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**EDUCATION**

<b>Washington University, St. Louis</b> Ph.D. American History	2006
<b>Purdue University</b> M.A. American History	1994
<b>Hunter College</b> B.A. History	1992

**EMPLOYMENT**

2015- Present	<b>Associate Chair, Department of History</b>
2019- Present	<b>Senior Instructor, Department of History and African and African Diaspora Studies (AADS), Florida International University (FIU), Miami, FL</b>
2006 – 2019	<b>Instructor, Department of History and AADS, (FIU), Miami, Fl.</b> Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Modern American History; African American History; Social Movements in Modern US History; African American Men and Women’s Intellectual History; New Directions in African American History; Blacks in Paris; and Race, Gender, and Science in the Atlantic World.
2013 –2015	<b>Graduate Program Director, African and African Diaspora Studies,</b> Chair the graduate committee; oversee budget and organize AADS Colloquium Speakers Series; advise and meet with graduate students to review graduate regulations and procedures; oversee the graduate admissions process; allocate funded packages; provide information to prospective students, work with different university units and external organizations on professional development programs for the students.

- 2011- 2014                   **Co-Principal Investigator, Florida Teacher Quality Grant, FIU and MDCPS.** Develop and pilot test curriculum for MA degree program for MDCPS teachers. Work in conjunction with College of Education and MDCPS Teacher Leaders to implement program.
- 2011- 2013                   **Principal Investigator, Teach American History Grant, FIU.** Coordinate cohort of Miami Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) teachers pursuing M.A. degrees in American History; Design and Implement series of Workshops and Summer Institutes for Miami Dade Elementary School Teachers.
- 2002- 2005                   **Director, Phillips Academy Andover’s Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Andover, MA**  
Cultivated relationships with Deans of graduate schools from 44 top ranked, consortium colleges and universities interested in recruiting IRT and MMUF students; produced financial reports; worked on and secured foundation grants; advised over 600 students through the graduate school admissions, funding, and selection process; hired and supervised college and university faculty and advanced graduate students for the IRT Summer Workshop; had major responsibility for critical theory curriculum of the Summer Workshop.
- 1999- 2002                   **Associate Director, IRT**  
Provided students with one-on-one counseling through each step of the graduate school application process; published an annual newsletter; instituted the IRT alumni association and fundraising drive; proofread graduate school applications; recruited students across the country for the Summer Workshop and Associate programs.
- 2004- 2005                   **Teaching Faculty, Phillips Academy Andover**  
Instructor: *U.S. History: World War II to the Present.*
- 1992                           **Central Park East Secondary School.**                   N.Y., NY  
Co-Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades: *Humanities.*  
Assistant Teacher, 12<sup>th</sup> grade: *The 1960’s.*

## **FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century United States History  
African American Men and Women’s Intellectual History  
Race, Gender, and Science in the Atlantic World  
Health and Healing in United States History  
Social Movements in Modern Unites States History

## **PUBLICATIONS**

## Articles:

“‘A Taste of the Lash of Criticism’: Racial Progress, Self-Defense, and Christian Intellectual Thought in the Work of Amelia E. Johnson.” in *Toward an Intellectual History of Black Women* Mia Bay, Farah Jasmine Griffin, Martha Jones, and Barbara Savage eds. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

“‘I Will Do a Deed for Freedom.’: Enslaved Women, Scientists of Race, and the Contested Discourse of Black Womanhood.” In *Shout Out: Women of Color Respond to Violence*. Maria Ochoa and Barbara K. Ige eds. Seal Press. January 2008.

## Book Reviews:

Rana A. Hogarth. *Medicalizing Blackness: Making Racial Difference in the Atlantic World, 1780-1840*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2017 xx + 268 pp. *Civil War Book Review* Summer 2018.

Kristina DuRocher. *Raising Racists: The Socialization of White Children in the Jim Crow South*. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky. 2011. Pp. 237. *Louisiana History* 2014.

## Encyclopedia Entries

“Celia.” *Enslaved Females: An Encyclopedia of Daily Life during Slavery in the United States*. ABL-CLIO/Greenwood Press. 2010.

“Margaret Garner.” *Enslaved Females: An Encyclopedia of Daily Life during Slavery in the United States*. ABL-CLIO/Greenwood Press. 2010.

“W.E.B. Du Bois.” *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora: Origins, Experiences, and Culture*. Carole Boyce Davies ed. November 2007.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2018 Chair and Discussant. “Talking Back: Black Print Culture, Community Building, and the Politics of Reform, 1850-1920.” African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), Brandeis University

2015 “The Offspring No Longer Needs the Care of the Mother’: Race, Labor, and Social Scientific Constructions of Black Motherhood.” Arts and Humanities Research Council Symposium, Newcastle University 2015.

2015 Discussant: Works in Progress Series. Donna Aza Weir-Soley. *A Kind of Life*, FIU

2015 Chair, “The Expansion of the U.S. Black Middle Class and the Emergence of Roots Heritage Tourism. Roots Heritage and Tourism in Africa and the African Diaspora Conference, FIU.

- 2013 “New Negro Culture and Society.” Chair. ASALH, Jacksonville, Fl.
- 2012 ““Can We Afford It?”: The Impact of Poverty on Children in the Work of Ann Petry.” ASALH, Pittsburgh.
- 2011 Discussant. “Internationalism and Black Women’s History.” Towards an Intellectual History of Black Women Conference. Columbia University. New York City.
- 2011 “The Sacred, Society, and the Social Sciences in the Work of Amelia E. Johnson.” Part of a Linked series of workshops and conferences organized as part of a three-year project titled, *Towards an Intellectual History of Black Women*, organized by Mia Bay, Martha Jones, Barbara Savage, and Farah Griffin.  
<http://www.socialdifference.org/projects/intellectualhistory> American Historical Association, Boston.
- 2011 Invited Speaker. “Enslaved Women of the Civil War Era.” Miami Dade College. Miami.
- 2010 Discussant. “African Americans and Jim Crow.” Social Science History Conference. Chicago.
- 2010 “Living Just Enough for the City: Race, Gender and Urban Life in the Work of E. Franklin Frazier.” Social Science History Conference. Chicago.
- 2010 ““A Well-Constructed Female Figure’: Science, Labor, and Beauty in the Atlantic World.” Southern Historical Association. Charlotte.
- 2010 “Argumentative Observations”: Debating Slavery, Race, and Science in the Streets of Philadelphia.” Florida Conference of Historians. Wakulla Springs, Florida.
- 2010 “A Taste of the Lash of Criticism”: History, Racial Thought, and Self-Defense in the work of Elizabeth Keckley and Amelia Johnson. Black Women’s Intellectual History Project. Rutgers University
- 2008 Discussant. “The Age of Lincoln.” Social Science History Conference. Miami.
- 2008 Chair. “Global Dimensions of Hip Hop: Place, Policy, and Personhood.” The Wolfsonian. Florida International University.
- 2007 Chair. “Enslaved Africans and Insurgencies in the Americas.” Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Charlotte.
- 2007 ““They Had No Need to Inquire’: The Public Nature of Enslaved Women’s Abuse and Resistance.” ASALH. Charlotte.
- 2007 “Unstable Scientists: Constructing Haiti and Jamaica during the Civil War Era.”

American Historical Association. Atlanta.

- 2006 Chair. "Empire, Nation, Conquest, and Memory." Caribbean Women Writers Conference. Miami, FL.
- 2005 "Race, Science, and the Construction of Black Womanhood during the Mid-Nineteenth Century." Invited Lecture. Brandeis University.
- 2005 "'Oh Horrible Idea!': Maria Stewart, Thomas Jefferson, and the Contested Discourse of Black Womanhood." Mid-America Conference on History. University of Kansas.
- 2004 "'I Will Do a Deed for Freedom': Enslaved Women, Scientists of Race, and the Contested Discourse of Black Womanhood." American Studies Association. Atlanta.
- 2004 "Bayard Rustin and the Evolution of the Civil Rights Movement." Presentation. Phillips Academy Andover.
- 2002 "'Arbitrary Distinctions': Ethnological Facts and 'The Negro Question' during the Pre-Civil War Era." New England American Studies Association. Boston.
- 2001 "'Where Can We Find Among Ourselves the Man of Science': Narrating Race and Science in Nineteenth Century African-American History." American Historical Association. Boston.
- 1999 "'What is it?': Race, Science, and Popular Culture in the Mid-Nineteenth Century." Boston College Lecture Series, Department of History.
- 1998 "Savage Island or Paradise?: A Historical Analysis of Anglo-American and African-American Images of Haiti." Haiti at the Crossroads: Visions, Continuity and Change." Haitian Studies Association Tenth Annual Conference. Port-Au Prince, Haiti.
- 1998 "Feminist Ideology and the Civil Rights Movement." Martin Luther King Jr. Day Panel Discussion. Washington University, St. Louis.
- 1996 "African-American Women during the Period of the Harlem Renaissance." Guest Lecture to African-American Self and Identity. Washington University, St. Louis.
- 1996 "Sula." A Series of Guest Lectures to African-American Self and Identity. Washington University, St. Louis.
- 1993 "Septima Poinsette Clark and the Civil Rights Movement." Women's Studies Conference, Purdue University.

**SERVICE ORIENTED/COMMUNITY LECTURES**

- 2019 Panelist, “Digital Bodies” Humanities Edge, Faculty Summer Institute
- 2019 Panelist, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, MMUF Coordinator’s Conference.
- 2017 Discussant. “Lincoln, “The Civil War and Reconstruction.” HistoryMiami. Miami, Fl.
- 2015 Moderator- AADS Roundtable: Police Stereotyping and Fatal Brutality against Unarmed Black People in the United States
- 2014 Moderator, second Annual Dr. Antonio Jorge Memorial Lecture
- 2014 NOW, FIU chapter Guest Speaker, “The F Word.”
- 2011 African American Research Library and Cultural Center. “The Civil War.”
- 2009 United States Department of Agriculture, Miami. “Globalizing King’s Legacy.”
- 2009 Old Dillard Museum. Ft. Lauderdale. “Juneteenth.”
- 2006 ANWS, Annual Eric Williams Memorial Lecture. Introduced Dr. Colin Palmer
- 2005 University of New Hampshire. “Rosa Parks: The Activist behind the Myth.”
- 2004 Social Science Research Council (SSRC), “The Graduate School Application Process.” Washington University, St. Louis.
- 2004 Ronald E. McNair Program, “The Graduate School Application Process.” Columbia University.
- 2004 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, “The Graduate School Application Process.” Barnard University.

## **UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Modern American Civilization (GRW)(GL)  
 American History Since 1877 (GRW)(GL)  
 African American History I  
 African American History II  
 Race, Gender, and Science in the Atlantic World (GL)  
 Junior Seminar in History: Blacks in Paris  
 Junior Seminar in History: New Directions in African American History  
 Senior Seminar in History: From Protests to Politics  
 Social Movements in Modern United States History (GL)  
 Black Popular Cultures: Global Dimensions  
 Blacks in Paris (GL)

### **Graduate Courses**

Slavery, Emancipation, and Reconstruction  
 African American Men and Women’s Intellectual History  
 Social Movements in Modern U.S. History  
 Race, Gender, and the Social Sciences in United States History  
 The “Long’ History of the Civil Rights Movement  
 New Directions in African American History

## **AWARDS, GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS**

FIU Faculty Humanities Research Grant	2018-2019
FIU Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching	2017-2018

Global Learning Faculty Fellowship	2015
Florida Teacher Quality Grant (Co-PI with April Merleaux and Sarah Mathews)	2011-2014
Technology Grant for Digital Archive of Americana Historical Newspapers (with April Merleaux)	2010-2011
Teach American History Grant (PI)	2010-2011
African American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) Research Fellow	2008
University of New Hampshire: Doctoral Fellow	2005-2006
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (Director, IRT)	2003
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (Associate Director, IRT)	2000
New England Board of Higher Education, Scholar in Residence	1998
Library Company of Philadelphia, Research Fellow	1998
Washington University, St. Louis, Chancellor's Fellowship	1994
Purdue University, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	1992-1994

### **PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BUT NOT FUNDED**

Participant in Metanexus Institute Grant.	2009
“Science of Spirituality” Grant organized by Whitney Bauman, Religious Studies. Other FIU participants include David Chatfield, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Nathan Katz, Religious Studies; Kalai Mathee, College of Medicine. <a href="http://www.metanexus.net/">http://www.metanexus.net/</a>	

The Traveling exhibition CHANGING AMERICA: THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, 1863 AND THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON, 1963. To the Hubert Library on the BBC campus.	2014
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### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

CAT Team Based Learning Workshop with Dr. Abbas Hyderi	2018
Provost Pilot Certified Hybrid Workshop	2017
CAT Gateway Course Summer Institute	2016

### **GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mentor Role</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Shannon Moss	Chair, MA Paper	Liberal Studies	2008
Ava Purkiss	Chair, MA Thesis	AADS	2009
Richard Rodriguez	Chair, MA Paper	History	2012
Charles May	Chair, MA Paper	AADS	2013
Felix Jean-Louis	Chair, MA Thesis	AADS	2014
Darlene Westleigh	Chair, MA Paper	AADS	2018
Justene Hill	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2008
Roberto Fernandez	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2011
Doug Jones	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	History	2011

Christen Smiley	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	Global Strategic Communications	2011
Jameel Barnes	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2012
Carla Louis	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2014
Abby Gondek	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2015
Tonya St. Julien	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2015
Aysha Preston	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2015
Nathan Seeley	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2016
Tanisha Ingram	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS	2016
Sharlia Gulley	Thesis Comm. Member, MA	AADS/IR	2017
Jasmine Singletary	Paper Comm. Member, MA	AADS/GSS	2019
Jessica Allison	Comps Comm.	History	2013
Sven Kube	Comps Comm.	History	2014
Richard Rodriguez	Comps Comm.	History	2015
Aysha Preston	Comps Comm.	GSS	2015
Christopher Davis	Comps Comm.	History	2016
Felix Jean-Louis	Comps Comm.	History	2016
Masonya Bennett	Comps Comm.	GSS	2016
Abby Gondek	Comps Comm.	GSS	2016
Ayinde Madzimoya	Comps Comm.	History	2018
John Ermer	Comps Comm.	History	2018 (Fall)
William Gonzalez	Comps Comm.	History	In progress
Erika Edwards	Dissertation Comm.	History	2011
Julia Meszaros	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2014
Mamyrah Prosper	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2015
Synatra Smith	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2015
Greg Weimer	Dissertation Comm.	History	2015
Adam Silvia	Dissertation Comm.	History	2016
Devon Wright	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2017
Richard Rodriguez	Dissertation Comm.	History	2017
Abby Gondek	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2018
Jessica Allison	Dissertation Comm.	History	2018
Cristopher Davis	Dissertation Comm.	History	2018
Aysha Preston	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2018
Masonya Bennett	Dissertation Comm.	GSS	2018
Felix Jean-Louis	Dissertation Comm.	History	In progress
Ayinde Madzimoya	Dissertation Comm.	AADS/History	In progress
Nathan Seeley	Dissertation Comm.	History	In progress

**GEMMA: Masters Degree in Gender and Women's Studies in the European Union.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mentor Role</u>	<u>University</u>
Ana Frank	Research Project Advisor	Ish Ljubljana, Slovenia



## **DUAL ENROLLMENT MENTOR**

2014 – Present.

## **SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

- 2010-11 “Slavery and Resistance: Teaching African American Men and Women’s History.” Miami Dade County Secondary Schools Teacher Training Workshops.
- 2009-11 “Slavery, Emancipation, and Reconstruction.” Teaching American History Workshop Series for Elementary Education Teachers.
- 2007 “Race, Science, Gender, and African American History,” FLASC Workshop for Elementary and Secondary School Teachers. Florida Africana Studies Association. Miami.

## **UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2019- Present American Council of Education Women’s Network Steering Committee
- 2019-Present AADS Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2019-2020 Humanities Afternoon Lecture Committee
- 2018-2019 Strategic Planning Committee: Student Success
- 2018 Assistant Director for the Writing Center Search Committee
- 2016-2018 Global Learning Committee
- 2017-Present Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- 2017-2018 HSI/Mellon Mentor
- 2017-Present History Gateway Course Steering Committee/ Dept. Coordinator
- 2006-Present AADS Steering Committee
- 2015-Present Department of History, Advisory Committee (Ex-Officio)
- 2014-Present Dual Enrollment Mentor to MDCPS and Broward County Teachers
- 2015-2017 Department of History, Undergraduate Committee
- 2015-2017 AADS, Graduate Committee
- 2016-2017 DOHGSA Advisor
- 2015-2017 History Dept. Colloquium Series Coordinator
- 2013-2015 AADS, Graduate Program Director
- 2008-14 Department of History, Undergraduate Committee
- 2009-14 AADS Representative to the CAS Curriculum Committee
- 2014 FIU-NOW Chapter Guest Speaker
- 2011-12 Department of History, European History Search Committee
- 2011-12 Department of History, Digital History Search Committee
- 2009-10 Department of History, American History Search Committee
- 2007-09 AADS Undergraduate Committee, Chair
- 2012-14 AADS Graduate Committee
- 2009-10 AADS English Speaking Caribbean Search Committee
- 2010 FIU *Tuesday Times* Lecture. Immigration Reform and Undocumented Students
- 2010 FIU Honors College Lecture. “Gender and Slavery in Early America.”

2010 Women's Studies, Chair of Advisory Committee  
2008-9 QEP Global Learning Curriculum Committee  
2008 Women's Studies, By Laws Committee  
2007 African New World Studies Dissertation Fellow Search Comm  
2007-8 Dept. of Hist. American, Latin Am. and Euro. Visit. Prof. Search Committee  
2007-8 Dept. of Hist/ANWS, African History Visiting Prof. Search Committee  
2006-7 African New World Studies, Essay Prize Committee, FIU  
2006 African New World Studies Dissertation Fellow Search Comm.

**OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

New England American Studies Association, Council Member 2002-05  
New England American Studies Association, Paper Prize Committee 2003

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

African American Intellectual History Society  
American Historical Association  
American Studies Association  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Organization of American Historians