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Present Role

Associate Professor, Department of History and Political Science, July 2004 – Present

Current Project

Community Study of African Americans in Northwest Georgia and Southeast Tennessee

Education

Ph.D., University of Mississippi

M.A., Louisiana Tech University

B.A., Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

Selected Publications

Public Writing

- “The Black History of Marjorie Taylor Greene’s Congressional District.” *Washington Post*, November 3, 2022
- “Black Subtext in Mr. Bojangles.” *Anxious Bench*, November 1, 2022
- “Black Americans Have Long Envisioned and Created Spaces of Sanctuary.” *Washington Post*, December 6, 2021
- “Historical Rhetoric Resurfaced in Georgia’s Runoff Election.” *History Network News*, January 10, 2021
- “Every Goodbye Ain’t Gone and Every Close Eye Ain’t Shut” Black Georgians’ Memories and Election Unease. *History Network News*, October 18, 2020

Academic Writing

- “Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seen: Black Lament in the Stories Untold” In *African and African American Lament*, eds., Trisha Posey and Timothy Fritz, Lexington Press 2023. (forthcoming)
- Foreword, *We Will Be Free: The Life and Faith of Sojourner Truth*, Nancy Koestler, Eerdmans, February 2023.
- *The Recovered Life of Isaac Anderson*, University Press of Mississippi, 2021.
- “Having Our Own: The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and the Struggle for Black Autonomy in Education,” *Southern Religions, Southern Cultures: Essays Honoring Charles Reagan Wilson*, eds., Darren E. Grem, Ted Ownby and James G. Thomas Jr., University Press of Mississippi, 2019.
- “Elias Cottrell,” *Encyclopedia of Mississippi History*, University Press of Mississippi, 2017.
- “New Negro Movement in Shreveport,” in *New Orleans and Urban Louisiana, Part C, 1920 to Present, Volume 14, New Orleans and Urban Louisiana* ed. Samuel Shepherd. University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press, 2006.

Professional Activity

Honors

Nominated, Life Writing for Recovered Life of Isaac Anderson, Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters, 2022

Awards

Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers, 2016

Service

Executive Board – Conference on Faith and History, 2022 – 2026

Judge – Bradford/ Delany Dissertation Prize Committee for the St. George Tucker Society 2020 – 2022

Peer Review

Journal of Southern History, article review (Spring 2023)

Journal of Civil War Era, article review (2022)

University Press of Mississippi manuscripts (2019, 2021)

Conferences

- “New Perspectives on Reconstruction: Race, Religion, and the Remaking of the US after the Civil War” Society of Civil War Era Historians, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 2022.
- “Baptized in Blood and Beyond: How Charles Reagan Wilson’s Religious History Shaped a Generation of Historians of Faith in the U.S. South” Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, April 2022.
- “From Reconstruction and Beyond, Reevaluating the History of the Christian (Colored) Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church” American Society for Church History (ASCH), New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2022.
- “Seek the Welfare of the City Where I Have Sent You,” Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 6, 2021.
- Scholars in the Archives” a panel on writing CME Histories, “When We Look Back” A Symposium on History and Archives of the CME Church, September 11, 2021.
- “They Will Build Houses and Dwell in Them, Plant Vineyards and Eat Their Fruit: Black Methodism in Georgia and Black Political Leadership,” American Historical Association, New York, January 3, 2020.
- “Seek the Welfare of the City Where I Have Sent You,” Conference on Faith and History, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2018.
- “The Secret Life of Isaac Anderson:” The Role of Black Ministers During the Struggle for Civil Rights in the Late Nineteenth Century,” The Long Nineteenth Century: Nationalism, Industrialism and Faith. Southern Adventist University, April 22, 2016
- “Shall we Stay in Hell on Earth or Find a Home Elsewhere: Black Migration from Central Georgia to Mississippi and Arkansas,” Southern Labor Studies Association Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana March 2013.
- “In Hopes of a New Freedom: Isaac Anderson in Georgia,” The Future of Civil War History: New Methods and Frameworks for Understanding, Drew University, March 2012.
- “The Complexity of Identity: Isaac Anderson and the Intersection of Race, Religion and Relationship in Georgia during Reconstruction,” Fifth Annual New Perspectives on African American History and Culture Conference University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 2011.

Invited Talks

- “Celebrating the Life of Isaac Anderson,” Gwinnett Public Library, June 23, 2022.
- “The Land of Promise: North Mississippi and the Hope of Refuge,” Mississippi Department of Archives and History, April 6, 2022.
- “No Protection in Georgia: Black Political Participation in Reconstruction Era Georgia,” University of Tennessee Chattanooga, March 11, 2022.
- “Neutral Ground Townhall,” Panelist WTCI, April 6, 2022.
- “Shall We Stay in Hell on Earth,” Center for the Study of Southern Culture at University of Mississippi, South Talk Series, January 26, 2022.
- Student Research Workshop, Centenary College, January 20, 2022.
- “The State of Affairs in Georgia: How Reconstruction Era Georgia Informs the Debate over Voting Rights Today,” MLK Day Convocation speaker, Centenary College, January 18, 2022.
- “Navigating Racialized Assumptions with Isaac Anderson,” Africana Manna, February 2021
- “Lost Black History,” Jude 3 Project, August 2021.
- “Black Women and the Problem of Stereotypes,” Series on Gender and Human Sexuality, Covenant College, February 20, 2019.

- “Black Church and the Georgia Elections – Francis Watkins Harper” Africana Manna , February 2021
- “Making a Way Out of No Way: The CME Church During Reconstruction” Leadership Development Resources, African American Fellowship, Covenant College, August 30, 2019.
- “CME Church in Georgia” Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, July 10, 2019.
- “Weary of Wearing the Mask: The African American Church and the Issue of Race,” Lee-Maryville Symposium, “Conversations on Faith and the Liberal Arts” October 7, 2017.
- “In His Image: How Racial and Ethnic Stereotypes Shape Our Views of God’s Creation” Covenant Homecoming 2017 Faculty Lecture.
- “The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church the Struggle for Autonomy and Reform: We Wear the Mask” and panelist “Is the Black Church Dead?” sponsored by Reformed African American Network (RAAN), Legacy Conference, Chicago, Illinois, July 2017.
- “In His Image: How Racial and Ethnic Stereotypes Shape Our Views of God’s Creation,” Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), General Assembly, Greensboro, North Carolina June 2017.
- Commentator, “Who Freed the Slaves? (And why it matters today). Maryville Symposium on Faith and Liberal Arts, The Long Shadow of the Civil War: Moral Meaning for Our Time, October 18, 2013.

Institutional Service (Covenant College)

- Founding Advisor, Alpha Pi Pi Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta Chapter, Spring 2019 – Present
- McCrae -Zellner Faculty Advisor, (Black Student Union) Fall 2019 - Present
- Curriculum Committee, 2018 - Present
- Coordinator, Constitution Day, 2006 – Present
- Coordinator, Departmental Internship Programs, 2006- Present
- Faculty Status Committee, 2012 – 2017; Chair, 2014 – 2016
- Member, President’s Task force on Student Protest, 2017
- Multicultural Committee, Covenant College 2005 – 2011, Chair 2008 – 2011
- Strategic Planning Committee, Covenant College, 2008 – 2009
- African American Fellowship Advisor, Covenant College 2008 – 2009

Grants and Fellowships

- Research Grant, Covenant College, Summer 2019
- Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers, 2016
- Research Grant, Covenant College, Spring 2014
- Research Grant, Covenant College, Spring 2013
- Research Grant, Covenant College, Spring 2012
- Doctoral Fellowship, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 2003
- Outstanding Graduate Student, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana, 1998
- Overdyke Paper Competition, “The New Negro Editor of the Shreveport Sun,” Third place winner, 1998
- McGinty Graduate Fellowship, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston Louisiana, 1996 – 1998

Community Service

- Reclaiming the Remnant, Chickamauga Public Library, February 2023
- District Hill Community Project 2016 - Present
https://issuu.com/districthillcemetery/docs/district_hill_cemetery_issuu
- Ed Johnson Project, Consultant, May 2021
- Member, Mayor’s Council on Women’s History (Chattanooga) 2016 – 2017.
- Chattanooga’s Women’s Oral History Project, Spring 2016.
- Sacred Harp Singing School and Sing. Grace Presbyterian Church, Lookout Mountain, Georgia,

- o March 28 2015, Co-organizer.
- Campus Coordinator, Chickamauga Battlefield Sesquicentennial Events (Chattanooga) September 2013.
- “An Introduction to Oral History,” Lafayette-Walker County Public Library, February 2011.

Professional Organizations

- African American Intellectual History Society
- American Historical Association
- Conference on Faith and History
- Organization of American Historians
- Phi Alpha Theta
- Southern Historical Association
- Society for Civil War Historians
- Southern Association for Women Historians

Website Design

Graduate Student Internship Documenting the African American Presence at the University of Mississippi, African American Studies Department, University of Mississippi, 2000 – 2003,
<https://aas.olemiss.edu/documenting-the-african-american-experience-at-um/>