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#### EDUCATION

- 2017                    **Ph.D., History**  
Rice University, Houston, TX  
Certificate: Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2014                    **M.A., History**  
Rice University, Houston, TX
- 2009                    **A.B., Religion**  
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
Certificates: African American Studies; Social Studies Teacher  
Preparation, 6-12

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### PEER-REVIEWED

- “An Afropessimist, Antidisciplinary Rejoinder to History, Its Human, and Its Anti-Blackness,” *Qui Parle* (accepted and forthcoming).
- “An Afropessimist Account of History,” *History and Theory* 61, no. 2 (June 2022), 219-241.  
<http://doi.org/10.1111/hith.12261>.
- Co-authored with Kelly Weber Stefonowich. “‘He Exists Because I Say He Exists’: The (Un)Making of Fitz’s Manhood and the Enduring Adaptability of Hegemonic Masculinity.” In *Gladiators in Suits: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Representation in Scandal*, edited by Simone Adams, Kimberly R. Moffitt, and Ronald L. Jackson II, 332–54. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2019.
- “Private Matters in Public Spaces: Intimate Partner Violence against Black Women in Jim Crow Houston,” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 39, no. 2 (June 2018).  
<https://muse.jhu.edu/article/698453>.
- “A Protracted War for Order: Police Violence in the Twentieth Century United States,” *History Compass* (May 2018). <https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12453>.
- “Teaching and Learning Guide for ‘A Protracted War for Order’”: *History Compass* (June 2018).  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12457>.
- “Clothed in Blue Flesh: Police Brutality and the Disciplining of Race, Gender, and the ‘Human,’” *Theory & Event* 19, no. 3 (2016). <https://muse.jhu.edu>.

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Co-authored with Haywood L. Brown, Cecil Howard, Patsy Sanchez, and Camille Blake, "Black Lives and the Police," *Journal of the National Medical Association* 113, no. 2 (March 2021).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnma.2021.02.002>

IN PROGRESS

"Decades of Capture: The Permanence of Segregation in Postwar America" (book manuscript under peer review).

"Colorism and Police Killings of Black Men," project and working manuscript with Dr. Elizabeth Korver-Glenn (Washington University in St. Louis).

"Doing History when Human Life is Modified by Race: Donald P. Lee's Oral History Interview" *Race, Place, and Power in Houston: The Past and Megapolitan Texas* (under review).

"Houston's Hidden History," co-authored with Uzma Quraishi and Brian Behnken in *Race, Place, and Power in Houston: The Past and Megapolitan Texas* (under review).

BOOK REVIEWS

Walter Johnson's *The Broken Heart of America: St. Louis and the Violent History of the United States* in the *Journal of American History* 109, no. 1 (June 2022).

Peter B. Levy's *The Great Uprising: Race Riots in Urban America during the 1960s* in *Journal of Southern History* 85, no. 1 (February 2019).

Julian Maxwell Hayter's *The Dream is Lost: Voting Rights and the Politics of Race in Richmond, Virginia* in *Journal of Southern History* 84, no. 3 (August 2018).

Rashad Shabazz's *Spatializing Blackness: Architectures of Confinement and Black Masculinity in Chicago* in H-Afro-Am, H-Net Reviews (June 2016).

Julie A. Gallagher's *Black Women and Politics in New York City* in *New York History* (2013).

**TEACHING**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR - University of South Florida, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

2017-present      **Undergraduate:** "Intro to the Black Experience," "Racism in American Society," "Seminar on Race and Police Violence"; **Graduate:** "Critical Race Theory," "Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Black American History," "Seminar on Race and Police Violence," "Social Construction of Race and Racism"

INSTRUCTOR - Rice University, History Department

Spring 2017      "U.S. History, 1848-Present"

PRECEPTOR

Spring 2016      "Black Women Writing their World," Rice University

Fall 2015      "Kind(s) of Black," Rice University

Spring 2015      "Black in School: Readings in Race and Education," Rice University

Fall 2014 "Black Men Writing their World: Du Bois, Baldwin and their Heirs," Rice University

#### INVITED GUEST TEACHER

April 4, 2016 "Crime in America," Lone Star College-North Harris, Harris County, Texas

November 12, 2015 "Masculinities," Rice University

#### HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER – Ewing High School, Ewing Public Schools, New Jersey

2009-2012 "United States History, 1787-1941" and "African American History"

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Spring 2014 "The Atlantic Slave Trade and the Origins of Afro-America," Rice University

Summer 2009 Teaching Assistant Manager, Princeton University Preparatory Program

Summer 2008 Senior Teaching Assistant, Princeton University Preparatory Program

#### SUPERVISED TEACHING

2008-2009 "United States History, 1877-Present," Trenton Central High School, New Jersey

#### THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

In progress **Janae Thomas** | Ph.D. in Political Science

*Director* "Hear My Cries: An Analysis of Domestic Violence Victims versus Florida's 'Stand Your Ground' Laws"

In progress **Jordan Battle** | M.L.A. in Africana Studies

*Director*

In progress **Marcella Zulla** | Ph.D. in Anthropology

*Committee member*

In progress **Didier Salgado** | M.A. in Sociology

*Committee member*

In progress **Amber Klee** | M.L.A. in Africana Studies

*Director*

Defended, March 2020 **Sharun Gonzales Matute** | M.A. in Latin American Studies

*Committee member*

Defended, March 2019     **Ana Lucia Mosquera Rosado** | M.L.A. in Africana Studies  
*Committee member*     “The Peruvian Minstrel: An Analysis of the Representations of Blackness  
in the Performance of El Negro Mama from 1996 to 2014”

#### OTHER EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

A.P. U.S. HISTORY EXAM READER  
College Board

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT  
Journal of Southern History, Houston, Texas

Aug 2012-Aug 2013, Jan 2016-April 2016

RESEARCH INTERN  
Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ  
Summer 2005

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

<b>Humanities Institute Faculty Fellowship</b> University of South Florida	2021
<b>Blackness and Anti-Blackness Research Grant</b> Project: Argumentation Games to Cognitively Inoculate against Anti-Black Bias” with John Licato and Lindsay Fields University of South Florida	2020
<b>Blackness and Anti-Blackness Research Grant</b> Project: Colorism and Police Violence with Elizabeth Korver-Glenn (Washington University, St. Louis) University of South Florida	2020
<b>McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship</b> Florida Education Fund	2020
<b>John W. Gardner Award for Best Dissertation in the Humanities</b> School of Humanities, Rice University	2017
<b>Captain Charles Septimus Longcope Award for Best History Paper by a Graduate Student</b> History Department, Rice University	2017

<b>Space and Place in Africana Studies: An Institute on Spatial Humanities Theories, Methods, and Practice for Africana Studies</b> National Endowment for the Humanities	2016
<b>Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship</b> , alternate National Academies of Science • Engineering • Medicine	2016
<b>Visionary Partner Dissertation Writing Fellowship</b> Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University	2016
<b>William and Madeline Welder Smith Travel Award</b> Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin	2016
<b>John H. Jenkins Research Fellowship in Texas History</b> Texas State Historical Association	2016
<b>Gregory School Scholar-in-Residence Fellow</b> African American Library (Houston Public Library System) and the Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning (Rice University)	2016
<b>Friends of Fondren Graduate Research Award</b> Fondren Library, Rice University	2014
<b>Center for the Study of Religion Undergraduate Research Fellow</b> Princeton University	2009

#### HOSTED DISCUSSIONS

##### **A Conversation with Saidiya Hartman**

Co-hosted with Dr. Tangela Serls (Assistant Professor of Instruction in Women's and Gender Studies at USF) and Dr. McArthur Freeman (Associate Professor of Art and Art History at USF)

Spring 2022

##### **An Evening with MLK Jr. Commemorative Week Speaker: Angela Davis**

Organized by the University of South Florida's Undergraduate Lecture Series

January 2021

#### INVITED TALKS

##### **"Mapping the Margins" Again: Intimate Partner Violence against Black Women in a Segregated City**

Center for Engaged Research & Collaborative Learning, Houston

September 13, 2016

**“It Was Like a Nightmare”: Police Brutality in Houston, 1950-1967**

The African American Library at the Gregory School,  
Houston

September 10, 2016

**Race, Space, and Opportunity: Researching Segregation and Its Effects**

Center for Diversity Studies, Lone Star College-North  
Harris

April 4, 2016

**Nurturing the 21st-Century Classroom with Technology: Resources, Models, Exemplars**

EdTech Teacher Webinars

May 2011

**Interdisciplinary Instruction, Literacy, and Numeracy in the Classroom**

Program in Teacher Preparation, Princeton University

November 2009, 2010, 2011

**INVITED PANELS**

**Black Lives and the Police: The Forum**

USF Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity Tampa,  
Florida

August 11, 2020

**The Human Right to Physical Security: A Panel Discussion**

United Nations of Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, Florida

September 26, 2018

**CONFERENCES**

“The Intellectual, Professional, and Ethical Value of the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality,”  
CSWGS 15th Anniversary Luncheon, Houston, Texas, October 30, 2019.

Panel Chair: “Black Women’s Articulations of Freedom,” African American Intellectual History  
Society, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 22, 2019.

“The Nightmare at Texas Southern University,” Bowie State University Gloria Richardson Humanities  
Initiative, Bowie, Maryland, April 6, 2018.

“The Violence of Desegregation in Houston,” Texas State Historical Association, San Marcos, Texas,  
March 8, 2018.

“Teaching a Black Literary Canon at a Predominantly White Institution,” Co-presenter, Residential  
College Symposium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, October 28, 2016.

“Clothed in Blue Flesh: Interrogating Police Brutality through Assemblage Theory,” Interdisciplinary  
Conference on Race, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, New Jersey, April 18, 2015

“Exposing the Criminal-producing Assemblage,” Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and  
Sexuality Graduate Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas, April 11, 2014

**PUBLIC TALKS**

“Bossed Up’: Beyoncé, Rihanna, and Nicki’s Ironic Feminisms,” Historians of Media, Rice University, Houston, Texas, August 28, 2015

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Representative, Rice Graduate Education for Minorities, 2016-Present

Chair, Historians of Media, Rice University, 2015-2016

Graduate Representative, University Council, 2014-2015

Departmental Representative, Rice University Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015

Orientation Week Common Reading Facilitator, Rice University, August 2013, August 2015

Stage Manager, Ewing High School Musical Theater, Ewing, NJ, 2009-2012

#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Playroom Volunteer, Child Assessment Center, Houston, Texas, 2015-2016

Archives Volunteer, The Transgender Center, Houston, Texas, 2015

Court Appointed Special Advocate, Mercer County CASA, Mercer County, New Jersey, 2009-2012

Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee Volunteer, 2009-2012

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

GIS Short courses: Getting Started with ArcGIS; Census Geographies; Coordinate Systems and Projections; GIS Data Management; Mapping Tabular Data; Social Explorer and SimplyMap, 2013-present

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2013

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Southern Outages History Workshop 2019-present

Rice University Working Group on Family and Children, 2016-2017

African American Intellectual History Society, 2016-present

American Historical Association, 2012-Present

Southern Historical Association, 2012-Present

Organization of American Historians, 2012-Present

National Education Association, 2009-2012

New Jersey Education Association, 2009-2012

Texas State Historical Association, 2017-Present