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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill, North Carolina (Ph.D. in History, May 2001)

University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia (M.A. in History, December 1996)

Rice University
Houston, Texas (B.A. in History and Economics, May 1994)

Professional Experience

Sonoma State University (Rohnert Park, CA)

Asst. Prof. (2002-06); Assoc. Prof. (2006-11); Prof. (2011-present); Chair (2019-2021)

As a member of the faculty at Sonoma State, I teach the American history survey as well as upper-division and graduate courses on the civil rights movement, southern history, California history, and historical methods.

University of Erfurt (Erfurt, Germany)

Guest Professor, North American History (Summer 2024)

As a guest professor in Germany, I taught courses on modern American history and the War on Terror, while giving talks throughout the country on U.S. history.

College of Charleston (Charleston, SC)

Visiting Assistant Professor (Fall 2001-Spring 2002)

At the College of Charleston, I taught survey courses in world history as well as upper-division courses in southern history.

Towson University (Baltimore, MD)

Instructor (Fall 2000-Spring 2001)

At Towson University, I taught courses on the modern world.

Sunflower County Freedom Project (Sunflower, MS)

Teacher (June - August 1999 & 2000)

In this position, I taught history, public speaking, drama, and journalism in an academic enrichment program for middle school students.

American Youth Policy Forum (Washington, DC)

Research Associate (October 1999-September 2001)

Working with AYPF, I authored policy reports on minority academic achievement initiatives.

University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, NC)

Project Coordinator, Southern Oral History Program (August 1996-May 1999)

Research/Teaching Assistant (September 1996 - May 1999)

At UNC, I worked with university and community groups to design oral history projects, while also working as a research/teaching assistant.

Book Publications

Surfing the South: The Search for Waves and the People Who Ride Them
(University of North Carolina Press, 2022).

*Charleston in Black and White:
Race and Power in the South after the Civil Rights Movement*
(University of North Carolina Press, 2015).

Ask & Tell: Gay & Lesbian Veterans Speak Out
(University of North Carolina Press, 2007).

I Am a Man!: Race, Manhood and the Struggle for Civil Rights
(Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005).
Winner of the Norris & Carol Hundley Award from the Pacific Coast Branch of the
American Historical Association

Steve Estes, Sonia Jurich, and Donna Walker James, eds., *Raising Minority Academic Achievement* (Washington, DC: American Youth Policy Forum, 2001).

Article Publications

“Surfing the Sunbelt South: An Oral History,” *Journal of Southern History*, Nov. 2020, 86(4): 849-876.

“My Lai: The Crisis of American Military Heroism in the Vietnam War,” in Simon Wendt, ed., *Warring Over Valor: How Race and Gender Shaped American Military Heroism in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2018).

“PB&J: The Rise and Fall of an Iconic American Dish,” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*, Summer 2017, 17(2): 5-15.

“The Dream that Dare Not Speak Its Name: Legacies of the Civil Rights Movement and the Fight for Gay Military Service,” in Douglas Bristol and Heather Stur, eds., *Integrating the U.S. Military: African Americans, Women, and Gays Since World War II* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017).

“Mormon Manhood and Its Critics: Polygamy and the Construction of Hegemonic Masculinity in the United States,” in Pablo Dominguez Anderson and Simon Wendt, eds., *Masculinities and the Nation in the Modern World* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

“Man the Guns: Race, Masculinity, and Citizenship from World War II to the Civil Rights Movement,” in Sonya Michel and Karen Hagemann, eds., *Gender and the Long Postwar* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

“Don’t Ask: Discussing Sexuality in the American Military and the Media” in Nan Alamilla Boyd and Horacio Roque Ramirez, eds., *Bodies of Evidence: The Practice of Queer Oral History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).

“The Long Gay Line: Gender and Sexual Orientation at The Citadel,” *Southern Cultures* Spring 2010 16(1): 46-64.

“A Question of Honor: Manhood, Honor, and Massive Resistance” in Trent Watts, ed., *White Masculinity in the Recent South* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2008).

“Engendering Movement Memories: Remembering Race and Gender in the Mississippi Movement,” in Renee Romano and Leigh Reiford, eds., *The Civil Rights Movement in American Memory* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2006).

“Ask and Tell: Gay Veterans, Identity, and Oral History on a Civil Rights Frontier,” *Oral History Review*, Summer/Fall 2005 32(2): 21-47.

Steve Estes & Sonia Jurich, eds., “Raising Academic Achievement: A Study of 20 Successful Programs” (Washington, DC: American Youth Policy Forum, 2000).

“‘I AM a Man!’: Race, Masculinity, and the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike,” *Labor History*, Spring 2000 41(2): 153-170.

“‘I Am Somebody’: The Charleston Hospital Strike of 1969,” *The Avery Review*, Spring 2000 3(2): 8-32.

In addition to these longer published works, I have written shorter essays and reviews for: *The Journal of African American History*, *The American Historical Review*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *Gulf South Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *Reviews in American History*, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, and *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. I have also served as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Oral History Review*, *History of Women in the Americas*, and *Journal of Southern History* as well as the University of Georgia Press, University of North Carolina Press, and University of Mississippi Press.

Grants & Awards

Excellence in Research Scholarship and/or Creative Activity Award
Awarded by the Faculty at Sonoma State University (2021)

Koret Scholars Award and McNair Scholars Award
Supervised Black Lives Matter in Sonoma County Oral History Project (Santa Rosa, CA)
Awarded by the Koret Foundation and McNair Scholars Program (2020-21)

German Residency Program
Visiting Professor of US History at the University of Tübingen (Germany)
Awarded by the Organization of American Historians (2014)

W.J.B. Dorn Research Award
Funded research in the South Carolina Political Collection
Awarded by the University of South Carolina (2011)

Fulbright Senior Lecturer Fellowship
Visiting Professor of North American Studies at the University of Erfurt (Germany)
Awarded by the US Department of State and Fulbright Commission (2010)

US Department of Education Teaching American History Grant
Academic Coordinator for Teaching American History Summer Institutes
Awarded by U.S. Department of Education to work with teachers in Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, San Francisco, and West Contra Costa Counties (2007-13).

California Stories Grant
Funded the museum exhibit, "Out Ranks: GLBT Military Service from WWII to Iraq"
Awarded by the California Council for the Humanities (2007-08)

Student Alumni Teaching Award
Awarded by the Student Alumni Ambassadors Club, Sonoma State (2007, 2008)

Norris & Carol Hundley Book Award
For the most distinguished book by a historian from the western U.S. and Canada
Awarded by the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association (2006)

US Department of Education Teaching American History Grant
Academic Coordinator for Teaching American History Summer Institute
Awarded by Dept. of Ed. to work with teachers in Napa, Sonoma & Vallejo (2004-06)

Center for the Study of Sexual Minorities in the Military Research Fellowship
Funded an LGBT Veterans Oral History Project
Awarded by CSSMM & the University of California, Santa Barbara (2004-05)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
African American Struggles for Freedom & Civil Rights (Summer Institute)
Awarded by the WEB DuBois Institute, Harvard University (July-Aug. 2003)

Order of Omega Exceptional Teaching Award
Awarded by the Sonoma State University Greek Honor Society (2002 & 2004)

Sunflower County Freedom Project (SCFP) Teaching Award
Voted “Best Teacher” in the project
Awarded by the SCFP students (Aug. 2000)

Center for the Study of the American South (CSAS) Research Grant
Funded research at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center (Aug. 1999)

Technology in the Undergraduate Survey (TUGS) Grant
Funded integration of web technology into American history courses
Awarded by the University of North Carolina (1998 & 1999)

Moody Research Grant
Funded research at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library
Awarded by the University of Texas (April 1998)

Mowry Travel Grant
Funded research at state archives in Mississippi, Georgia and Wisconsin.
Awarded by the University of North Carolina (1998, 1999, & 2000)

Papers Presented (A Selection)

“Behind the Beats: 1950s San Francisco and the Birth of a California Counterculture”
University of Tübingen (June 2024)

“Southern Surfers Talk Story”
Impact Zones and Liminal Spaces: The Culture and History of Surfing Conference
San Diego State University (April 2019)

“American Heroes and Anti-Heroes in the Vietnam War”
Conference on Race, Gender, & Military Heroism in U.S. History
University of Frankfurt, Germany (March 2015)

“PB&J: The Rise and Fall of an Iconic American Dish”
Invited Lecture, University of Erfurt, Germany (June 2014)

“The Promised Land?: Race and Southern History since the Civil Rights Movement”
Invited Lecture, California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, CA (April 2013)

“Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell: A History”
Invited Lecture, Whittier College, Whittier, CA (March 2011)

“Fade to Brown: Race and Education in Charleston, South Carolina”
History of American Rights Conference, San Francisco State University (Sept. 2010)

“Race Against Crime: Criminal Justice in the Urban South since the 1960s”
American Historical Association Meeting, San Diego, CA (January 2010)

Program Committee and Panel Commentator
Oral History Association Meeting, Louisville, KY (October 2009)

“Don’t Ask: Sexuality and Military Service in American Memory”
Oral History Association Meeting, Oakland, CA (October 2007)

“On Being and Becoming: Race and Gender in Modern America”
Gender and Ethnicity Conference, University of Erfurt, Germany (June 2007)

“Reuben Greenberg and the Politics of Afro-Jewish Identity in the Modern South”
Bangel Lecture Series, College of William & Mary (April 2007)

“Man the Guns: Military Service, Manhood, and Race Relations in World War II”
Organization of American Historians Meeting, San Jose, CA (March 2005)

“Ask & Tell: An Oral History Project with Gay Veterans”
Townsend Lecture Series, Regional Oral History Office, UC-Berkeley (Feb. 2004)

“God’s Angry Men: Masculinist Liberation Theology & the Nation of Islam,”
Assoc. for the Study of African American Life & History, Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 2003)

“Engendering Movement Memories: Remembering Race & Gender in the Movement,”
Oral History Association Meeting, Bethesda, MD (Sept. 2003)

“I AM a Man’: Race, Manhood, and the Struggle for Civil Rights in America,”
Organization of American Historians Meeting, Washington, DC (April 2002)

“A Question of Honor: Masculinity, Honor, and Massive Resistance”
Southern Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, LA (Nov. 2001)

“Coming of Age in Mississippi: Oral History & Community Activism in the Delta”
Oral History Association Meeting, Raleigh, NC (Oct. 2000)

“‘The Baddest Motherf__er[s] Ever to Set Foot Inside of History’: Black Militancy,
Black Manhood, & the Black Panther Party,”
African American History Conference, University of Memphis (Oct. 1999)

“I AM a Man’: Race & Masculinity in the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike,”
Southern Labor Studies Conference, College of William & Mary, (Sept. 1997)