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EXPERIENCE

History Department Chair, Xavier University of Louisiana, June 2020- Present Associate Professor of History, Xavier University of Louisiana, August 2018 - Present Assistant Professor of History, Xavier University of Louisiana, August 2012 – 2018 Instructor of History, Xavier University of Louisiana, August 2009 – 2012 Louisiana State University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History (2009) Louisiana State University

Dissertation: *Attacking Jim Crow: Black Activism in New Orleans, 1925-1941*. The study examines what might be considered the first phase of the civil rights movement, in a southern city, New Orleans. It focuses on the style and approach of activism that emerged within a newly unified African American economic elite leadership in New Orleans, Louisiana between the years of 1925 to 1941.

M.A. History (2001) Louisiana State University

B.A. History (1999) Xavier University of Louisiana

PUBLICATIONS

“Forging A Path: Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson and LSU,” forthcoming book, LSU Press.

“Black Women: The Backbone of Democracy,” Book Chapter forthcoming.

“70 Years Later: Creating Southern University’s First Law Class,” *Louisiana Bar Journal*, accepted submission.

“Recalling Dr. King’s Legacy in the Age of Trump,” *New Orleans Data News Weekly*, January 17, 2019.

“Mardi Gras Canceled: Ernest “Dutch” Morial and the 1979 New Orleans Police Strike,” Louisiana Endowment for The Humanities, *64 Parishes*, Winter 2018.

“The NAACP Campaign for Equal Graduate and Professional Schools and Louisiana State University Struggle to Comply,” *The Griot*, Fall 2017

“Good Riddance to Confederate Monuments,” *The New York Times*, April 2017.

“Opening the Doors: The Struggle to Desegregate LSU Law School,” *Around the Bar: The Magazine of the Baton Rouge Bar Association*, Volume 314, February 2017.

“Nothing Is To Be Feared: Norman C. Francis, Civil Rights Activism, And The Black Catholic Movement,” *The Journal of African American History*, Volume 101, No.3. Summer 2016.

Review of “Reverend Addie Wyatt: Faith and the Fight for Labor, Gender, and Racial Equality” by Marcia Walker-McWilliams, *Journal of Southern History*, November 2017.

Review of “W. E. B. Dubois: An American Intellectual and Activist,” by Shawn Leigh Alexander, *Journal of American Nineteenth Century History*, Fall 2017.

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Review of “Count Them One By One: Black Mississippians Fight for the Right to Vote,” by Gordon A. Martin, Jr. *The Journal of African American History* Volume 97. Summer, 2012.

PUBLIC HISTORY Exhibits and interviews

“The Legacy of Marcus Garvey,” WGNO Interview, June 11, 2022.

“Homer Plessy receives pardon 130 years later,” Louisiana Weekly Interview, December 13, 2021.

“What is Juneteenth” WGNO Interview, June 16, 2021.

“Juneteenth” Straight Arrow News. Interview, June 11, 2021.

“Xavier Investigative Stories Program,” Interview, March 12, 2021.

“Louisiana Black Churches: The Politics of Perseverance,” Louisiana Public Broadcast (LPB) Interview, March 9, 2021.

“The Black Church: This Is Our Story. This Is Our Song,” Louisiana Public Broadcast and Public Broadcast System (PBS), Panel Discussion, February 2021.

“Black Women in the Civil Rights Movement,” WBOK Interview, February 2021.

“The Importance of Studying History and The American Coup.” Carter The Accountant Podcast, 2 Part Series, January 19, 2021.

“American Coup,” MSNBC Podcast *Into America*, January 14, 2021.

“The History of Systematic Racism in America,” News Not Noise with Jessica Yelling Interview, June 11, 2020.

“Xavier Story,” Xavier University of Louisiana, Xavier Story website, 2018-2019.

“Neighborhood superstar: Zion Williamson must do more than dominate on the court to win over New Orleans,” *The Undefeated* Interview, June 19, 2019.

“Hip Hop and Social Justice,” WBOK Interview, February 2019.

“Jewish and Black Historic Relationships,” WBOK Interview, February, 2019.

“What I’m Reading: An Interview with Historian Sharlene Sinegal-DeCuir,” *History News Network*, January 6, 2019.

“Dutch Morial and the 1979 Police Strike,” NPR Podcast *Sticky Wicket: Louisiana Politics vs. the Press* Interview, December 2018.

“Xavier students push for inclusive hair policies, in wake of controversies,” *NOLA.com* Article interview, October 1, 2018.

“Youth Activism for Civil Rights,” Website created on Omeka, May 2018.

“50 Years Since Mr. Ernest ‘Dutch’ Morial Goes to the State Capital,” Exhibit, May 3, 2018.

“Monochrome: Black, White & Blue,” Documentary Film Interview, Cardinal Releasing directed by Jon Brewer, February 2018.

“50 Years Later, It Feels Familiar: How America Fractured in 1968,” *New York Times* Article Interview, January 15, 2018.

“St. Katharine Drexel and Xavier University,” New Orleans Paper Monument Project, Summer 2017.

“Children, Youth and The Civil Rights Movement in Louisiana,” Fall 2017, *Exhibit* Interview Television Show, PBS, ‘We’ll Meet Again,’ December 2017.

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- Interview, Gaines on Gaines, WCEM AM Radio 1240 in Maryland, May 2017.
Interview, MSNBC Politics Nation, "Removal of Confederate Monuments," May 2017.
Interview, WBOK Radio New Orleans, "Black Lives Movement," July 2016.
Interview, WBOK Radio New Orleans, "The Removal of Confederate Symbols,"
June 2015.
Interview, Health Issues NOA-TV, "A History of Blacks in America," February 2015.

REFERENCE and CONSULTANT WORKS

- "Alexander Pierre Tureaud," *A People's Guide to New Orleans*, edited by Elizabeth Steeby and Lynnell Thomas, University of California Press, 2021.
"St. Augustine School," *A People's Guide to New Orleans*, edited by Elizabeth Steeby and Lynnell Thomas, University of California Press, 2021.
"Xavier Story," Xavier University of Louisiana, Xavier Story website, 2018-2019.
"Benjamin Franklin: A Biography by Ken Burns," The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) Proposal Reviewer, June 18, 2018.
"Journey to a Promised Land: A Story of the Exodusters," Content Consultant for North Star Editions and Jolly Fish Press, May 25, 2018.
"Our Great States: What's Great About Louisiana," Content Consultant for Lerner Publishing Group, Inc. 2015.
"Don't Buy Where You Can't Work," *The Jim Crow Encyclopedia*, edited by Nikki Brown and Barry Steniford (Greenwood Publishing, 2008).
"Costigan- Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill," *The Jim Crow Encyclopedia*, edited by Nikki Brown and Barry Steniford (Greenwood Publishing, 2008).
"Louisiana." *The Jim Crow Encyclopedia*, edited by Nikki Brown and Barry Steniford (Greenwood Publishing, 2008).

INVITED LECTURE

- "Today's News: The Changing Role of Black Press in Louisiana Life," Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Webinar Panel Moderator, May 1, 2022.
"Medical Mistrust in the African American Community," Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy, Health Interprofessional Education Seminar, February 23, 2022.
"Contested Voting Rights in a Contemporary World," Webinar, Xavier University of Louisiana, January 17, 2022.
"Narrative Shifts in History: Who's Telling the Story," 17th Annual Louisiana Creole Research Association Conference, December 4, 2021.
"We Need to Talk: Understanding the Historic Legacies of Race and Trauma in America." Spring Speaker Series, Springfield College, Massachusetts, April 20, 2021.
"The Struggle was Real: The 1960s New Orleans Civil Rights Movement," Friends of the Cabildo 7th Annual Symposium, December 12, 2020.
"Race and Democracy: A Conversation on the 2020 Election," Meek-Eaton Center for Social and Political Justice, Panelist, December 1, 2020.

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- “Capitalism and Slavery,” Xavier University of Louisiana, CEJHS Dinner and Dialogue: Yet Unfolding, A Review of NYT's The 1619 Project, October 22, 2019.
- “Remembering the True Mission of Xavier University,” Xavier University of Louisiana Founders Day Convocation, October 9, 2019.
- “Purchased Lives: The American Slave Trade from 1808-1865,” “Why History Matters,” Xavier University of Louisiana, January 22, 2019.
- “Katherine Drexel: The Heiress Who Became A Saint,” Friends of the Cabildo Symposium, December 7-8, 2018.
- “Democracy, Media & History: Louisiana Politics vs. The Press,” Panelist, November 13, 2018.
- “The Remarkable Men of the 1868 Constitutional Convention and Their Fight for Full Citizenship in America,” Panelist, Plessy Day 2018, June 7, 2018.
- “Children and Teenagers’ Contributions to the Civil Rights Movement in Louisiana,” Featured Speaker, Xavier University, February 28, 2018.
- “Teaching, Scholarship, and Student Research: A Look at What Xavier Students are Accomplishing in My Courses,” Featured Speaker, Xavier University, Presidency Advisory Board Meeting April 21, 2018.
- “Say It Loud! I Post and I’m Proud: Social Media as a Platform for Social Justice,” Panelist, Xavier University, February 6, 2018.
- “LA 92,” Panelist, Xavier University of Louisiana, National Geographic film screening, April 2017.
- “Lincoln and King,” Featured Speaker, Xavier University of Louisiana Library Resource Center, American Library Association (ALA) grant sponsoring a Smithsonian traveling exhibit entitled: Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863, and the March on Washington, 1963, April 2017.
- “Skrontch Music,” Panelist, Tulane University, A Studio in the Woods. April 2017.
- “Digital Humanities and the Community,” Xavier University, November 13, 2017.
- “Memory, Memorials, and Legacies of Slavery in New Orleans,” Xavier University October 3, 2017.
- “Women’s Equality Day,” Panelist, Nicholls State University, August 2017.
- “Slave Rebellions in Art and History,” Featured Speaker, Xavier University of Louisiana Division of Fine Arts and Humanities Interdisciplinary Program, March 2016.
- “The Real Nat Turner: A Legacy of Rebellion,” Featured Speaker, Central City Library, American Library Association (ALA) grants sponsoring a National Lecture Series, The Birth of A Nation: Slavery, Resistance, And Abolition, September 2016.
- “African American Businesses on Draydes Street 1900-1930,” Featured Speaker, Tulane City Center Red Bean Roundtable Lecture Series, November 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “From Plessy v. Ferguson to Plessy & Ferguson,” American Historical Association, January 8, 2022.
- “Pipeline Programs Between HBCU and R1: Why They Matter,” American Historical Association, January 7, 2022.

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- “Current Affairs in America,” American Historic Association, Committee on Minority Historians, January 18, 2021.
- “How to Say Yes and When to Say No: Navigating Service Work,” American Historic Association, January 4, 2020.
- “Children and Youth in Louisiana’s Civil Rights Movements,” Southern Conference on African American Studies. Inc., February 2019.
- “The Second “V”: WWII Veterans and the Struggle for Civil Rights”
Symposium WWII Museum *Pelican State Goes to War*, April 19, 2018.
- “New Storytellers: Digital Ethnic Studies,” Nebraska Forum on Digital Humanities University of Nebraska, October 25- 26, 2018.
- “Paving the Way: The Activism of African American Women in the New Orleans Civil Rights Movement,” Louisiana Historic Association Paper, April 12, 2018.
- “Children and Youth in Louisiana’s Civil Rights Movements,” Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Conference, October 2017.
- “Nothing Is To Be Feared”: Norman C. Francis, Civil Rights Activism, And The Black Catholic Movement, Association for the Study of American Life and History, October 2016.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- New Storytellers Retreat: The Research Institute Digital Ethnic Studies at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, April 27-30, 2022
- Assignment Charrette, American Historical Association, January 8, 2022
- New Storytellers: The Research Institute Digital Ethnic Studies at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, May24-July31, 2021
- UNCF Mellon Faculty Seminar: Recent Developments in the African Diaspora, Spellman College, Atlanta Georgia, June 27-28, 2021
- American Historic Association: Revaluating Humanities in General Education: Building on the Success of Cornerstone, Virtual, May 6, 2021
- Learn XULA Summer 2020
- Core Curriculum Enhancement (CCE) Digital Humanities Summer Training, June 2019
- Faculty e-Portfolio Summer Grant May 2019
- Teaching Soft Skills in College Courses certificate from University of Wisconsin Madison, 2018
- Career Pathways Initiative Mini Grant *Teaching Soft Skills*, 2018
- Center for the Advancement of Teaching and faculty Development (CAT+FD)
- Tableau Training, 2018
- CAT+FD Bright Space Training, 2018
- CAT+FD Faculty Writing Group, 2017
- CAT Back to Basics: Student Motivation Workshop, 2016
- Writing Productivity Workshop, 2016
- Course Portfolio Working Group, September 2014- 2015
- Respondus Lock Down Browser Training, 2012

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Blackboard Collaborate Training, 2012.

Quality Matters Training, 2012.

SCHOLARLY SERVICE

All of Us Grant, 2022

New Orleans School Board Renaming Committee, 2021

Andrew W. Mellon Grant, Primary Investigator, African and African
American Diaspora Cultural Studies 2020- present

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Board Member 2019- Present

American Historical Association Nominating Committee, 2020- present

American Historical Association Committee on Minority Historians, Committee Member, 2019
- Present

American Historical Association and the American Philosophical Association, Andrew W.
Mellon Foundation Grant, "Extending the Reach of Scholarly Society Work to HBCU
Faculty," 2017- Present

New Orleans Tricentennial Symposium Committee Member, 2017-2018

Xavier Core Curriculum Enhancement (CCE) Digital Humanities Brownbag Slavery Across the
Centuries: A Look at Colonial and Modern-day Slavery Using Tableau, 2018

Xavier University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT) New
Faculty Teaching Panel, 2018- present

Festival of Scholar Mentor and Senior Comprehensive Advisor, 2017- present

Xavier Core Curriculum Enhancement (CCE) and CAT+FD Digital Humanities and the
Community, 2017

Xavier University History Department Senior Comprehensive Mentor, 2016-present

Xavier University *XUL* and *XUS* Faculty Mentor, 2016

Xavier University Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT)
Online/Hybrid Teaching Panel, 2014- present

Xavier University Student Academic Success Office Essay Grading Workshop, 2014

Xavier University Freshman Seminar Training Workshop, 2014

UNCF Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Faculty Mentor, 2012- 2014

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Association President June 2022- present

History Department Chair, 2020- present

Faculty Association Vice President, 2020- present

Xavier University Search Committee, 2020

Xavier University and Georgetown University Collaboration, 2019-present

Xavier University Search Committee Chair, 2019

Xavier University New Faculty Mentor, 2018-present

Xavier University Digital Humanities Minor Planning Committee, 2018-present

Xavier University Faculty Gives Back Campaign, 2016-present

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Xavier University Division of Fine Arts and Humanities Search Committee for Art History Professor and Director of African American Diaspora Studies, 2014- 2015 Xavier University Division of Fine Arts and Humanities Recruiting Committee, 2013- present
Xavier University African American Diaspora Studies Planning Committee, 2012-present

PUBLIC SERVICE

March of Dimes, State Chapter of Louisiana, Volunteer
Xavier University Alumni Chapter # 18, Member (Baton Rouge)
Xavier University National Alumni Association, Recruiting Committee Member
Xavier University National Alumni Association, Election Committee Member
Youth Rebuild New Orleans. Volunteer (New Orleans)

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Louisiana Historical Association
Louisiana Endowment of Humanities
Southern Historical Association
National Council on Public History
American Historic Association
International Women's Forum

HONORS

Heils Foundation John Scott Center, Chair 2022
Norman C. Francis Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching Recipient, 2021
U. S. Civil Rights Cold Case Review Board, Nominee
Supreme Court of Louisiana Historic Society, Board Member
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Board Member
Louisiana Civil Rights Trail Committee
Keller Family Endowed Professor (Eminent Scholar XXXI)
New Storytellers: The Research Institute Digital Ethnic Studies, summer institute recipient 2020
Norman C. Francis Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award Finalist, 2020
Norman C. Francis Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching Finalist, 2019
Xavier University 40 under 40 Young Alumni Award, 2014