- 2019—“Rum, Rummy, Rampaging, and Research: Students, Faculty, Slavery, and Life at Early UVA,” UVA Lifetime Learning Reunions lecture, Charlottesville, Virginia, May 31.
- 2019—Panelist, Education Writers Association Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, April 8.
- 2019—Speaker, Freedom and Liberation Day and Memorial Blessing Event at Rotunda, March 3.
- 2019—Panelist, “Free People of Color and the Expansion of Black Wealth in Charlottesville, 1865-1928,” at Jefferson School African American Heritage Center.

- 2019—“Slavery at the University of Virginia” presentation to 4<sup>th</sup> grade class, Burnley Moran Elementary School, February.
- 2018—Roundtable Panelist, “Institutions Respond to Their History of Slavery,” *Decolonizing the Museum-Transnational Comparisons* Conference, Georgetown University, November. <https://cges.georgetown.edu/news/decolonizing-the-museum-transnational-comparisons/>
- 2018—“Rethinking the Academical Village at the University of Virginia,” Invited lecture with UVA Club of Washington, D.C., November.
- 2018—Roundtable panelist, “Building Repair Initiatives Across Institutions,” *Universities, Slavery, Respond, and Repair—Universities Studying Slavery (USS) Fall Conference*, Tougaloo College, Jackson, Mississippi, October.
- 2018—Invited lecture, “Slavery and Early UVA,” University of Virginia Lifetime Learning, Summer Jefferson Symposium, June.
- 2018—“Life and Labor of the Enslaved in the UVA Academical Village” lecture, Teaching Race at the University of Virginia Faculty Development Seminar, June.
- 2018—Paper Presentation, “A History of Pro-Slavery Thought and Education at UVA,” for “Contested Spaces: Slavery and Peoples” panel, *Education in the Early Republic and the Founding of the University of Virginia*, conference co-sponsored by the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies and the American Philosophical Society, May 25.
- 2018—Roundtable panelist, “Covering Race on College Campuses,” Education Writers’ Association (EWA) 71<sup>st</sup> Annual National Seminar at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, May 17.
- 2018—Roundtable Panelist, “Universities and Slavery” panel at *We Choose to Remember: A Conversation on the Legacies of Slavery* conference honoring D.C. Emancipation Day, National Museum of African American History and Culture event on universities and slavery, April 16.
- 2018—Panelist, “American Universities: Reckoning with the Past, Part 1,” Duke University *American Universities, Monuments, and the Legacies of Slavery Symposium* (<https://provost.duke.edu/initiatives/slavery-and-its-legacies>), March 30.
- 2018—Plenary Panelist, “Universities Confronting Slavery,” UNESCO International conference on “New Approaches in Interpreting and Representing Slavery in Museums and Sites, Charlottesville, Virginia, March 20.



- 2018—"Slavery, Race, and Medical Education at the University of Virginia in the Nineteenth Century," Invited lecture at University of Virginia Medical Center & School of Medicine, January.
- 2018—"Atoning for Slavery at the University of Virginia," Invited lecture at the Tandem Friends School, January.
- 2018—Panelist, "Slavery and the University—Research in Action," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 5.
- 2017—Program Committee Chair, *Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, and the Built Landscape* Symposium, University of Virginia. A four-day conference with 500 participants.
- 2017—"Grave-Robbing at UVA" research presentation, "Slaves in the Classroom: Science, Medicine, Race, and Learning in Nineteenth Century America" panel, University of Virginia *Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, and the Built Landscape* Symposium, October.
- 2017—Panel Chair and Commenter, "Slavery, Freedpeople, and the Landscape," University of Virginia *Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, and the Built Landscape* symposium, October.
- 2017—Panelist, "Slavery and Its Legacies at UVA," University of Virginia *Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, and the Built Landscape* Symposium, October 19.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGM0ydNhO54>
- 2017—"The University of Virginia as Both Beacon of Economic Promise and Perilous Landscape of Violence for Rural Free People of Color," Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting paper presentation, April.
- 2017—Opening keynote remarks (as PCSU Co-Chair and USS Founder), Universities Studying Slavery (USS) meeting at Georgetown University, March.
- 2017—Institutional representative, Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Universities and Slavery workshop, March.
- 2017—Panelist, University of Virginia Law School panel discussion on Thomas Jefferson and Slavery, February.
- 2016—"Slavery at Early UVA" invited lecture, UVA Lifetime Learning, UVA Club of Eastern Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, November.
- 2016—Chair, "Universities and Histories of Race and Enslaved Labor" panel, at the Omohundro Institute's "Region and Nation in American Histories of Race and Slavery" Conference, October 6-9.

- 2016—One-Day UVA invited lecture, “Slavery and Race in Jefferson’s Virginia,” Poplar Forest, Bedford County, Virginia, April.
- 2016—TEDx@UVA [talk on Jefferson’s University: The Early Life](#) project. February.
- 2016—Panel Chair and Commentator, “Free People of Color in the Nineteenth Century Southern United States,” at the American Historical Association’s January 2016 annual meeting in Atlanta.
- 2015—Presenter, [Teach-In: Slavery, Memory, and Reconciliation](#), Georgetown University, December 1.
- 2015—Panel presentation, “Slave Dwellings at the University of Virginia: Acknowledgement, Preservation, and Memorialization,” Slave Dwelling Project Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, October.
- 2015—Interview with New Books in American Studies (by Siobhan Barco) on my book, *Freedom Has a Face*, April 16. ([www.newbooksinamericanstudies.com](http://www.newbooksinamericanstudies.com)).
- 2015—UVA Black Alumni Weekend Panel Discussion, “Slavery and the University,” Newcomb Hall, April 11.
- 2015—“[The Work of the Enslaved Laborers at UVA in the Early Days](#),” UVA Lifetime Learning blog post, February 10.
- 2015—Panel Chair and Commentator, “Politics Big and Small: African Americans, Law, and the Negotiations of Slavery and Freedom in the Nineteenth-Century American South,” at the American Historical Association’s January 2015 annual meeting in New York City.
- 2014—Symposium chair, President’s Commission on Slavery and the University, “Universities Confronting the Legacy of Slavery” Conference, October.
- 2014—Executive Producer and Speaker, [Unearthed and Understood: Slavery and the University of Virginia](#) (Heritage Film Project), premiered at “Universities Confronting the Legacies of Slavery” Conference, October.
- 2014—“Monuments to Conflicting Desires: Thomas Jefferson and Slavery at Monticello and the University of Virginia,” Invited public lecture at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia in conjunction with a special exhibit entitled “Slavery at Jefferson’s Monticello.” October.
- 2014—Panelist at UVA UPC & OAAA event: *12 Years a Slave* screening and panel discussion, Newcomb Hall theater, February.

- 2013—“Awash in a Sea of Risk: The Free Afro-Virginian Struggle to Define Freedom and Achieve Economic Independence in an Agrarian Slave Society,” invited public lecture, Lynchburg College Senior Symposium Series, Lynchburg College. October.
- 2013—Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Regional Author Series, invited public lecture and book signing for *Freedom Has a Face: Race, Community, and Identity in Jefferson’s Virginia*. April.
- 2013—Panelist, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center-sponsored panel discussion for Black History Month, “Legitimate Fruits of Freedom: The African American Struggle for Equal Opportunity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Albemarle County,” Jefferson School City Center, January.
- 2013—“White Neighbors, a ‘Good Black, and useful Men’: Free People of Color, Local Knowledge, and the Law in Antebellum Virginia,” paper presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January.
- 2012-13—Lead Scholar, *Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War*, a jointly funded project of the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities that engages participants (through the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library) in a series of five discussions of a common set of texts. As Lead Scholar, I delivered five lectures on a series of five different themes exploring the meanings of the Civil War. Lectures were each followed by a lengthy discussion session (which I led) with participants.
- 2012—“I’ll Show You What a Free Negro Is”: Black on White Violence and the County-Level Workings of the Law in Antebellum Virginia,” paper presented for the “Fissures in the Hegemon” panel at the American Society for Legal History Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, November.
- 2011—Expert panelist on “Models & Rewards of Undergraduate Research,” *Big South Undergraduate Research Symposium 2011’s* Mentor Summit, Virginia Military Institute, April.
- 2010—Research presentation, *Virginia Social Science Association 2010 Annual Conference*, Virginia State University: “Good Blacks and Useful Men: Reputation and Free Black Mobility in Antebellum Virginia,” April.
- 2009—Roundtable on academic publishing participant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte Graduate History Forum, April.
- 2008—Daura Gallery at Lynchburg College invited lecture (in conjunction with a Jacob Lawrence exhibit), “Will the Real John Brown Please Stand Up?” Lynchburg, Virginia, November.

- 2008—Guest Lecturer, University of Virginia, “Racism and Poverty in American History,” October.
- 2008—Guest Lecturer, University of Virginia, “Third World Nation: Hurricane Katrina, Race, and Poverty in the United States,” February.
- 2007—Senior Symposium Lecture at Lynchburg College, “Black Trials: Bound Labor and British Prejudice Interact to Solve Virginia’s Peculiar Seventeenth Century Dilemma,” Lynchburg, Virginia, September.
- 2006—John M. Turner Humanities Lecture, “‘White Neighbors, Good Blacks, and Useful Men,’ Free Blacks and Interracial Violence in Old Virginia,” Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia, November.
- 2006—University of Central Oklahoma Colloquium on Undergraduate Research in History, Edmund, Oklahoma, October 2006. Here, I designed a program for reforming Lynchburg College’s Historical Research & Writing class. I implemented the new design in fall 2007.
- 2003—“The Revolutionary War Generation of Free Blacks in Charlottesville, Virginia,” paper presented to the American History Seminar at the Johns Hopkins University, October.
- 2002—“Reconstructing the Rural Neighborhood: Race and Social Culture in Antebellum Virginia,” presentation to the International Center for Jefferson Studies, December 2002.
- 1998—“Race, Family, and Community in Jefferson’s Albemarle: Rural Free Black Life, 1780-1860,” paper presented to the American History Seminar at the Johns Hopkins University, April.

### **Honors, Grants, Awards, and Fellowships:**

- 2020: University of Virginia Raven Society Faculty Member Initiate, March.
- 2019: University of Virginia I.M.P. Society Faculty Award, April.
- 2019—UVA DDI grant of \$11,000 for RW Holsinger Project continuation as public exhibit across town in outdoor spaces.
- 2018—Virginia Humanities grant of \$5,000, for RW Holsinger project exhibit and community event, the first phase of a longer-term effort to identify the subjects of a large group of African American photographic portraits from the Rufus Holsinger collection at UVA; and at the same time to encourage African

American families in the Charlottesville area to share portraits of their ancestors as depicted by Mr. Holsinger. (with Dr. John E. Mason and Dr. Louis Nelson).

2015-18—UVA Office of Engagement, Outstanding Faculty Speaker Award.

2014—O.W.L. Society Award for advancing the literary culture of the University (April).

2014—Jefferson Trust Grant Award (\$81,000) for [Jefferson's University—The Early Life](#) project.

2010—*Faculty Development Travel Grant*, Lynchburg College

2009—*Mednick Memorial Fellowship*, Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

2008—*Participating Scholar*, Council for Independent Colleges/Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History Slave Narratives Seminar at the Gilder Lehrman Center for Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance at Yale University (one of 30 scholars accepted nationwide).

2008—*Summer Faculty Research Grant*, Lynchburg College

2008—*Elected Member, Board of Directors*, Virginia Social Sciences Association. Elected to board 2008-2011.

2002-03—*Visiting Scholar*, Carter G. Woodson Institute for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Virginia

2002—*Batten Fellowship*, International Center for Jefferson Studies

1997-2001—Johns Hopkins University Graduate Fellowship

1997—Phi Beta Kappa (Beta of Virginia)

1996—*Mary K. Rawlings Prize*, Albemarle County Historical Society

## **Conferences Organized**

2017—University of Virginia *Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, and the Built Landscape* Symposium, October.

2014—University of Virginia *Universities Confronting the Legacy of Slavery* Symposium, October.

2013-16—Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA) Annual Conferences, April each year.

## **Research Projects**

2018-Present—*University of Virginia President's Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation*. Co-Chair and lead researcher.

- Several year research project examining UVA's difficult history from 1865 to 1965 as part of UVA's continuing truth-telling effort about its own past. The foci include: reconstruction, eugenics, segregation, integration, civil rights, antisemitism, Native American erasure, regional Black community history.
- Ongoing research has served as the basis for an occasional *UVAToday* series: <https://news.virginia.edu/content/uva-today-series-presents-stories-explored-commission-segregation> and <https://news.virginia.edu/news-category/uva-and-history-race>
- Research will produce a commission report, website, and more.

2012-Present—*Jefferson's University: The Early Life* Project (1819-1870), ongoing major multi-year web-based digital humanities project I co-founded and remain as principal investigator.

2013-18—*President's Commission on Slavery and the University* (PCSU) I co-chaired and served as lead scholar.

- Led research project investigating history of slavery and enslaved people at the University of Virginia.
- Lead scholar and co-author of PCSU report, 2018.
- Contributing author and research lead for *Educated in Tyranny: Slavery at Thomas Jefferson's University* (UVA Press, 2019).

## **Teaching and Curriculum**

My teaching interests and duties have included African American History, the Antebellum South, Colonial British America, the Era of the American Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction, Historical Research & Writing, the U.S. history survey, the history of world civilizations, slavery and its legacies at UVA, and the aftermath of slavery at UVA. I run most upper division courses as research seminars in which I direct student archival research projects. I also led the restructuring of the history major at Lynchburg College, including designing a new historical research and writing course as an intensive sophomore-level seminar designed to produce a primary document analytic research paper of publishable quality.

### ***Courses Taught***

United States History to 1865

United States History 1865-Present

African American History to 1865

African American History 1865-Present

History of World Civilizations to 1500

History of World Civilizations 1500-Present

The Historian's Craft (Historical research methods course, HIST 200)

The Civil War and Reconstruction

The Antebellum South

Colonial British America

Era of the American Revolution

Slavery and Race in Early America

Witnessing Slavery: Interpreting Slave Testimony in U.S. History (UVA HIUS 3262)

Slavery and its Legacies at UVA (American Studies, AMST 1050)

The Aftermath of Slavery at UVA (American Studies, AMST 1060)

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Designing America's Difficult Past (American Studies & Architecture, AMST 2559/ARCH 2500)

Unearthing and Understanding—UVA Pavilion Seminar

College Advising Seminars (The End of Race?, Hidden Histories of UVA)

Undergraduate Research Seminars in Nineteenth Century American History (both capstone and introductory)

Graduate Seminars in Early American History

Graduate Seminars in the History of the African Diaspora

### ***Curriculum Development***

*Slavery and its Legacies curriculum at the University of Virginia.* This curriculum grew out of the work of the President's Commission on Slavery and the University. I led the development team in 2015. Since 2016, after a committee of commission colleagues further developed the course, I teach both that initial introductory survey as a two-semester course series and an upper division research seminar examining slavery and racism in the university's history.

Undergraduate History Major, Lynchburg College. I designed a sophomore level introductory research and writing course as part of the department's major re-design (I also led the committee creating the entire major redesign, shifting the focus to Atlantic history and shifting attention to research and writing across the major).

### **Other Professional Activities:**

President, Virginia Social Science Association, 2014-16

Vice President, Virginia Social Science Association, 2013-14

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2013-14

Manuscript Referee, *Journal of Southern History*

Manuscript Referee, *Law and History Review*

Manuscript Referee, *Journal of the Early Republic*

Manuscript Referee, *Southern Studies*

Manuscript Referee, *William and Mary Quarterly*

Manuscript Referee, *Southern Jewish History*

Manuscript Referee/Reviewer, University of North Carolina Press

Manuscript Referee/Reviewer, University of South Carolina Press

Research Grant Assessor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Text Reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin's

Text Reviewer, Pearson Longman

Text Reviewer, Cengage Learning

Historical consultant on civil rights oral history project, Lynchburg Historical Foundation, 2008-10

Historical consultant, [Legacy Museum](#) (Lynchburg, Virginia, museum preserving African American History), 2007-8

### **University Service Activities:**

President, *Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Virginia Chapter* (University of Virginia), 2019-present.

Chair, Promotion to Full Professor, General Faculty, Committee, UVA Undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences, fall 2018.

Co-Chair, University of Virginia President's Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation, 2018-present.

Chair, University of Virginia ROTC Affairs Committee, 2018-present.



Co-Chair, University of Virginia President's Commission on Slavery and the University, 2013-18.

Vice President, *Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Virginia Chapter* (University of Virginia), 2015-19.

Chair, Undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences Deans' Scholarships and Research & Travel Grants, 2014-present.

- I manage over twenty annual scholarships and the system for awarding research and travel grants to undergraduates. This work includes application review, chairing the selection committee, and managing the digital submission and review process.

Director of Faculty Advising, University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences, 2016-18.

Co-Chair, University of Virginia College of Arts & Sciences Summer Orientation, 2014-present.

- All incoming first-year College students at UVA attend one of nine summer orientation sessions.
- Over the past several years, I have led the overhaul of the entire summer orientation program for the undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences—completely rethinking our messaging to incoming students and how we addressed academics and course enrollment.
- I co-manage the entire academic process for College of Arts & Sciences students at each session. This includes leading the “College Talk,” managing dozens of smaller academic advising workshops, and overseeing the enrollment process at each session.

UVA Search Committee member for Office of Orientation and New Student Programming hire of two new project directors, spring 2016.

Green Dot Training (28 hours of training on sexual violence prevention), January 2015.

UVA Office of African American Affairs & University Programming Council-sponsored screening of the film *12 Years a Slave* with panel discussion afterward. Panelist and discussant, February 22, 2014.

Treasurer, Beta of Virginia chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, 2014-17.

UVA Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies search committee member, 2013-2014.

UVA Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE) Double Hoo Research Grant selection committee member, spring 2014.

UVA Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE) Harrison Grant Selection Committee, 2013-2015.

Member, Vice President for Student Affairs Five Year Review Committee, spring 2013.

Student Health Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Director search committee, spring 2013.

UVA Corcoran Department of History graduate selection committee (2012-16)

UVA Jefferson Scholars Program Graduate Fellow Selection Committee (2013-17)

University-Wide ROTC Affairs Committee, University of Virginia (fall 2012-present)

Procession Marshal, assembly group, University of Virginia fall Convocation (fall 2012-present)

Procession Marshal, University of Virginia Final Exercises (2011-present)

University of Virginia Campus Liaison/administrator for the Beinecke Scholarship Program, 2011-19 (<http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/beinecke/>).

UVA Office of the Dean of Students search committee member for Assistant Dean of Housing and Residence Life position, summer 2012.

UVA University Career Services search committee member for two career counselor positions (Outreach and College of Arts & Sciences), spring 2012.

UVA University Career Services career counselor search committee fall 2011.

Member, Phi Beta Kappa faculty (Beta of Virginia), University of Virginia, 2011-present.

Chair, Lynchburg College History Department, 2009-11.

Editor and creator, *Istoria*, the Lynchburg College history department's online peer-reviewed student history research journal, 2009-11.

Chair, Ad Hoc History Curriculum Reform Committee, Lynchburg College, summer, 2009. Led committee charged with significant reform of courses and structure for history major at the college.

Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Interest Group President, 2006-11

- Organized and led a faculty team seeking a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Lynchburg College.
- Duties included preparing, writing, and editing two separate triennial application reports, representing the college in all correspondence and meetings with Phi Beta Kappa National Secretary, organizing speaking engagements and receptions on

campus for Phi Beta Kappa keyholders living in the area, and working closely with college administration to promote external scholarship opportunities.

Elected member of Lynchburg College Teaching and Learning Resources Committee, 2007-10.

Member, President's Advisory Council, Lynchburg College, 2007-08.

Lynchburg College History Department Program Review action plan coordinator, fall, 2007.

Member, Claytor Nature Study Center Task Force, Lynchburg College, 2007-08.

Scholarship Competition Interviewer for admitted Lynchburg College students, 2006-08.

Lecturer for Lynchburg College Admitted Student Open House, 2006-08.

Departmental representative and organizer, annual Majors Fair, 2006-08.

Freshman Faculty Advisor, Lynchburg College 2006-11.

Major Advisor for B.A. candidates in History, Lynchburg College, 2006-2011.

Faculty Advisor for One Step Up Dance ensemble and for the Hopwood Society, 2005-11.

### **Professional Affiliations:**

American Historical Association (AHA)

American Society for Legal History (ASLH)

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

Organization of American Historians (OAH)

Society of Historians of the Early Republic (SHEAR)

Southern Historical Association (SHA)

Virginia Historical Society (VHS)

Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA)