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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, May 2001.

Dissertation Director: Dr. Virginia Yans-McLaughlin

Committee Members: Dr. Gerald N. Grob, Dr. James Reed, and Dr. Ellen L. Idler

Dissertation: "Rearing the Child Who Never Grew: Parents, Experts, and Children with Mental Retardation in America, 1910-1962"

Major: American History *Minor:* History of Health and Medicine

BA in History, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, 1991.

Advisor: Dr. Richard Maxwell Brown

Senior Thesis: "Doctors, Deviants, and Defectives: Sterilization in Oregon, 1917-1940."

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of History and Philosophy,
Jackson State University, 2006 to present.

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Philosophy,
Jackson State University, 2001-2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Currently teach at JSU (both graduate and undergraduate):

"History of Black Women I," "History of Black Women II,"

"Revolutionary America," "Antebellum America," "History of Childhood,"

"History of Disability," "Historiography," "Research Seminar,"

"Historical Criticism and Historiography," "Historical Research for the Thesis." Also undergraduate survey courses: "US History I" and "US History II."

Designed the following courses: "History of Black Women I," "History of Black Women II," "History of Childhood," "History of Disability," "History of Public Health."

Previously taught at JSU: "History of Science and Society," "Women in American History," "Black Women in Southern Culture," "History of Civilization I," "History of Civilization II," "Recent American History," "History of Public Health," "War, Depression, and Recovery."

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Rutgers University, 1995-2000. Taught "Expository Writing 101," "Native American History II," "United States History, 1914-1945," "Health and the Environment in American History," and "History of the Caribbean."

Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, 1995 and 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Review of Lang, Harry G., *Fighting in the Shadows: The Untold Story of Deaf People in the Civil War*. H-War, H-Net Reviews. October, 2019.

URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=53790>

Review of *Pathological Families* in *Journal of American History*. Submitted Fall 2013.

"Simon Binet" and "People First" in Susan Burch, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Disability History* (Facts on File, 2009).

Review of *Saving Sickly Children* in *Journal of American History*. March 2009, Vol. 95, Issue #4.

"Rearing the Child Who Never Grew: Parents and Severely Intellectually Disabled Children in American History," in James Trent and Steven Noll, ed., *Mental Retardation in America: A Historical Anthology* (New York: NYU Press, 2004). A historical survey of ideas about parents of severely disabled children.

"Martyred Mothers and Merciful Fathers: Exploring Disability and Motherhood in the Lives of Jerome Greenfield and Raymond Repouille,"

in Paul Longmore and Lauri Umansky, ed., *The New Disability History: American Perspectives* (New York: NYU Press, 2001). An examination of the discussions of disability and motherhood in two "mercy killing" cases in 1939 New York City.

"The History of Mental Retardation: An Essay Review," *History of Psychology* (January, 1999). A survey of the historiography of mental retardation, a review of recent publications in the field, and speculations on future directions for the literature.

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Teaching Sex: Sexual Education and People with Intellectual Disabilities, 1960-1990" at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, April 2026.

"The Myth of the Eternal Child: Mid-Twentieth Century American Images of Intellectual Disability" at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2025.

Chaired panel: "Science from the Perspective of the Loyal Opposition." Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2025.

Commentator. "'Learn, Babies, Learn': Civil Rights, Anticommunism & African American FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) Informants Lola Belle Holmes & Julia Brown," at Massachusetts Historical Society, March 2023.

"Integration on Two Fronts: Opening Jackson Public Schools to African American Children with Significant Disabilities in the 1970s," at Jackson State University Research Symposium, October 2022.

"Love, Protection, and Control: A Case Study of the 'Voluntary' Sterilization of an Adolescent with Intellectual Disabilities in the Late Twentieth Century U.S." at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2022.

Moderated panel: "Perceptions of Mental Health in Youth and Their Families" at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2021.

"Opening Jackson, Mississippi Public Schools to African American Children with Significant Disabilities in the 1970s," at National Association for African American Studies, February 2019.

"The biggest single deterrent to the advancement of help for the mentally retarded': Parents, Physicians, and the Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability in Mid-Twentieth Century America" at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2018.

Moderated panel: "Public Health At the Turn of the Century" at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2018.

"Being an Institution Parent: Twentieth Century American Parents of Institutionalized People with Intellectual Disabilities," at Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2017.

"Realistic and Relevant Assessment of World History for Non-Majors," at Conference on the Liberal Arts 2016, Jackson State University, October 2016.

Chaired panel, "Making It Relevant: Enriching and Innovating Teaching and Learning in the Liberal Arts," at Conference on the Liberal Arts 2016, Jackson State University, October 2016.

"History of Disability and Health," at the Humanities in Medicine-2015 Conference: Extraordinary Bodies: Perceptions and Engagements, University of Mississippi Medical Center, March 2015.

"The Integration of Mississippi's Institutions for People with Intellectual Disabilities," at the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, March 2015.

"Somebody needs to dig the ditches: Psychological and Sociological Visions of the Market Role of Intellectually Disabled People in the Twentieth Century U.S.," at Organization of American Historians, March 2008.

Chaired panel, "'Fairest of Them All': Studies in Race, Class, Gender, and Culture through Beauty Pageants," at Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 2005.

"Somebody needs to dig the ditches: Psychological and Sociological Visions of the Market Role of Intellectually Disabled People in the Twentieth Century U.S.," at Social Science History Association, November 2004.

"Diagnosing the Eternal Child: Parents, Physicians, and Children with Intellectual Disabilities, 1910-1965," at Phi Alpha Theta, January 2003.

"Diagnosing the Eternal Child: Parents, Physicians, and Children with Intellectual Disabilities, 1910-1965," at the Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, November 1999.

"An 'indiscreet affection': Guiding Mothers of Mentally Disabled Children in the U.S., 1900-1965," in Round Table on Women and Disability, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 1999.

"An 'indiscreet affection': Guiding Mothers of Mentally Disabled Children in the U.S., 1900-1965," Warren I. Susman Memorial Graduate History Conference, Rutgers University, May 1998.

"Martyred Mothers, Merciful Fathers: Constructions of Disability and Motherhood in the 1939 Repouille and Greenfield Mercy Killings," Carlton Conference on the History of the Family, May 1997.

"Martyred Mothers, Merciful Fathers: Constructions of Disability and Motherhood in the 1939 Repouille and Greenfield Mercy Killings," New York State History Conference, June 1997.

"'Treat Him Naturally': Benjamin Spock on Rearing Disabled Children and Parent Responses in the Post-War United States," Conference of the American Association on the History of Medicine, May 1996.

"Whose Suffering? Whose Mercy?: Mercy Killing and the Disabled in the 1930s," Warren I. Susman Memorial Graduate History Conference, Rutgers University, May 1994.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Moderator. History of Resistance to Colonial Rule in Africa and the Western Hemisphere. Department of History and Philosophy and Institute for Social Justice and Race Relations. February 9, 2023.

Presented with Dr. Ralph Didlake, Dr. Amy Forbes, and Dr. George Bey. The Asylum Hill Consortium: Bioscience, the Humanities, and Opportunity. Millsaps Arts and Lecture Series, March 21, 2017.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

JSUOnline Instructor Training. Completed September 2, 2025.

Certificate in Effective Instruction. Association of College and University Educators, 2023. This certificate signifies my completion of a 25-module course in effective teaching practices requiring the implementation of evidence-based instructional approaches. The credential is co-issued by the American Council on Education and distinguishes faculty for their commitment to educational excellence and student success.

Beyond the Bubble: Assessing Historical Thinking. Stanford History Education Group. March, 2022.

Advanced Online Student Engagement Workshop, sponsored by the United Negro College Fund. August, 2021. Workshop operated and approved by Strategic Education Inc.

Teaching Professor Conference. June, 2021.

Oral History Center Advanced Summer Institute, University of California, Berkeley. August 5-9, 2019.

Oral History Intensive with Studs Terkel Radio Archive and Chicago Torture Justice Memorials Project, Chicago. Workshop taught by Suzanne Snider of the Oral History Summer School, Hudson, NY. June 5-12, 2016.

Memory Loss and Mixed Ability Interviewing. Workshop taught by Dina Zempsky and Nicki Pombier Berger, with additional instruction by Suzanne Snider. Oral History Summer School, Hudson, NY. June 28-July 3, 2015.

Core Practices for Inquiry-Based History Teaching. Stanford Summer Teaching Institute, July 29-August 1, 2013. Workshop taught by Brad Fogo and Joel Breakstone of the Stanford History Education Project.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship. NEH Summer Institute: Philosophies of Care. Reed College, Portland, OR. July, 2022.

JSU NEH Humanities Grant History Department application for \$100,000. NEH Humanities Initiative for Promotion of the Humanities Teaching and Learning Resources and Curriculum Development. Applied May, 2022. Not awarded.

ADVISEMENT

Thesis Advisor: Lauren Burkhardt.

Thesis Advisor: Kevin Saunders.

Project Advisor: Randi Smith.

Thesis Advisor: Jessica Walzer.

Project Advisor: Michael Jones.

Thesis Advisor: Christina Winters.

Project Advisor: Michael McKnight. "The War on Drugs: Mass Incarceration and Its Effects on Minorities in Louisiana And Mississippi." Spring 2020.

Project Advisor: Detrice Roberts, "Using the 'Culture of Dissemblance' to Reveal the Hidden Truths and Cultural Silences in the Works of Hine, Simmons, And McGuire." Spring 2019.

Thesis Advisor: La Tosha A. Smith, "Dr. Joyce Ladner: From A Youth Activist To An Academic Scholar And Administrator, 1940-to The Present." Spring 2013.

Thesis Advisor: Tanja Parsons, "The Role of Grassroots Women Leaders in the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement 1950-1964." Spring 2012.

Thesis Advisor: Jerry Beavers, "Conflicting interpretative Mentalities Within the Southern Christian Community Toward the Civil Rights Community." Spring 2006.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Chair of Department Search Committee, 2026.

Department Graduate Coordinator. Fall 2025-

Interim Department Chair, Fall 2024.

Member of Department Third Year Review Committee, Spring 2025.

Chair of Department Search Committee, 2024-2025.

Department Undergraduate Coordinator, 2019-2023.

Department Webmaster, 2016-2025.

Chair of Department Curriculum Committee, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2026, 2026-2027.

Chair of Department Promotion Committee, Fall 2020.

Member of Department Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2015-2020.

Chair of Department's Third Year Review Committee, 2013-2014.

Chair of Graduate Recruitment Committee, Spring 2014.

Chair of Department Tenure and Recruitment Committee, 2012-2013.

Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2003 to 2013.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY

Member of University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. (Serving on the Screening Committee). 2026-

Member of College of Liberal Arts Third Year Review Committee, Spring 2025.

Member of the University Faculty Personnel Committee, 2024-2025.

Member of Chair of Criminal Justice and Sociology Search Committee, 2023-2024.

Member of JSU University Assessment Council, 2021.

Member of the General Education Committee, 2020-2022

Member of Criminal Justice Search Committee, 2022-2023.

Member of Dean of Liberal Arts Search Committee, 2022-2023.

Member of Political Science Search Committee, Spring 2021.

Participant in the Implicit Bias Think Tank, March 22-23, 2017.

Member of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee, 2016-2017.

Member of the College of Public Service Promotion and Tenure Committee, Fall 2016.

Member of the College Search Committee for Chair of Mass Communications, January 2015.

Member of the College Search Committee for Dean of Liberal Arts, November 2014.

Selected to Revise Hist 202 for the Writing in the Liberal Arts Disciplines project, Spring 2014.

Member of Distance Learning DMU, 2002-2013.

Member of the University Quality Enhancement Project Committee, 2008-2010.

Member of Political Science Search Committee, 2002-2005.

Member of University Grievance Committee, 2002-2004.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member of the Asylum Hill Research Consortium, 2016-.

Member of the Advisory Committee for the Mississippi Digital Newspaper Project, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 2013-2014, 2015-2016, 2017-2018.

Referee, *Journal of American History*, 2016-2017.

Representative of Jackson State University on the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning's US History and Biology College Readiness Taskforces, 2008-2009.

Grader for the Advanced Placement Examination on World's History, 2009.

Grader for the Advanced Placement Examination on World's History, 2006.

Referee, *Journal of History of Medicine*, 2001.

Referee, *History of Psychology*, 1998-2000.

Member of the *Disability History Association*, *Society for the History of Childhood and Youth*, *Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science*, *Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities*, and *Southern Garden History Society*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Member, Academy for Research and Scholarly Engagement, JSU Center For University Scholars, 2014-2015.

Associate Fellow, Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University, 1999-2000.

Travel Grants, History Department, Rutgers University, 1995 and 1998.

Finalist, Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, 1996.

Excellence Fellowship, Institute for Health, Health Care, and Aging, Rutgers University, 1991-1993, 1994-1995.

The William J. Robert Honors College Senior Fellowship Award, Robert D. Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, 1991. Awarded for excellence of senior thesis.