

# LAURIE BETH GREEN

Curriculum Vitae

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## **Current Academic Appointment**

Associate Professor, History Dept., University of Texas, 2008-present; Assistant Professor, 2001-08

Faculty Affiliations: Center for Women's and Gender Studies; Department of African and African  
Diaspora Studies, 2011-present; Department of American Studies

## **Education**

University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. Ph.D. in History, 1999. Director: Professor Thomas C. Holt

Dissertation: "Battling the Plantation Mentality: Consciousness, Culture and the Politics of Race,  
Class and Gender in Memphis, 1940-1968"

New York University, New York, NY. M.A. in History; Certificate in Archival Management, 1990

## **Previous Professional Experience**

### **Teaching and Advising**

- 1999-2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Chicago. Taught Women  
in Postwar America (undergraduate), U.S. Social and Cultural History (undergraduate),  
African American History (hybrid undergraduate and M.A.), New Directions in Civil  
Rights Studies (graduate)
- 1994-96 Undergraduate History Major Advisor and Senior B.A. Thesis Seminar Instructor,  
University of Chicago
- 1995, Fall Instructor, Problems in Gender Studies, Gender Studies Program, University of Chicago.  
Co-Taught with Professor Elaine Hadley, English Department
- 1990-91 Teaching Assistant for Professor George Chauncey, 20th-Century U.S. Social/Cultural  
History, History Department, New York University

### **Public History, Oral History, and Archival Management**

- 1995, Summer Oral History Interviewer, "Behind the Veil: Documenting African American Life in the Jim  
Crow South Oral History Project," Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University
- 1990-91 Historical Researcher and Script Writer, *Struggles for Justice*, interactive educational  
videodisk, Scholastic Research and Development, New York City
- 1988-90 Curator and Historical Researcher, New York City Department of Transportation Curated  
two major public exhibitions:
- *Women Moving New York*. City Hall, New York City, 1990. Co-sponsored by NYC  
Department of Transportation and NYC Commission on the Status of Women
  - *Lights On, New York! Streetlights and City Life in the Era of Electricity*, Municipal Art  
Society of New York, New York City, 1989. Cosponsored by Municipal Art Society of  
New York and New York City Department of Transportation
- 1987-88 Archival Consultant, South Street Seaport Museum, New York City
- 1986 Archivist, The College Board, New York City

## **Awards, Fellowships, and Honors**

- 2021-22 Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, LBJ School of Public Affairs,  
University of Texas (upcoming)
- 2012-present Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer
- 2020-21 Fellow, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas

2020, Summer	Faculty Innovation Center grant for curricular development, University of Texas
2019, Fall	College Research Fellow, University of Texas
2017, Spring	Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
2016-17	Faculty Fellow, The OpEd Project Public Voices Fellowship. Sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
2013-14	Fellow, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas
2012, Spring	Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
2010-11	Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
2011, April	Invited Resident Scholar, Quadrant Program, Institute for Advanced Study and University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn. (Due to overlap with IAS fellowship in Princeton, we shortened visit to several days)
2009	Faculty Research Assignment, University of Texas
2008	Philip A. Taft Award for Best Book in Labor History. Awarded by Cornell University's ILR School and Labor and Working-Class History Association, for <i>Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle</i>
2008	Top Finalist, 2008 Liberty Legacy Award, best book on history of the Civil Rights Movement, Organization of American Historians, for <i>Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle</i> . (Chosen by committee as co-winner before OAH restricted to single awardee.)
2008-09	Fellow, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas
2007-08	College Research Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Texas
2006	Top Finalist, Berkshire Women's History Conference Article Prize for "'Where Would the Negro Women Apply for Work?' Gender, Race, and Labor in Wartime Memphis"
2006, Spring	Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
2004, Spring	Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, one semester salary
2003	Summer Research Assignment, University of Texas at Austin.
2000-01	Rockefeller Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.
1998-99	Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
1997-98	Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville, Ky.
1997	Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in Women's Studies
1996-97	Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellowship, Mellon Foundation
1996	Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association
1995	Mellon Summer Research Grant
1994	Arthur Mann American History Graduate Award for archival research, University of Chicago
1992-1996	University Unendowed Fellowship (full stipend, tuition), University of Chicago

## **Publications**

### **Work in Progress**

Book Project: "The Discovery of Hunger in America: A Site of Public Crisis over Race, Health, and American Democracy"

Journal Article: "Public Television and the Politics of Hunger: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's 1969 Experiment in 'Citizen Participation'"

Journal Article: When Undergraduate Project Challenges Historical Narratives: The Austin Women Activists Oral History Project. Short journal article for the *Oral History Review*

### Books

*Precarious Prescriptions: Contested Histories of Race and Health in North America*. Coedited with Martin Summers and John Mckiernan-González. University of Minnesota Press, 2014.

*Race: Vol. 24, The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Coedited with Thomas C. Holt. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013.

*Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle*. The University of North Carolina Press, May 2007. Monograph. Winner of 2008 Philip A. Taft Award for Best Book in Labor History. Finalist for the 2008 Liberty Legacy Award, Organization of American History.

### Chapters and Articles

"Power and Protection: Gender and Black Working-Class Protest Narratives," in *An Unseen Light: Black Struggles for Freedom in Memphis, Tennessee*, eds. Aram Goudsouzian and Charles McKinney, Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2018.

"'Hunger in America' and the 'Power of Television': Poor People, Physicians, and the Mass Media in the War Against Poverty." Single-author chapter in *Precarious Prescriptions: Contested Histories of Race and Health in North America*, eds. Laurie B. Green, Martin Summers and John Mckiernan-González. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2014. 211-36.

"Making Race, Making Health," Co-authored introduction to *Precarious Prescriptions: Contested Histories of Race and Health in North America*, eds. Laurie B. Green, Martin Summers and John Mckiernan-González. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2014, vii-xviii.

"Race and Culture in an Ever-Changing South," Co-authored introduction to *Race. The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Vol. 24, in Thomas C. Holt and Laurie B. Green, eds., Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013, 1-9.

"Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike," in Thomas C. Holt and Laurie B. Green, eds., *Race. The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Vol. 24. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013, 240-41.

"Saving Babies in Memphis: The Politics of Race, Health, and Hunger during the War on Poverty," in *The War on Poverty and Grassroots Struggles for Racial and Economic Justice*, eds. Annelise Orleck and Lisa Gayle Hazirjian. Athens: Univ. of Georgia Press, 2011.

"Challenging the Civil Rights Narrative: Women, Gender and the 'Politics of Protection,'" in *Local Studies, a National Movement: Toward a New Synthesis of the Black Freedom Struggle*, edited by Emily Crosby, Athens: Univ. of Georgia Press, 2011.

"'Where Would the Negro Women Apply for Work?' Gender, Race, and Labor in Wartime Memphis," *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 3:3 (Fall 2006): 95-118. Special issue on The New Women's Labor History, ed. Eileen Boris. Finalist for 2006 Berkshire Conference Article Prize for best "article in any field of history published by a woman who is normally resident in North America."

"Race, Gender, and Labor in 1960s Memphis: 'I Am a Man' and the Meaning of Freedom," *Journal of Urban History* 30 (March 2004): 465-489. Special issue on "Workers and the City," eds. Joe William Trotter and Patricia Cooper.

"The Rural-Urban Matrix in the 1950s South: Rethinking Racial Justice Struggles in Memphis." pp. 270-299, in *From the Grass Roots to the Supreme Court: A Reconsideration of Brown v. Board of Education after Fifty Years*, ed. Peter Lau, Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

"'A Struggle of the Mind': Black Working-Class Women's Organizing in Memphis and the Mississippi Delta, 1960s to 1990s," pp. 399-418, in *Frontline Feminisms: Women, War and Resistance*, eds. Marguerite Waller and Jennifer Rycenga, NY: Garland Press, 2000; Reprint, NY: Routledge, 2001.

#### Not Even Past articles

"The Austin Women Activists Oral History Project," 1 March 2020. <https://notevenpast.org/the-austin-women-activists-oral-history-project/>

"Voting Rights Still Threatened 100 Years After the 19th Amendment," 23 October 2019 <https://notevenpast.org/voting-rights-still-threatened-100-years-after-the-19th-amendment/>

"The Media Matters: Reflections on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Discovery of Hunger in the U.S.," 12 April 2017. <http://notevenpast.org/the-media-matters-reflections-on-the-fiftieth-anniversary-of-the-discovery-of-hunger-in-the-u-s/>

"Women's March, Like Many Before It, Struggles for Unity," 23 January 2017. Originally posted on *The American Prospect* blog, 6 January 2017. <http://notevenpast.org/womens-march-like-many-before-it-struggles-for-unity/>

"1863 in 1963," *Not Even Past*, included as part of feature on the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, 1 January 2013. <http://notevenpast.org/1863-1963/>

Kathryn Kish Sklar and Thomas Dublin, eds. *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000*. Alexander Street Press. Online journal and documentary resource. 25 March 2012. <https://notevenpast.org/>

#### Book Reviews

*You Can't Eat Freedom: Southerners and Social Justice after the Civil Rights Movement*, by Greta de Jong. *Journal of American History*. Vol. 104 Issue 4 (March 2018): 1086-1087

*Crossroads at Clarksdale: The Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta after World War II*, by Françoise N. Hamlin. *American Historical Review*. Vol. 119 Issue 2 (April 2014): 559-560

*You Must Be from the North: Southern White Women in the Memphis Civil Rights Movement*, by Kimberly K. Little. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 77, No. 2 (MAY 2011): 484-485

*A Movement without Marches: African American Women and the Politics of Poverty in Postwar Philadelphia*, by Lisa Levenstein, and *Making a Way Out of No Way: African American Women and the Second Great Migration*, by Lisa Krissoff Boehm. *Journal of American History*, Vol. 97, No. 1 (June 2010): 228-229

*Upbuilding Black Durham: Gender, Class, and Black Community Development in the Jim Crow South*, by Leslie Brown. *Women & Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000*, Alexander Street, a Proquest Company. Vol. 14 Issue 1, p. 11. 2010. [https://search-alexanderstreet-com.ezproxy.lib.utexas.edu/view/work/bibliographic\\_entity%7Cbibliographic\\_details%7C2613194#page/1/mode/1/chapter/bibliographic\\_entity|bibliographic\\_details|2613194](https://search-alexanderstreet-com.ezproxy.lib.utexas.edu/view/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cbibliographic_details%7C2613194#page/1/mode/1/chapter/bibliographic_entity|bibliographic_details|2613194)

*Chicago's New Negroes: Modernity, the Great Migration, and Black Urban Life*, by Davarian L. Baldwin. *Social History*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (Aug., 2008): 363-365

*Radio and the Struggle for Civil Rights in the South*, by Brian Ward. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 73, No. 2 (May, 2007): 497-498

*Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy* by Mary L. Dudziak. *Law and History Review*, Vol. 20, No. 1 (Spring 2002): 219-221

#### Media

### Op-Eds, Guest Columns, Blogs

"Voter restrictions have a deep history in Texas," *Austin-American Statesman*, Opinion, 9 June 2019, A25. Republished online under same or similar title in *El Paso Times* (7 June 2019); *Amarillo Globe-News* (7 June 2019); *Abilene Reporter News* (8 June 2019); *San Antonio Express-News* (mySA, 9 June 2019); *Laredo Morning Times* (9 June 2019); *UT News/Texas Perspectives*, University of Texas at Austin (10 June 2019); *History News Network*, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University (14 June 2019); as "How Texas gave women the vote (Hint: Not all women)," *Houston Chronicle* (5 June 2019); and as "Suffrage victories hardly Texas's finest hour," *Waco Tribune-Herald* (13 June 2019)

"JFK at 100: Celebrating women's rights legacy." *USA Today*, 26 May 2017. Republished in the *Houston Chronicle*, *San Antonio Express News*, *Abilene Reporter News*, and the University of Texas's *UT News*. With Shetal Vohra-Gupta as contributor  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/contributors/2017/05/27/jfk-100-celebrating-womens-rights-legacy/348912001/>

"The Media Matters: 50 Years After the 'Discovery' of Hunger in the U.S." Guest Column for *MLK 50*, 15 April 2017 <https://mlk50.com/the-media-matters-50-years-after-the-discovery-of-hunger-in-the-u-s-c155e1b009fb>

"Linking Hunger and Health: The Place of Food Security in the Battle over Healthcare," *Process: A Blog for American Historians*, Organization of American Historians, 16 March 2017  
<http://www.processhistory.org/green-hunger-health/>

"Women's March, Like Many Before It, Struggles for Unity," *The American Prospect*, 6 January 2017  
<http://prospect.org/article/women's-march-many-it-struggles-unity>

"Hungry Teens Constantly Face Humiliation," *The Hill*, 1 November 2016  
<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/education/303860-hungry-teens-constantly-face-humiliation>

"Harsher Assistance Programs in Texas are Not a Good Idea," *UT News*, 20 February 2015  
<https://news.utexas.edu/2015/02/20/harsher-assistance-programs-in-texas-are-not-a-good-idea>

### Radio and Television

Live Radio Interview and Call-In with Darryl Dennard on *Chicago Speaks*, V103-FM, 8 January 2017

Television interview, "Bat of Minerva" show, Minneapolis/St. Paul Regional Cable Channel 6. Produced and directed by Peter Shea. April 22, 2011. 62 min. 58 sec.

Live 30-Minute Radio Interview, *Weekends with Kenny Rahmeyer*, KLBj-AM, 6 April 2008

Live 2-Hour Radio Interview and Call-In, *The Bev Johnson Show*, WDIA-AM, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Memphis, 27 March 2008

Live 60-Minute Radio Interview with Dr. Wilmer Leon for *On With Leon*, XM Radio 169, 5 May 2007

### Documentary Film

*Fight Like A Girl: How Women's Activism Shapes History*. Directed by Rachel Griess, 19 min. Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 2018. Finalist at the 2019 University Excellence in Communication Awards. The film highlights the ongoing Austin Women Activists Oral History Project that I initiated in 2017, and features interviews with women who were activists in the 1960s/70s, undergraduates in my Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Postwar America seminar who conducted their oral histories, and me. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xF3m2g9InJE>

Historical commentator, *Duty of the Hour*. Film documentary about the life of Hon. Benjamin L. Hooks. Directed by Auguiste Reece and Tony Dancy. 58 min. Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change, 2015. Official selection at the 2015 Nashville Film Festival.

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/link-voices/episodes/duty-of-the-hour>

Humanities advisor, *Stand-Ins*. Directed by Richard Croxdale and Jim Cullers. 24 min. People's History of Texas, 2015. History of movie theater desegregation in Austin.

Humanities advisor, *The Rag: Austin Underground Press, 1966-1977*. Directed by Richard Croxdale. 36 min., Pt. 1 and Pt. 2. People's History in Texas, 2015.

In development: Historical documentary film project on Black community activism and the politics of hunger in 1960s-70s' Memphis. Directed by Laurie Green, Auguiste Reece and Tony Dancy. Initial footage shot July 23, 2010, at a meeting I organized with key activists from that time.

### **Public History Project, Current**

#### **Austin Women Activists Oral History Project**

Founded in 2017, this ongoing project has produced a digital archive at the Briscoe Center for American History, the [Austin Women Activists Oral History Project Records](#). Open to researchers since March 2020, the collection focuses on the 1960s and 1970s, and currently comprises professional quality audio and transcription files representing 28 oral histories, nearly all conducted by students in my undergraduate seminar at the University of Texas at Austin. The project has won recognition through the production of a documentary film, *Fight Like a Girl: Women's Activism Shapes History*, an award-winning article of the same name in *Life & Letters*, and a feature story on *Not Even Past*.

The Austin Women Activists oral History Project has earned financial support from several entities and individuals, most notably the College of Liberal Arts and History Department; institutional assistance from the Briscoe Center, the Benson Latin America Collection, the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, the Faculty Innovation Center; staff support from the UT History Department and the Captioning and Transcription Center; and invaluable guidance from UT alumna Alice Embree, Linda Jan Lewis, and Glenn Smith (d. 2019), without which the project would not have been possible.

### **Scholarly Presentations and Invited Lectures**

#### **External**

Invited lecture, "America on Trial: Race, Gender, and Protest at Nixon's White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health" Cosponsored by the History Department, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Africana Studies, University of North Carolina–Asheville, 5 March 2021. *Upcoming. Rescheduled and re-envisioned from planned March 2020 lecture*

Invited lecture, "Women's Liberation through a Different Prism: The View from Austin." Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of North Carolina–Asheville, NC, 31 March 2020. *Canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic.*

"Educating the Experts: Black Women and the Politics of Hunger at the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health," Paper at African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference, Austin, Tex., 6 March 2020

"Critical Broadcasts: Poor Women's Televised Narratives of Hunger in the Late 1960s." Paper at Annual Conference of the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States, Liverpool, England, 13 June 2019

- Invited lecture, "Students of Today Documenting Students of the Sixties: Black, Brown and White Activists at the University of Texas at Austin." Centre for the Study of Race and Culture," University of Manchester, Manchester, England, 12 June 2019
- Panel Commentator, "Confronting Poverty in the Deep South in the Post-Civil Rights Era," 2018 Biennial Meeting of the Southern Labor Studies Association, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga, 18 May 2018
- "When Obesity Was a Matter of Poverty, Not Individual Responsibility," Paper at 2018 Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Sacramento, Cal., 13 April 2018
- Invited lecture and pre-circulated draft chapter, "Stirring Things Up All Over the South: The Politics of Race, Gender and Hunger from a Comparative Perspective." Dirty History: An Interdisciplinary Workshop in Agriculture, Environment, and Capitalism at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga, 13 October 2017
- "Obesity and Sexuality, Who Gets to Decide? Black Women and the Politics of Hunger in the 1960s," Paper at Annual Conference of the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States, Dublin, Ireland, 18 June 2017
- "Julie M. Weise's *Corazón de Dixie: Mexicanos in the U.S. South since 1910*." Roundtable participant, Southern Labor Studies Association 2017 Annual Meeting, Tampa, Fla., 5 March 2017
- Invited presentation and pre-circulated 30-page draft chapter, "From the Mississippi Delta to San Antonio's West Side: Struggles against Hunger, Poverty and Racial Injustice from a Relational Perspective," Studying Race Relationally Symposium, University of Chicago, 12 May 2016
- Invited paper, "Out of Mississippi: The Relational Politics of Hunger and Race in the Late 1960s." Marking Race, Making History," University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 29 April 2016
- "From the Mississippi Delta to San Antonio's West Side: Struggles Against Hunger, Poverty, and Racial Injustice from a Relational Perspective." Paper at Triennial Meeting of European Association for American Studies, Constanta, Romania, 21 April 2016
- "Labor, Class, and Poverty." Roundtable participant at OAH Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession State-of-the-Field session on Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, 9 April 2016
- "Discovering Hunger in America: The Politics of Race and Hunger in Photography." Paper at Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Ga., 26 September 2015
- Invited lecture, "The Politics of Hunger: Grassroots Activism from a Relational Perspective, the Mass Media, and Visual Culture." Colloquium on Work, Labor, and Political Economy, University of California-Santa Barbara, Cal., 22 May 2015
- Invited keynote speaker, "From Mississippi to Memphis: Racial Injustice and the Politics of Hunger in the Era of the Sanitation Strike. A History in Photographs." Annual Awards Banquet, Phi Alpha Theta, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn., 9 April 2015
- Invited keynote speaker, "Hunger and Race in Memphis." 15th Annual University of Tennessee at Martin Civil Rights Annual Conference: "LBJ and the Great Society at 50." Martin, Tenn., 26 February 2015. Invited as Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer
- "Why Does the History of the War on Poverty Matter? A Conversation Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Economic Opportunity Act." Panelist at Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga., 15 November 2014

- "Hunger in America: The Politics of Hunger and Race in the Cold War Era." Paper at 2014 Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, 10 June 2014
- "*Precarious Prescriptions: Contested Histories of Race and Health in North America.*" Roundtable participant, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga., 10 April 2014
- "What's Race Got to Do With it? The Politics of Hunger in America, 1967-1977. Paper at Triennial European Association for American Studies Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, 4 April 2014
- Invited Women's History Month lecture, "Starvation Politics: Women, Race and Gender in the 'Discovery' of Hunger in America." History Dept., University of Illinois-Chicago, March 5, 2014
- "Historical Perspectives on Health and Safety," Panel Chair and Commentator, Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY. 7 June 2013
- "How Race Changed in the Post-World War II U.S.: Revisiting African American, Asian American, and Mexican American Histories." Roundtable participant and organizer, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Cal. April 2013
- "'Discovering' Hunger in 1960s America: Did the Politics of Hunger Change Ideas about Race?" Paper at American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2012
- "From Malnourished Babies to Impaired Adults: Representing Hunger, Race, and Mental Health during the War on Poverty." Paper at American Association for the History of Medicine Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., April 2012
- Invited lecture, "Hunger in America: The Gender Politics of Race, Poverty and Malnutrition. Cosponsored by Institute for Research on Women and Gender, and Center for the History of Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., 24 October 2011
- Invited paper, "The Power of Television and the Politics of Hunger." Symposium on War on Poverty: Reflections on Poverty Policy Past and Present. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth University, Hanover, NH, 8 October 2011
- "Gender and Class in Boom/Bust," Panel commentator, Workers & World Crises Conference. Cosponsored by *Labor: Studies in the Working-Class History of the Americas* and Kalmonovitz Center for Labor and the Working Poor Initiative, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 24 September 2011
- "*Hunger in America* and the 'Power of Television': The Politics of Hunger in Spring 1968." Pre-circulated draft article presented to Modern History Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 13 April 2011
- Invited presentation and pre-circulated draft article, "*Hunger in America* and the 'Power of Television': The Politics of Hunger in Spring 1968." Quadrant Program, Institute for Advanced Study and University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn., 21 April 2011
- Invited lecture, "'Saving Babies for Two Dimes a Day': The Politics of Hunger and Race in Memphis." Quadrant Program, Institute for Advanced Study and University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, Minn., 20 April 2011
- "Filming Hunger in America: Television Documentaries and the War on Poverty," Paper at Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, Tex., 19 March 2011
- "Disrupting the Narrative of Race and Malnutrition: Black Women Activists and Medical Researchers in 1960s Memphis," Paper at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Col., 8 November 2010
- "Saving Babies in Memphis: The Politics of Race, Health, and Hunger during the War on Poverty," Paper for session on "Fighting Poverty and Hunger in the Twentieth Century: A Dialogue among



- Historians of Africa, Latin America, and the U.S.," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, Cal., 9 January 2010
- Comments presented to Special Plenary Roundtable on *Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle*, as recipient of 2008 Taft Award. 2009 Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., 27-30 May 2009
- Invited lecture, "African American Women in Memphis, Tennessee: Toward a New Understanding of the Urban Black Freedom Struggle." NEH Summer Institute: Landmarks: American History and Culture, Workshops for School Teachers." Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy. Memphis, 16 July 2009
- Invited paper, "'Saving Babies for Two Dimes a Day': Race, Hunger, and Health Activism during the War on Poverty." The Long Civil Rights Movement: Histories, Politics, Memories Conference. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, N.C., 3 April 2009
- "The War on Poverty: Grassroots Struggles for Racial and Economic Justice." Roundtable participant at Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wash., 28 March 2009
- "'Saving Babies for Two Dimes a Day': Race, Hunger and Health Activism during the War on Poverty." Paper at Making Race, Making Health: Historical Approaches to Race, Medicine and Public Health Conference. University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Tex., 14 November 2008
- "Migration and Liberation: From Mississippi to Memphis to Chicago and Back." Paper at Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 29 March 2008
- Invited Belle McWilliams Lecture, "Finding the Roots of the Sanitation Strike: Battles Against the 'Plantation Mentality' in Memphis, 1940-1968." Annual Spring Lecture for History Department, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn., 26 March 2008
- "Black Women, Community Health, and Racial Justice: The Memphis Antipoverty Movement." Paper at The War on Poverty and Grassroots Struggles for Racial and Economic Justice Conference. Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 9 November 2007
- "New Perspectives on the Freedom Struggle: Black Working-Class Activism, Martin Luther King, and the Memphis Strike." Paper North American Labor History Annual Conference. Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., 18 October 2007
- Invited lecture, "Battling the Plantation Mentality: From Popular Culture to Public Health." Cosponsored by College of Humanities and the Arts, Departments of Humanities, Social Sciences, African-American Studies, and History, and the African-American Faculty and Staff Association. San Jose State University, San Jose, Cal., 1 October 2007
- Invited lecture, "From the Second World War to the Sanitation Strike: African American Women, Labor and Freedom in the Urban Heart of the Delta." Program on "I Am Somebody! Learning from African American Women from the Mississippi Delta." Cosponsored by Center for Southern Studies, African-American Studies, History, The Global South Project, and The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., 27 April 2006
- "Comparative Diasporas and (Im)Migrations: Rethinking Histories of African, Latino and Asian Migrations." Roundtable Presenter, Chair, and Organizer, at Movements, Migrations, and Displacements in Africa," Africa Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 24 March 2006
- "'Where Would the Negro Women Apply for Work?' Gender, Race, and Labor in Wartime Memphis." Paper at Labouring Feminism and Feminist Working Class History in North America and Beyond Conference, Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, 30 September 2005
- "Rejecting 'Mammy': Ideological Struggles and Grassroots Organizing in the Urban South in the Era of

- Brown." Paper at Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., 25 March 2004
- "We Must Act on This': Police Rape, Gender, and the Politics of Racial Justice in Postwar Memphis." Paper at Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Memphis, 3 April 2003
- "The Urban-Rural Two-Way Road: The Memphis Freedom Movement in the Era of *Brown v. Board of Education*." Pre-circulated paper for Symposium on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina. Joint project of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute for Southern Studies, Columbia, South Carolina, 6-8 June 2002
- "I Am a Man': Women, Gender and Freedom in the Memphis Sanitation Strike." Paper at Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, La., 17 November 2001
- Invited paper. "I Am a Man': Race, Gender and the Freedom Movement in Memphis," for Center for International Studies, University of North Carolina, NC, 6 April 2001
- Invited Martin Luther King Jr. Day lecture, "Urban Outrage: Police Brutality, Sexual Assault, and the Politics of Race in Postwar Memphis." History Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., 12 January 2001
- Invited lecture "Urban Outrage: Police Brutality, Sexual Assault, and the Politics of Race in Postwar Memphis." Women's Research Forum, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn., 30 March 2001
- "Studying Labor and Working Class History: A Panel Discussion with the Field's Newest Members." Panelist for session sponsored by Labor and Working-Class History Association. North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., 20 October 2000
- "Moral Outrage: Police Brutality, Sexual Assault, and Memphis's Postwar 'War at Home.'" Paper at Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, 4 November 1999
- "Battling the Plantation Mentality: Black Women Workers, Historical Memory, and the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis." Paper at American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wash., 10 January 1998
- "Disturbing Religious Assemblies: The Challenge to Segregated Churches in the Memphis Freedom Movement, 1960-65." Paper at Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, 31 May 1997
- "Battling the Plantation Mentality: Black Women Workers, Historical Memory, and the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis." Paper at North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., 18 October 1996
- "Battling the Plantation Mentality: Black Women Workers, Historical Memory and the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis." Paper at Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., 10-13 October 1996
- "Out of This Land of Suffering': Black Womanhood, Consciousness, and the Great Migration." Paper at Third Southern Conference on Women's History, Rice University, Houston, Tex., 2-5 June 1994
- "Joans of Arc' and 'Souls of Black Women': Black Womanhood, Migration, and Politics, 1916-1929" Paper at Chicago Area Women's History Conference, Newberry Library, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1993
- "Joans of Arc or Florence Nightingales? Contested Images of Black Womanhood in the Garvey Movement and Their Legacy Today." Paper at University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Annual Conference, Madison, Wisc., October 1993
- "The Time is Ripe': Black Women and National Self-Determination in Chicago, 1916-1929." Paper at "Reaching Back to the Future: Feminist Studies in the 1990s," New York University, April 1992

Internal Scholarly Lectures and Presentations, University of Texas

- "America on Trial: The 1969 White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health." Pre-circulated chapter and presentation to Institute for Historical Studies. *Upcoming*.
- "'Hunger,' 'Malnutrition,' or 'Starvation'? The High Stakes of Language in the 1960s U.S." Lecture to Health & Humanities Research Seminar, cosponsored by Humanities Institute and Dell Medical School, 6 May 2019
- "The Discovery of Hunger in America: Malnutrition, Brain Development, and Social Behavior." Paper at Humanities Institute 2018 Symposium: Health, Well-Being, and Healing, 2 February 2018
- "1968: A Year of Upheaval in Global Perspective." Presentation for "Global 1968" Panel, Institute for Historical Studies, 4 April 2018
- "'Doing' Gender History: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges." Graduate Symposium on Gender, History and Sexuality, September 4, 2015
- "Civil Rights Act at 50." Panelist at Institute for Historical Studies symposium, 19 November 2014
- "'It Is Not True That Nobody Starves in America': The Mass Media, Race, and the Politics of Hunger after 1967." Pre-circulated chapter and presentation to Institute for Historical Studies, 28 April 2014
- "Hunger in America" and the Power of Television: Poor People, Physicians, and the Mass Media in the War Against Poverty." Paper at Institute for Historical Studies conference, "Trauma and History," 21 March 2014
- "A Nation Traumatized: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy and its Aftermath." Panelist. Institute for Historical Studies, 18 November 2013

Other Invited Lectures, Workshops, and Presentations (includes community outreach)

- Talk and screening of *Fight Like a Girl* to Briscoe Center for American History Advisory Council, Austin, Tex., 15 November 2019 (For info on *Fight Like a Girl* see documentary film category above.)
- Panelist, "Curriculum Design for Marginalized Communities: Theory & Practice." Teaching Mexican American Studies through Local Archives and Community-Based Pedagogy Symposium. Mexican American Cultural Center, 30 March 2019
- Guest talk to UT History Honors Class, 6 March 2019
- "Austin Women Activists Oral History Project: How UT Women Shaped History in the '60s and '70s and the Undergraduates of Today Who Recorded It." Faculty Lecture, UT History Department's 130th Anniversary Celebration, 10 November 2018
- "Historicizing Oral History Interviews." Guest lecture to VOCES Summer Oral History Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 18 July 2018
- Gallery talk, for "Witness: Art and Civil Rights in the Sixties." Blanton Museum of Art, 30 April 30 2015
- Guest workshop leader, Advanced Placement Macroeconomics, Invited by students of Ms. Lucy Griswold, McCallum High School, Austin, Tex., 16 November 2016
- Annual Martin Luther King Day talk. Austin International School, Austin, Tex., January 2015
- "Civil Rights or the War on Poverty? The Politics of Race and Hunger in 1960s' America." Lecture to Pre-AP Middle School Social Studies Institute, University of Texas, June 18, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, GOVT 370L, "Politics of Food in America," Prof. Bartholomew Sparrow, University of Texas, 28 October 2013
- Speaker, "Hunger in America: A View from 78207." Public event sponsored by Inner City Development, Guadalupe Theater, San Antonio, Tex., 23 March 2013
- Guest Lecturer, Freshman Signature Course: "Food," Professor Marc Bizer, University of Texas, 25

September 2012

Invited keynote speaker, American History Teachers' Collaborative History of Poverty in America Focus Workshop, Urban School District 116. Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture. Urbana, Ill., 15 September 2012

"The U.S. Civil Rights Movement: Lessons for Our Struggle." Talk at Equality Texas Conference of the Equality Across America Network. Austin Community College-Eastview, 22 May 2010

Guest Speaker, NEH Summer Institute, "Landmarks: American History and Culture, Workshops for School Teachers." Sponsored by the Hamer Institute: The Fannie Lou Hamer National Institute on Citizenship and Democracy. Memphis, 16 July 2009

"Race, Memory, and the Black Freedom Movement." Lecture for University of Texas Odyssey Personal Enrichment Program, History Series: Global Borders: Looking Back to Look Forward. University of Texas, 20 October 2008

"Finding the Roots of the Memphis Sanitation Strike: The Postwar Black Freedom Movement." Presentation to AP Summer Institutes, hosted by University Extension in partnership with UTeach Lib Arts, Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas at Austin, 17 July 2008

"'We Needed to Realize We Had a Worth and a Value': Women in Black-Oriented Radio." Paper for panel on "Finding Politics in Unexpected Places: Women and the Civil Rights Movement," with Prof. Tiffany Gill. Paper for "Come Back to Garrison" event, History Department, 1 February 2008

"Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle." Chicago Book Festival lecture sponsored by the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, Ill., 20 October 2007

"The New Deal and the Great Society." Presentation for The Relevant Constitution Institute for U.S. History teachers, Teaching American History Grant project, cosponsored by UTeach-Liberal Arts, Austin Independent School District, and National Endowment for the Humanities, 22 June 2006

Screening and Discussion of *Negroes With Guns: Rob Williams and Black Power* (2005), for California Newsreel. National Council for History Education Conference. Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, Tex., 31 March 2006

"'I AM A MAN': Remembering the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Invited lecture for Black History Month panel sponsored by Historic Society, Austin Community College-Northridge, 25 February 2006

"'I AM a Man': Dr. King and the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike." Lecture to University History Society, University of Texas, 22 April 2004

Faculty Speaker, Discussion Forum on History of the Feminist Movement, Women of Tomorrow (student organization), University of Texas at Austin, 1 May 2002

Commentator, "Gender and Labor Across the U.S.-Mexico Border." Gender and Globalization conference sponsored by Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellows Program, 12-13 April 2002

## **Teaching Repertoire**

### **Undergraduate**

HIS 315 U.S. History Since 1865

HIS 317 Rights in Modern America

HIS 317 History of Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the U.S. since 1865

HIS 356P U.S. in the Civil Rights Era

HIS 350	The Civil Rights Movement from a Comparative Perspective
HIS 365	Women and Social Movements in the 20 <sup>th</sup> -Century U.S.
HIS 350	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Postwar America
HIS 679HA/B	Honors Tutorial Course
HIS378W	Capstone Seminar for History Majors ( <i>New in Spring 2021</i> )

### Graduate

HIS 387K	Literature of U.S. History Since 1865 (U.S. Area service course; offered s elective in 2016, then as requirement in 2018)
HIS 389	Gender, Race, and National Identity in the U.S.
HIS 389	Concepts in Urban History
HIS 389	Modernity and the U.S. South
HIS 392	Race, Politics, and Culture in the Postwar U.S.
WGS 390	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

### **Professional Service**

#### University of Texas

2020-21	Member, History Department Equity Committee
2020-21	Chair, History Department Peer Review Committee
2019-20	Member, History Department Scholarly Activity Grants Committee
2019	Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies Dissertation Award Committee
2018	Faculty Advisor, Blanton Museum <i>Vincent Valdez: The City</i> exhibit
2016-18	Member, History Department Post-Tenure Review Committee
2016-17	Member, History Department Salary Committee
2012-17	Member, Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Grants-In-Aid Committee
2011-16	Faculty Advisor, Graduate Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality
2014-15	Member, History Department Graduate Admissions Committee
2014, Fall	Member, History Department Search Committee (Alvarez)
2012-14	Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies Ellen Clark Temple Award Committee
2010-11	Member, Lecture Series in African American History Committee
2010	Organizer, History Faculty Teaching Symposium
2009-10	Member, Lecture Series in African American History Committee
2008-09	Faculty Advisor, Graduate Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality
2007-09	Elected Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies Steering Committee
2007-08	Member, African History Job Search Committee
2007-08	Conference Co-Organizer for "Making Race, Making Health: Historical Approaches to Race, Medicine, and Public Health," 6-8 November 2008. Cosponsored by College of Liberal Arts, History Department, and other departments and centers
2006	Program Committee Member, "Gender & Labor: What's Working?" conference, cosponsored by Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, University of Texas Law School, 19-20 October 2006
2004-06	Member, Gentry White Endowed Chair in Southern History search committee
2004-06	Summer Orientation Faculty Leader, College of Liberal Arts
2004-05	Elected Executive Committee Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies

2003-04	Program Committee Member, "Celebrating the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Decision," 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, 20-23 April 2004
2003, Fall	Member, History Department Budget Council (On Dean's Fellowship for spring 2004)
2003, Fall	Coordinator, Faculty Brown Bag Seminar (On Dean's Fellowship for spring 2004)
2002-04	Founder and Faculty Advisor, Graduate Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality
2002	Faculty/Graduate Student Coordinating Committee on history of women and gender curriculum
2001-02	Member, History Department Executive Committee
2001-02	Member, History Department Graduate Applications Committee

#### External Professional Service

2021-22	Academic/Humanities Advisor, "Know Our History, Know Ourselves: Restoring the Historical Memory of Asheville and Its Environs Through Digital Stories." National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Project. Public Discovery Grant proposal submitted by UNC-Asheville in June 2020, decision expected January 2021
2020-21	Member, David Montgomery Labor History Award Committee
2018	Advisor, <i>Food and Drink in History, Module II</i> . Adam Matthew Digital primary source collection project
2017-20	Executive Advisory Committee Member, Handbook of Texas Women Project, Texas State Historical Association
2017-19	Elected Executive Board Member, Southern Labor Studies Association
2011-14	Philip A. Taft Labor History Book Award Committee, ILR School, Cornell University.
2012-13	Program Committee Member, 2013 Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting
2010-11	Organizing Committee Member, The Legacy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire conference, New York City, 24 March 2011
2009-11	Executive Board member, Labor and Working-Class History Association
2009-12	Contributing Board Member, <i>Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas</i>
2010	Member, H.L. Mitchell Labor History Award Committee, Southern Historical Association
2002-03	Program Committee Member, Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History, Southern Association of Women Historians, Athens, Georgia, 5-7 June 2003
2001-02	Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association

#### External Professional Service - Manuscript Reviews

University of North Carolina Press, University of Kentucky Press, University of Georgia Press, Houghton Mifflin-College Division, Newbridge Educational Publishing, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Ohio Valley History*

#### Other Service

Advisor for National History Day Projects (frequent)  
Interviews by School of Journalism students and *Daily Texan* writers

#### Professional Memberships

African American Intellectual History Society  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Historians of the Twentieth-Century United States (U.K.-based)  
Labor and Working-Class History Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Southern Labor Studies Association  
Texas State Historical Association