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Professional Appointments

University of Texas: History Department: Assistant Professor, 2001-08; Associate Professor, 2008-pres.
Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Faculty Affiliate
African and African Diaspora Studies Department, Faculty Affiliate
American Studies Department, Faculty Affiliate
University of Chicago, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1999-2000

Education

University of Chicago, 1999. Ph.D. History. Advisor: 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, 1990. Joint M.A., History and Archival Management

Research and Teaching Interests

Health, Medicine and Poverty; Hunger and Food Studies; Mass Media; Comparative 20th-Century Social Movements; Black and Latinx History; Women's History; Gender Studies; Migration and Urban History; Geography and Spatiality in Postwar 20th Century History.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2012-PRESENT Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer
2021-22 Stuart W. Stedman Excellence Fund Fellow, History Dept., University of Texas
2021 Course Development Award, Center for the Skills & Experience Flags, University of Texas School of Undergraduate Studies
2020-21 Institute for Historical Studies Fellow, History Department, University of Texas
2020 Undergraduate Teaching Grant, Faculty Innovation Center, University of Texas
2019, FALL College Research Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas
2017, SPR Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
2013-14 Fellow, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas
2012, SPR Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
2010-11 Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
2011 Invited Scholar, Quadrant Program, Institute for Advanced Study and University of Minnesota Press
2009 Faculty Research Assignment, University of Texas
2008 Philip A. Taft Labor History Award for Best Book in Labor History. Awarded jointly by Cornell University's ILR School and the Labor and Working-Class History Association, for *Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle* (2008)
2008 Finalist, 2008 Liberty Legacy Award, Organization of American Historians, for *Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle* (Initially chosen as co-recipient of award.)

2008-09 Fellow, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas
 2007-08 Research Grant, UT Office of the Vice President for Research
 2006 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, SPR Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of Texas
 2000-01 Rockefeller Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis
 1998-99 Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago
 1997-98 Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship
 1997 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Grant in Women's Studies
 1996-97 Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago
 1996 Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association
 1995 Mellon Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago

Selected Scholarship

CURRENT PROJECTS

Book Manuscript-in-Progress: "The Discovery of Hunger in America: A Site of Public Crisis about Race, Health, and Democracy." Under contract, with monetary advance, with University of North Carolina Press for publication as trade book.

Article: "An Experiment in Citizen Participation: Public Television and the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health"

Article: "Challenging the Historical Narrative: The Women's Liberation Movement in Austin, Texas"

PUBLICATIONS (Selected Books 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

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

"'Hunger in America' and the 'Power of Television': Poor People, Physicians, and the Mass Media in the War Against Poverty." In *Precarious Prescriptions: Contested Histories of Race and Health in North America*. University of Minnesota Press, 2014

"Introduction: Making Race, Making Health," with Martin Summers and John Mckiernan-González, *Precarious Prescriptions*

Thomas C. Holt and Laurie B. Green, eds., *Race: Vol. 24, The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013

Thomas C. Holt and Laurie B. Green, "Race and Culture in an Ever-Changing South," 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, 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

"1863 in 1963," *Not Even Past*, included as part of feature on the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, January 1, 2013

"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*, edited by 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 Emilye Crosby, Athens: Univ. of Georgia Press, 2011
- Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle*, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, May 2007. 432 pp. Winner of 2008 Philip A. Taft Labor History Award; Finalist for 2008 OAH Liberty Legacy Award
- “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. by Eileen Boris, et al
- “Race, Gender, and Labor in 1960s Memphis: ‘I Am a Man’ and the Meaning of Freedom,” *Journal of Urban History* 30 (March 2004): 465-89. Special issue on “Workers and the City,” edited by 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*, edited by Peter Lau, Durham: Duke University Press, 2005
- “A Struggle for 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*, edited by Marguerite Waller and Jennifer Rycenga, New York: Garland Press, 2000; paperback edition, NY: Routledge, 2001

Public History

- [AUSTIN WOMEN ACTIVISTS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT](#). Founding Director, Fall 2017 - present. Digital collection of audio files and transcripts open to researchers through Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas. Collaborators include undergraduate students who conducted interviews, the History Department, Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas alumnae, and Austin community members. Funding from UT College of Liberal Arts, the History Department, and other donors. To date, the collection includes 41 oral histories.
- Advisor for [MIGHTY FORCE PRODUCTIONS](#) forthcoming documentary film and streaming series, *Lone Star Three*, 2022 to present. Focuses on the hidden story of three women’s activism that led to *Roe v. Wade*, inspired by Austin Women Activists Oral History Project interviews. See below under podcasts for information about the videotaping of an interview with me in June 2023.
- “[MAPPING SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISM IN AUSTIN](#)”, Fall 2021 - present. ArcGIS Interactive Map designed in collaboration with Prof. Suzanne Seriff, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, and Michael Shensky, GIS and Geospatial Data Coordinator for University of Texas Libraries. Supported by Course Development Award, Center for the Skills & Experience Flags, University of Texas School of Undergraduate Studies Course. Content from undergraduates in “The Civil Rights Movement from a Comparative Perspective” and “Jews in the Civil Rights Era.” Template created such that other professors may conduct projects in which students add to the map.
- “[ROCKING THE STATUS QUO’: RACIAL JUSTICE STRUGGLES IN AUSTIN.](#)” Fall 2021. ArcGIS Story Map created by undergraduates in HIS 350R, The Civil Rights Movement from a Comparative Perspective in conjunction with “Mapping Social Justice Activism in Austin”.
- “[DOCUMENTING AUSTIN ACTIVISM, 1965-1982.](#)” *Not Even Past*. Feature story that Includes taped presentations by collaborative groups in Capstone for History Majors, Spring 2021.

Media Credits

PRINT AND ONLINE MEDIA: ARTICLES, OP-EDS, GUEST COLUMNS, BLOGS, INTERVIEWS

“What does the research process look like in...[HISTORY] ?” Featured on University of Texas website as part of special series created by Research Communications, Office of the Vice President for

Research, Scholarship, & Creative Endeavors (OVPR). **Will launch in Summer 2024.** Series will ultimately feature an individual from each of UT Austin's various schools and colleges.

[“What do we get wrong about the March on Washington? Three historians on the dangerous, radical, and inspirational event that defined the Civil Rights Movement”](#). *The Emancipator*, an online digital magazine. Interviews and editing by Alex LaSalvia. Published online 28 August 2022.

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

“JFK at 100: Celebrating women’s rights legacy.” *USA Today*, May 26, 2017. Republished in the *Houston Chronicle*, the *San Antonio Express News*, the *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

[\(http://www.processhistory.org/green-hunger-health/\)](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>

PODCASTS

14 June 2023. Taping of podcast for [Mighty Force Productions](#), connected to forthcoming streaming series, *Lone Star Three*, the hidden story of three women’s activism that led to *Roe v. Wade*, inspired by Austin Women Activists Oral History Project interviews.

13 March 2023. Release of [“History of Hunger in America, with Dr. Laurie Green”](#). *Go Behind the Ballot*, Hosted by Claire Campos-O’Neal and Nichole Abshire. 59:11. Featured podcast series on hunger and poverty in the U.S. Taped 15 Feb. 2023.

28 July 2022. Release of [Federal food aid in Wisconsin has evolved, but users still face decades-old barriers](#). Interview for article by Joey Prestley. “Beyond Hunger” series. *Wisconsin Watch*, an online investigative news outlet.

30 March 2022. Online publication of [“Women’s Liberation and Well-Being”](#). Interview by Imani K. Evans. Produced by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health for Women’s History Month. “Conversations Changing the World” program, Texas Podcast Network.

RADIO

Live Radio Interview and Call-In with Darryl Dennard on *Chicago Speaks*, V103-FM, January 8, 2017
Live 30-Minute Radio Interview, *Weekends with Kenny Rahmeyer*, KLBK-AM, April 6, 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

TELEVISION/STREAMING

15 January 2023 10:12 PM CST and 16 January 2023 12:10 PM CST. Airing of "[Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Austin.](#)" Interview by Kelly Wiley. *KVUE News*. ABC.
June 2022 to present. Advisor for *Lone Star Three*, a streaming miniseries in development by [Mighty Force Productions](#), producers Susie Brubaker and Wendy Richardson. Inspired by interviews in Austin Women Activists Oral History Project (see above), the series dramatizes work by UT women students that led to the historic *Roe v. Wade* decision argued by Sarah Weddington.

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. Based on my Austin Activist Women's Memoir Project, conducted in Fall 2017 with undergraduate students in my course, "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Postwar America." Brought students together with white, Mexican American, and African American women who were activists at UT in the 1960s and 1970s
Commentator, [Duty of the Hour](#). Interview by Auguiste Reece. 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
Humanities advisor for *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 for *The Rag: Austin Underground Press, 1966-1977*. Directed by Richard Croxdale. 36 min., Pt. 1 and Pt. 2. People's History in Texas., 2015
Ongoing: Historical documentary film project on politics of hunger in Memphis, 1960s-1970s. Directed by Laurie Green, Auguiste Reece and Tony Dancy. Initial footage shot July 23, 2010, at a meeting I organized with African American participants in community activism in 1960s-1970s Memphis

Scholarly Presentations and Invited Lectures, 2009-Present

External

"Teaching the Surprises and Rocking the Status Quo: Digital Humanities, Experiential Learning, and the Austin Women Activists Oral History Project." Presentation for "Creating Knowledge and Connecting Communities" roundtable. American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Cal., 4 January 2024
"Experiences from the Field: Conversation with Behind the Veil Interviewers." Panel presentation at Behind the Veil at 30 Symposium: Reflections on Chronicling Black Life in the Jim Crow South." Sponsored by John Hope Franklin Research Center for African and African American History & Culture, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Virtual Conference, 6 March 2023
"Black Mothers, St. Jude, and the Struggle Against Hunger in Memphis: From Self-Determination to the Federal WIC Program, 1967-1974." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Montgomery, Alabama. 1 October 2022
"Women's Liberation through a Different Prism: The View from Austin." Invited lecture. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of North Carolina-Asheville, NC, 31 March 2020.

Canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic, then rescheduled for Fall 2020 and again canceled. Will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

- "Educating the Experts: Black Women and the Politics of Hunger at the White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health," Paper at Annual Conference of the African American Intellectual History Society, 6 March 2020, Austin, Texas
- "Critical Broadcasts: Poor Women's Televised Narratives of Hunger in the Late 1960s." Paper presented 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 draft chapter, "From the Mississippi Delta to San Antonio's West Side: Struggles against Hunger, Poverty and Racial Injustice from a Relational Perspective," Symposium on "Studying Race Relationally," University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 12 May 2016
- Invited paper, "Out of Mississippi: The Relational Politics of Hunger and Race in the Late 1960s." Marking Race, Making History: A Conference in Celebration of the Career of Thomas Holt," 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, April 3-6, 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. June 6-8, 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

Invited Keynote Speaker, American History Teachers' Collaborative History of Poverty in America Focus Workshop, Urbana School District 116, Urbana, Illinois, September 15, 2012. Invited as Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer

"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, Maryland., 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, Michigan. 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

Invited commentator, "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 precirculated 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 2011 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 presented as part of panel, “Fighting Poverty and Hunger in the Twentieth Century: A Dialogue among Historians of Africa, Latin America, and the U.S.,” 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, 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
- “African American Women in Memphis, Tennessee: Toward a New Understanding of the Urban Black Freedom Struggle.” Lecture to NEH Summer Institute workshop, “Landmarks: American History and Culture, Workshops for School Teachers.” The 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.” Conference on The Long Civil Rights Movement: Histories, Politics, Memories,” sponsored by The Southern Oral History Project, University of North Carolina at 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 The War on Poverty and Grassroots Struggles for Racial and Economic Justice Conference. Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 9 November 2007
- “New Perspectives on the Freedom Struggle: Black Working-Class Activism, Martin Luther King, and the Memphis Strike.” Paper presented at 29th Annual North American Labor History Conference: “Labor, Slavery and Freedom in a Global Age,” Wayne State University, 18 October 2007
- “Battling the Plantation Mentality: From Popular Culture to Public Health.” Invited lecture at San Jose State University. Sponsored by the College of Humanities and the Arts, the Departments of Humanities, Social Sciences, African-American Studies, and History, and the African-American Faculty and Staff Association, 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.” For program on “I Am Somebody! Learning from African American Women from the Mississippi Delta,” University of Mississippi. Co-sponsored by Center for Southern Studies, African-American Studies, History, The Global South Project, and The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation,” 27 April 2006

Internal Lectures and Presentations, University of Texas

- “Students of Today Document Students of the Sixties: Pedagogy and ‘The Movement’ at the University of Texas at Austin.” Lecture to Tower Fellows Program, McCombs School of Business, 26 October 2021

“The White House Conference on Food, Nutrition, and Health.” Paper presented to Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 19 April 2021

“The Discovery of Hunger in America: Malnutrition, Brain Development, and Social Behavior.” Paper presented at Humanities Institute 2018 Symposium: Health, Well-Being, and Healing, University of Texas at Austin, 2 February 2018

“1968: A Year of Upheaval in Global Perspective.” Presentation for “Global 1968” Panel, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 4 April 2018

“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.” University of Texas at Austin, 21 March 2014

"A Nation Traumatized: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy and its Aftermath." Panelist. Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 18 November 2013

Teaching Repertoire

Undergraduate

HIS 315 U.S. History Since 1865

HIS 317L 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 350 The Civil Rights Movement from a Comparative Perspective / Mapping Social Justice Movements in Austin (Different curriculum from above)

HIS 365 Women and Social Movements in the 20th-Century U.S.

HIS 350 Postwar Women’s History

HIS 350 Postwar Women’s History / Austin Women Activists Oral History Project (Different curriculum from above)

HIS 679HA/B Honors Tutorial Course

HIS378W Capstone for History Majors. Subject: Social Movements in the 1960s/1970s’ U.S.

Graduate

HIS 387K Literature of U.S. History Since 1865 (U.S. Area service course; offered first as elective, then as requirement)

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 (Selected)

University of Texas

2021-2023 Member, University, Faculty Building Advisory Committee

2022-2023 Member, History Department Lathrop Prize for Best Dissertation

2020-22 Member, History Department Equity Committee

2021-22 Member, History Department Teaching Excellence Committee/Peer Teaching Observations

2020-21	Chair, History Department Peer Teaching Review Committee
2019-20	Member, History Department Scholarly Activity Grants 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
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
2002-04	Founder and Faculty Advisor, Graduate Symposium on Gender, History, and Sexuality
2007-09	Elected Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies Steering 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
2004-05	Elected Executive Committee Member, Center for Women's and Gender Studies
2003-04	Program Committee Member, "Celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education Decision," 18 th Annual Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, 20-23 April 2004
2001-02	Member, History Department Executive Committee
2001-02	Member, Graduate Program Committee

External Professional Service

2020 - 21	Member, David Montgomery Labor History Award Committee
2017 - 19	Elected Executive Board Member, Southern Labor Studies Association
2017 - present	Executive Advisory Committee Member, Handbook of Texas Women Project, Texas State Historical 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	H.L. Mitchell Labor History Award Committee, Southern Historical Association

Selected Community Outreach and Public History

"Mapping Social Justice Activism in Austin." Public event including dinner and student presentations of mapping projects, attended by approximately 80 community people, many of the Austin Women Activists Oral History Project interviewees. Cosponsored by History Department and Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies. Glickman Center, University of Texas at Austin, 11 December 2021.

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

"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 2015

Guest Workshop Leader, Advanced Placement Macroeconomics, Invited by students of Ms. Lucy Griswold, McCallum High School, Austin, Tex., 16 November 2016

Martin Luther King Day Lecture for students and parents. Austin International School, 19 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, 18 June 2014

Speaker at public event, "Hunger in America: A View from 78207," sponsored by Inner City Development, Guadalupe Theater, San Antonio, 23 March 2013

Guest speaker at 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," 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." Invited lecture for the Chicago Book Festival, sponsored by the Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature, Chicago Public Library, 20 October 2007

"'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

ADVISEES

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Abby Caldwell
 Marisa Tiscareño
 Annelise Peterson
 Sasha Davy
 Julia Greer
 Zoë Marshall
 Alice Lazare
 Kelly Sackley
 Ethan Witthaus
 Lauren Proctor
 Tarik Harris

Doctoral Dissertations

Cali Slair
Luritta DuBois
Sarah Steinbock-Pratt
Kyle Shelton
Zachary Montz
Deirdre Doughty
Leah Deane
Cristina Salinas
Veronica Martínez-Matsuda
Thao Ha
Erica Whittington
Eric Busch
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