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## **EDUCATION**

May 2012	Ph.D. in US History (Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies) University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
December 2006	M.A. in US History University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri
December 2003	B.S. in US History (cum laude) (Minor in Secondary and Elementary Education) Lincoln University of Missouri Jefferson City, Missouri

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

My research and teaching interests center on the social and political experiences of African Americans during the late 19th and 20th centuries, with an emphasis in race, gender and sexuality. My current book project examines how race, sex, and class shaped the relationship between families and state institutions through the lens of the experiences orphans committed to the Missouri State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, from 1908 to 1942.

## **Areas of Specialty**

U.S. History

African American Women's History

Black Girlhood Studies

Race and Incarceration

Juvenile Delinquency

Justice and Civil Rights

The 14th Amendment

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2012-present                      Assistant Professor of African American History and Politics  
Department of History and Political Science  
University of Southern Maine

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Good Girls and Useful Citizens: Orphaned at the Missouri State Industrial Home for Negro Girls* (under contract with the University of Illinois Press)

“Civic-Domestic Dispute: Kinship Care and Institutional Child Welfare at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, Tipton, Missouri, 1930-1939,” (being revised for submission to *Journal of History of Childhood and Youth*)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND OTHER AWARDS**

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Grant Award, (\$9,500)  
The Center for Collaboration and Development, University of Southern Maine  
Project: *Good Girls and Useful Citizens: Orphaned at the Missouri State Industrial Home for Negro Girls*, Summer 2016

Faculty Senate Research Grant  
University of Southern Maine, 2014 (\$2500)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
University of Missouri Department of History, AY 2011-2012

Professional Presentation Travel Fellowship  
University of Missouri  
Graduate School, 2008, 2009, 2011 (conference presentations)

James S. Rollins Slavery Atonement Grant for Black Studies Research Department of Black Studies, University of Missouri, 2011 and 2009 (\$500.00 each)

Robert Eldridge Seiler Research Fellowship  
Missouri Supreme Court Historical Society, Missouri State Archives, 2009 (\$3,000)

Academic Achievement Award  
Division of Social and Behavioral Science, Lincoln University of Missouri, 2002-2003

Academic Achievement Award, College of Education  
Lincoln University of Missouri, 2001-2002

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS**

Research Assistant

Dr. Wilma King

Arvarh E. Strickland Distinguished Professor of African American History and Culture “African American Women and Children West of the Mississippi during the Civil War”  
University of Missouri, summer 2012.

African American History Internship

Processed the 62th and 65th USCT Muster Roll  
Missouri State Archives, May – August 2005.

Research Assistant

Donald G. Sanders (Deputy Minority Counsel for Watergate investigation)  
Papers  
University of Missouri, University Archives, August 2005 – May 2006.

Legislative Intern

Representative Robin Wright-Jones  
District No. 63 (City of St. Louis)  
Missouri State General Assembly, January – April, 2003

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE**

POS 101: INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

HTY 141: SURVEY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865

HTY 142: SURVEY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865

HTY 345/POS 354/HON 299: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND AMERICAN JUSTICE

HTY 346: THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

HTY 347/POS 355/HON 299: RACE AND THE POLITICS OF MASS INCARCERATION

HTY 394/SWO 399/WGS 355: CHILDHOOD, WELFARE AND BLACK FAMILIES

HTY 398: INDEPENDENT STUDY in HISTORY

HTY 400: SENIOR SEMINAR (Gender, Race, and Justice in America)

HTY 400: SENIOR SEMINAR (Slavery and the Law)

HTY 400: SENIOR SEMINAR (Biography and Black Leadership in the 20th Century)

## **GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
SUMMER 2011	HISTORY 1100 SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2010	HISTORY 1200 SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2007	HIST/BS 3400 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BLACK RELIGIOUS LEADERS

## **GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANSHIPS**

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FALL 2010	HIST 1100: SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
FALL 2009	HIST 1100: SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2009	HIST 1200: SURVEY OF AMERICNA HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2008	HIST 1100: SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2008	HIST 1200: SURVEY OF AMERICNA HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2007	HIST 1100: SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2007	HIST 1200: SURVEY OF AMERICNA HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2006	HIST 1100: SURVEY OF AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2006	HIST 1200: SURVEY OF AMERICNA HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2005	HTY/WGS 2400: SOCIAL HISTORY OF U.S. WOMEN
SPRING 2005	HTY 2210: TWENTIETH CENTURY U.S. HISTORY

## **HISTORY TUTOR**

SPRING 2010 –MAY 2012 STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER,  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTORSHIP (SI)**

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

SPRING 2003	HIST 206: SURVEY OF U.S. HISTORY SINCE 1865
FALL 2003	HIST 205: SURVERY OF U.S. HISTORY TO 1865
SPRING 2003	HIST 206: SURVEY OF U. S. HISTORY SINCE 1887
FALL 2002	HIST 205: SURVEY OF U. S. HISTORY TO 1887

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS, INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS GIVEN**

Panelist and Discussant, “Who’s Watching Whom?: Physical Surveillance by and of the Police,” (with Zach Heiden: Legal Director, ACLU of Maine, and Robert Bryant: Chief of Police, Penobscot Indian Nation), Maine Humanities Council, Think and Drink Community Event, Space Gallery, Portland, Maine, May 3, 2017.

Book Discussion Facilitator, Colson Whitehead’s novel, *The Underground Railroad* (2016) University of Southern Maine, Gorham, Maine, March 17th, 2017.

“Managing Difficult Conversations on Race and Difference in the Classroom, Faculty Interest Group (FIG), University Southern Maine, Portland, Maine, March 8, 2017 (invited).

“W. E. B. Du Bois and the Meaning of Race and Citizenship in the Jim Crow Era,” Westbrook Performing Art Center, Westbrook, Maine, February 11, 2017 (event organizer).

“W. E. B. Du Bois and the Meaning of Race and Citizenship in the Jim Crow Era,” Gendron Franco American Heritage Center, Lewiston, Maine, February 2, 2017 (event organizer).

W. E. B. Du Bois Discussion with Professor Leroy Rowe (History) and Jason Read (Philosophy), University of Southern Maine, Portland Maine, November 10, 2016 (invited).

“The Fourteenth Amendment,” Maine Humanities Council Speaking of Maine Speakers Series, Scarborough Public Library, Scarborough, Maine, October 25, 2016 (Invited).

“W. E. B. Du Bois and the Meaning of Race and Citizenship in the Jim Crow Era,” The Annual Race and Democracy Lecture, University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine, October 12, 2016.

“Ethel Bowles and the Politics of Protection for Black Girls: A Profile of a Race Conscious Black Bureaucrat in Depression era Missouri,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, Richmond, VA, October 7, 2016.

The W. E. B. Du Bois’ *Souls of Black Folk* Lecture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, February 4, 2016 (Invited by the Honors College).

“It was Really a Home to Me”: The Placement of Orphans at the Missouri State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, 1930-1940,” Society for the History of Children and Youth 8th Biennial Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 24, 2015.

“My Dearest Mother”: Epistolary Discourse Between Former Inmates and Ethel Bowles: Matriarch of the Missouri State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, 1933-1943,” Cross-Generational Dialogues in Black Women’s History Symposium, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 20, 2015 (invited).

The W. E. B. Du Bois’ *Souls of Black Folk* Lecture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, January 29, 2015 (Invited by the Honors College).

“For the Protection of Our Girls”: Citizenship, Delinquency Reform, and the African American Vision of Child Welfare in Missouri, 1909-1933, University of Maine, Department of History Symposium Series, Orono, Maine, December 8, 2014, (Invited).

“The African American Struggle for Citizenship, Equity and Inclusion: From Dred Scott to the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine, March 25, 2014.

“The Demise of a Black Community Institution: How Integration Saved the Major Leagues and Ruined the Negro League,” University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine, March 6, 2014.

The W. E. B. Du Bois’ *Souls of Black Folk* Lecture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, January 30, 2014 (Invited by the Honors College).

“And Justice for the Urban Masses: Evaluating the Successes and Failures of the Black Freedom Movement,” Portland High School, Portland, Maine, May 19, 2013 (keynote lecture delivered at the Center for African Heritage’s Annual Malcolm X Celebration).

The W. E. B. Du Bois’ *Souls of Black Folk* Lecture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine, January 31, 2013 (Invited by the Honors College).

“Sex, Race and Poverty: Juvenile Delinquency and Institutional Control at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, Missouri, 1916-1940,” Southern Association for Women Historians 2012 Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, June 8, 2012.

“Civic-Domestic Dispute: Kinship Care and Institutional Child Welfare at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, Tipton, Missouri, 1930-1939,” 96th Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention, Richmond, Virginia, October 8, 2011.

“Sex, Race and Poverty: Juvenile Delinquency and Institutional Control at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, Missouri, 1916-1940,” Society for the History of Children and Youth 6th Biennial Conference, Teachers College/Columbia University, New York, New York, June 23, 2011.

“Sex, Race and Poverty: Juvenile Delinquency and Institutional Control at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, Missouri, 1916-1940,” Compromising Positions: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the State of Missouri, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri, April 8, 2011.

“African American Club Women and the Making of Productive Citizens at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton, Missouri, 1909-1956,” 95th Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 1, 2010.

“Black Working-Class Families as Reformers: Controlling the Sexuality of Missouri’s Black Adolescent Girls, 1930s,” 8th Annual History Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, March 18, 2010.

Young, Female and Dangerous: Inhibiting the Sexuality of Missouri’s Black Adolescent Girls at the Tipton Industrial Home for Negro Girls, 1930s, Conference on Missouri History, Jefferson City, Missouri, March 16, 2010

“Citizen Reformers: Industrial Education and the Reform of Black Delinquent Girls at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, at Tipton, Missouri, 1916-1941,” 94th Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2, 2009.

“‘Dear Mother...I am Still Trying to Be a Good Girl’: The Work of Rescuing Black Delinquent Girls from Moral Depravity at the Missouri Industrial Home for Negro Girls at Tipton Missouri, 1916-1940,” Black History Month Graduate Students’ Conference, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, February 20, 2009.

“A Grave Injustice: Institutional Abuse at the State Industrial Home for Negro Girls, Tipton, Missouri, 1916-1944,” Conference on Missouri History, Sedalia, Missouri, March 2006.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Member, Society for the History of Children and Youth  
Fass-Sandin Prize Committee (for the best article in English, published in 2015), 2016.

Missouri Conference on History  
Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 2014

“Institutions of Social Control: Reform Schools and Leprosaria in the 20th Century” (Panel Chair and Discussant)

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TO THE COMMUNITY**

### **Service at the University of Southern Maine:**

Co-Director, 2017-2018 Gloria S. Duclos Convocation In the 2017-2018 academic year, Dr. Rebecca Nisetich (Director of the Honor Program) and I are leading a year-long, university-wide, convocation on the theme: "Race and Participatory Democracy."

Founding Co-Chair, Intercultural Diversity Advisory Committee (IDAC), 2016-present. IDAC advises the University President on all matters of diversity and inclusivity within the university community.

Coordinator, Minor in Race and Ethnic Studies, 2016-present

I oversee the newly launched Race and Ethnic Studies Minor for the Department of History and Political Science.

Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of European History, 2016-2017.

Participant, University of Maine System's Program Integration Process (formerly known as APRIP), History Program Integration Group Meetings, 2016-present.

Member, Advisory Committee, Sampson Center for Diversity African American Collection of Maine History, 2013-present.

Faculty Advising Liaison Program

Advising Liaison for History Program, 2015-present.

Member, Curriculum Review Committee, College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences 2014-present.

Member, History Program Curriculum Committee, 2012-present.

Planned and organized the 2014 Black History Month Keynote Event "Contesting and Celebrating Citizenship: Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Act of 1964," March 25, 2014, University of Southern Maine, Portland, Maine

Member, Planning Committee and Panel Participant, "*The Summer King in Winter: A Panel Discussion on Integration and the Demise of the Negro Baseball Leagues; Featuring an aria performance from the opera, *The Summer King: An Opera on the Life of Josh Gibson*. December 2013-March 2014)*

Women's Advancement at USM Initiative (for NSF Grant),

Member, Recruitment and Hiring Practices Working Committee, 2013-2014.

### **Service to the Community:**

#### **Maine Humanities Council (National Affiliate of the NEH)**

Member, Advisory Council, 2017 Think and Drink series: "Policing, Community, Protection, and Trust in the 21st Century," 2016-2017.

#### **Maine Humanities Council Project Scholar**

"Let's Talk About It" book series Developed the *Race and Justice in America* series with librarian consultants Elizabeth Hartsig and Holly Williams, which has already been adopted by multiple public libraries throughout the state. <https://mainehumanities.org/news-announcements/race-and-justice-in-america-bookseries/>

#### **Maine Humanities Council Book Discussion Facilitator**

Between January and April of 2017, I facilitated five, ninety-minute long, book discussions sessions for the

*Race and Justice in America* series, at the Portland Public Library. The series was also adopted by the Prince Library in Cumberland, Maine, where, in June 2017, I also facilitated five more book discussions.

### **Maine Humanities Council Speakers series**

I am part of the Maine Humanities Council's list of speakers for its *Speaking of Maine* series, a single-session speaker program that brings experts to public libraries throughout the state to discuss various issues of local importance to the community. As part of the series I gave a lecture on African Americans and the 14th Amendment at the Scarborough public library in October of 2016. In fall 2017, I am scheduled to give lectures at the Lovell Public Library and at the Blue Hill Public Libraries on Race and Mass Incarceration and on African Americans and Supreme Court).

### **NAACP of Maine**

Portland Branch of the NAACP Member, Civil Rights Act of 1964 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, 2013-2014.

### **Service at the University of Missouri:**

Executive Committee for the Black Studies Program, Graduate Student Representative, 2009 – 2010.

Recruitment Committee for a Visiting Assistant Professor of Black Studies  
Graduate Student Representative, summer 2009.

Black History Month Planning Committee, Graduate Student Representative, 2008-2009.

Department of History Graduate Student Association, Member, Annual History Conference Steering Committee, 2008.

Missouri State Historical Society

National History Day in Missouri Judge, High School Senior Papers, spring 2009.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

Society for the History of Children and Youth

History of Black Girlhood Network

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

American Historical Association