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CURRICULUM VITAE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS — **2009- Current**

Instructor-American Military History 308 Online and Traditional — **Current**

Survey of the American war experience from the Colonial Period to the Vietnam War designed to create an understanding of the role of the United States Military in the formation and shaping of American policy as well as having students analyze successful campaigns, policies, and stratagem to develop a working understanding of what factors contribute to both failures and success in martial affairs.

Instructor- Contemporary Middle East 1900-Present History 403 Online and Traditional — **Current**

A study of dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, rise of Zionism and Arab Nationalism, the conflict of Palestine, the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, and the Egyptian Revolution via the examination of critical analysis of primary sources.

Instructor- Latin American History 327 Online and Traditional — **Current**

Explores Latin America society from initial encounters between Europeans and Native Americans through nineteenth century wars of independence to moderity. It focuses on interactions among Native American, African, and European peoples and institutions.

Instructor- History of World Civilizations 101, 102, Online and Traditional — **2009- Current**

Duties included leading discussion sections, meeting and advised students, tutored students, grading papers, designing tests, designing in-class activities, proctoring exams and holding daily lectures. Taught global history from the evolution of early humans to 1500CE. 102 was centered on cultural development from 1500 CE to today. Course is taught from a multi-cultural perspective focusing on the interchange of ideas between developing societies and unique adaptions in societal developments to give a broad-spectrum, intersectional view of the rise of modern civilization.

Distance Learning Instructor and Special Attaché JSU-Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians World Civilization 101, 102 — **2014- 2016**

Taught a special course designed to develop teachers on the Mississippi Choctaw's Tribal Territory in Philadelphia Mississippi. These courses were taught as a global history, from the evolution of early humans to 1500CE. 102 was centered on cultural development from 1500 CE to today. Course is taught from a multi-cultural perspective focusing on the interchange of ideas between developing societies and unique adaptions in societal developments to give a broad-spectrum, intersectional view of the rise of modern civilization.

Adjunct Instructor Jackson State University- University Success — **2011- 2017**

EDUCATION

Clark Atlanta University
PhD Humanities Current
Dual Concentration History and English

Jackson State University
M.A. History 2009
Thesis: "The Setting of the Sacred Sun: The Fall of the Aztec Empire"

Jackson State University
B.A. Honors in History 2007

AWARDS

- Dan Vogt Annual Book Scholarship 2005 – 2007
- Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Semi-Qualifiers 2004 – 2015, HCASC National Champion 2017 – 2018, HCASC Quarter Finalist 2018 – 2019,2021-2021
- Cyber-Learning Trailblazer Jackson State University and Apple 2012, 2015
- Two Commendations for Merit, City of Jackson 2005, 2018
- Elected General Body Assembly of the Annual Conference NAAHP 2018 – 2019
- 10 Year Meritorious Service Badge JSU 2018
- Byrum, MS Alumni Association Community Service Award 2015
- Founder, JSU Academic Challenge Scholarship
- Featured in Article: "Honda Provides Support Beyond Trivia"

Taught course dedicated to preparing first time college students by inundating them with the necessary skills for academic success. These included time management, financial literacy, university history, policy and student rights, and basics of writing.

Teaching Assistant-To Dr. A.W. Crump Ethics, Aesthetics, Intro to Phil, Logic **2008- 2009**

Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with students upon request, and graded all written work including final exam papers.

Talladega College, Talladega, AL

Instructor-Distance Learning/Online-African American History/Black History **2014- 2015**

Developed a prototype long distance learning curriculum to teach History 235 & 236 at Talladega College. Designed a hybridized course using teleconference technology linked with real time activity tracking software and an online platform to deliver face to face instruction and lectures with the flexible availability of online coursework.

History 235: Online/Hybrid Course offering centered of the experience of Black Americans from the beginning of slavery (1619) to the end of the Civil War (1865).

History 236: A historical survey of African Americans after emancipation with an emphasis on the social, economic, political, and personal struggle to gain equality in American society.

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA

Adjunct Instructor-History 202 US, Africa and the World II **2022-Current**

This course focuses on the historical foundations upon which the modern world is based such as the African Diaspora, Trans-Atlantic Slavery, the Revolutions of the Atlantic Worlds, the Industrial Revolution, Imperialism, Decolonization and more. It critically examines the theories as well as ideas-social, economic, political, and geographical-that have shaped global society. The course also introduces students to the tools of the historians and the historical research process

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Mississippi Women for Progress Radio Network **2020-Current**

Co-Host-The Man Cave Hour

Long running web series\talk show where Dr. Johnny Gilleylen, myself, and a panel of experts discussion social and political issues around the globe.

Board Member/Activities Director-Institute of Social Justice and Race Relations at Jackson State University **2021-Current**

Developed programing, assisted in grant and proposal writing, held numerous forum discussions to increase student involvement in critical social justice and race relations issues; integrate faculty participation in discussions of social justice and race relations issues into course content; and establish viable community partnerships to provide a forum for discussing ways of organizing community. Developed a digital humanities platform designed to capture and share works centered on Social Justice and Race Relations. Designed and web mastered ISJRR website. Primary responsibility is student focused training and experiential learning.

- Winner Terry Kershaw Graduate Student Essay Award. National Council of Black Studies.

LANGUAGES

French, -speak, read, and write at novice competence.

Spanish, -speak, read, and write at novice competence.

Egyptian Hieroglyphics

MEMBERSHIPS

- Honda Campus All-Star Challenge
- Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society
- JSU History Club
- JSU Model United Nations
- Golden Key International Honor Society

- National Council of Black Studies
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History

JSU Department of History and Philosophy **2020-2021**

Departmental Strategic Plan Committee

Draft and revised Departmental plans on student service, recruitment and retention, as well as research and scholarship.

JSU Department of History and Philosophy **2019-Present**

Curriculum Committee

Realigned the departmental standards for curriculum and instruction. Helped develop nationally recognized online degree program for both Graduate and Undergraduate programs.

JSU Department of History and Philosophy **2019-2020**

Undergraduate Program Coordinator

Chaired departmental undergraduate curriculum committee. Advised students. Developed rigorous academic program designed to integrate experiential training methodologies into the curriculum.

Jackson State University President's Strategic Planning Committee **2018- 2019**

Committee Member

Presidential committee committed to reevaluate the University's Strategic Goals. Specifically selected to serve on Goal 1: Students First and Foremost- Becoming one of the most student-centered universities in the country by implementing relevant and appropriate Student Success Strategies, developing students holistically and ensuring student Return on Investment (ROI).

Educational Testing Services, College Board **2017-Current**

Independently Contracted Grader, AP World History

Graded AP onsite world history exams. Selected to participate in the first online grading session hosted by College Board.

CENGAGE Learning **2016**

Independently Contracted Writer\Editor

Edited and developed Adler and Pouwel's *World Civilizations,* 9th Ed. Vol. 1 & Vol. 2 Instructor Resource Manual. Edited the existing Instructor's Resource Manual and added/corrected materials.

Bla*ck College Quiz Television Series*

Coach/Contestant **2014, 2016, 2018, 2019**

Trained and competed alongside a student to represent Jackson State University in the nationally syndicated television series where students and a coach compete in a trivia competition about Black History and Culture. Four different students and 7 appearances winning 2nd in 2019.

College of Liberal Arts, JSU **2015**

Director of University Success Programs for the College Liberal Arts

Coordinated the curriculum and instruction method of all courses of University Success for all majors in the College of Liberal Arts. Taught six sections of University Success.

Margret Walker Alexander Research Center, Jackson, MS **2007**

Researcher

Compiled historical records including photographs, oral histories, land rolls and tax information of the Lynch Street Corridor area over a time frame extending no less than 100 years. Digitized records under the Digitization of Margret Walker Alexander Project.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Are You Hungry? Food Service Efforts.

Recognized Service Learning/Community Service Site at JSU.

Draw a Smile and City of Jackson Food Service Efforts for Covid Relief.

Jackson Mobile Meal Delivery

Murrah High School Speech and Debate

Richard Wright Center for the Written Word, Jackson, MS **2007-2009**

Writing Tutor

Critiqued student submissions and tutored students in the writing style and technique. Also co-wrote the Centers Student Handouts on Annotated Bibliographies, and Kate Turabian Writing Styles.

Core Curriculum Enhancement Team, Jackson, MS **2008-2009**

Graduate Member

Aided in the redesign of Core Class Curriculums as part of the team from both History and Philosophy. Focused primarily on the introduction of new technologies and the formulation of how to integrate new teaching methods to accompany the technologies into the classroom.

College of Liberal Arts, JSU **2014-2015**

Digital Instruction Specialist and Technical Advisor

The position was specially crafted for me to act as an onsite resource for faculty, staff, and students who needed help developing, operating, and evaluating online classes, media content creation and editing, and all other software/hardware/electronic needs.

JSU Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team, Jackson, MS **2006-Current**

Coach, Program/Department Director

Trained students to qualify for and compete in the National Historically Black College and University quiz competition, the largest academic competition in the nation. National Champions 2017-2018. Developed innovative teaching methods to encompass multidisciplinary excellence. Organized both a student organization/club but a competitive scholar athlete team representing Jackson State University in National competition. Supervised large number of students during extended travel for nearly two decades. Students were able to travel to Los Angeles; Orlando, FL; Houston, TX; Austin, TX; Atlanta, GA; St. Louis, MO; New Orleans, LA; and Charleston, NC. Earned over $200,000 in grant money earned.

JSU HBCU Battle of the Brains **2014-Current**

Coach/Advisor

Selected and coached students in a business pitch/programming competition. Participant program, part of SXSW (South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas).

JSU Speech Forensics Team, Jackson, MS **2014-2015**

Coach/Advisor

Trained students in IPDA Debate, public speaking, and research tactics to compete in the IDPA debates across the nation.

JSU Model United Nations, Jackson, MS **2009-2015**

Advisor

Monitored and encouraged dialogue between students on growing transnational issues. Organizes Model United Nations programs with other universities.

JSU History Club, Jackson, MS **2012-2022**

Advisor

Trained non-major students in the skills of historical preservation and research as well as public speaking and writing. Developed History interest programs for the University. Supervised student travel to historical sites across the nation. Fundraised.

JSU Mock Trail, Jackson, MS **2012**

Advisor/Coach

Trained students in logic and rhetoric as well as policy and decorum of court room etiquette for mock trail competitions at the Jackson Municipal Courthouse

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Inspiring Students to Success by Providing Academic Meaning Through Social Justice Activities"- 2023 June. JSU Student Success Summit.	**2023**
Panelist- Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). "West of the Mississippi": African Americans in the West from 1850 to 1930" "The Soldier's Path: The Western Exodus of the Buffalo Soldier"	**2023**
Winner of the Terry Kershaw Student Essay Award. "*Impressions of Soul: Critical Evaluations of Black Literary Adaptations*." National Council for Black Studies Conference	**2023**
"Impressions of Soul: Critical Evaluations of Black Literary Adaptations." 20th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Sorbonne, France.	**2023**
"Pursuit of Excellence: Supporting Students in their Academic and Scholarly Endeavors, Extracurricular Engagements, and Community Service Commitments" Facilitator. Faculty Fall Seminar Jackson State University, Jackson, MS	**2018**
"Wakanda Forever: Positive Representations and Depictions of African Americans in Art, Literature, and Film." African American Read-In. Department of English and Modern Foreign Language, JSU.	**2018**
"Lost in Translation: Crossing the Growing Divide Between Academia and Public Discourse" Jackson State University. Conference on the Liberal Arts.	**2016**
"The Augmented Classroom: The Use and Development of Augmented Reality in Education" JSU Cyber-Learning Summit	**2015**
"When Compared with the Lowest Heaven: The Life and Death of Oda Nobunaga" NAAAS Regional Conference, Baton Rouge, LA	**2013**
"The Setting of the Sacred Sun: The Fall of the Aztec Empire" NAAAS Regional Conference, Baton Rouge, LA	**2013**
"The Effect of Digital Books in the Classroom and Social Spaces- Creating a Continuous Learning Environment" JSU Cyber-Learning Summit	**2013**

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Joshua Cotton. Review of Knodell, Kevin; Axe, David. The 'Stan.' H-War, H-Net Reviews. November, 2019.

Joshua Cotton. Review of Wert; Michael. "Samurai: A Concise History." H-War, H-Net Reviews. 2022.

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