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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Bowling Green State University, 2000

M.A. in History, Clemson University, 1995

B.A. in History, Kansas State University, 1993

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Dean of the Graduate School, UL Lafayette, January 2015-present

Interim Dean of the Graduate School, UL Lafayette, August 2013-December 2014

Professor of History, UL Lafayette, 2012-present

Associate Professor of History, UL Lafayette, 2006-2012

Assistant Professor of History, UL Lafayette, 2000-2006

James D. Wilson/Board of Regents Support Fund Memorial Professor in Southern Studies, UL Lafayette, 2006-2009, 2009-2012, 2012-2015

Director, Guilbeau Charitable Trust, Jan. 2012-Aug. 2013

Graduate Coordinator, Department of History and Geography, UL Lafayette, Aug. 2004-Dec. 2011

Graduate Faculty, UL Lafayette, 2000-present

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Dean of the Graduate School, UL Lafayette, January 2015-present

Interim Dean of the Graduate School, August 2013-December 2014

By cultivating research, creative, and professional excellence, the Graduate School at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette champions the intellectual mission of our University through the pursuit of scholarly integrity, inclusivity, and community in graduate studies. The Graduate School, guided by the values of a student-focused, doctoral-granting, higher research public university, provides the academic and administrative leadership for distinct and diverse graduate students and graduate programs to thrive and to grow.

The Graduate School at UL Lafayette administers 11 doctoral degree programs, master's degree programs in 33 disciplinary areas, and graduate certificate programs in 8 areas as well as the Master's +30 program and other non-degree opportunities for pursuing graduate studies. The Graduate School has an enrollment of 2,050 (Fall 2018) and

represents near 12% of the total enrollment of 17,123 at the University. The Graduate School operates with 10 full-time staff members, 8 graduate assistants, 3 undergraduate scholarship workers, and the Dean.

Graduate programs approved since 2014: PhD Earth and Energy Sciences; MAT Elementary and Elementary French Immersion; MS Informatics; MS Environmental Resource Science; Graduate Certificates in Business Administration, Cardiovascular Nursing, Instructional Coach, and Professional Writing; MBA (online delivery); MS Computer Science (online delivery).

Most recent key accomplishments and initiatives to better serve applicants, graduate students, and graduate programs include: proposal of 18 competitive BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships (including gifts of \$60k each, with \$40k BORSF match secured for 11 scholarships thus far); increase to graduate assistant minimum stipend levels from a doctoral stipend level of \$12,000 to \$15,900 and a master's stipend level of \$7,500 to \$10,070; creation of the University Committee for Graduate Student Success and Retention; creation of the James Jackson Community of Scholars, an organization to support underrepresented and diverse graduate students created in partnership with the Office for Campus Diversity; implementation of the Banner admissions segment (including two new application systems with admissions serving as the first "go-live" in the University's planned four-year Banner implementation); implementation of two CRMs (Banner Recruit CRM and Hobsons Connect CRM); implementation of OnBase as a technology-driven solution to improve graduate recruitment and admissions via the digitization (and electronic sharing) of applicant/student files; creation of the university-wide UL Lafayette Alumni Association Outstanding Master's Graduate Award; introduction of the Dissertation Bootcamp and Shut-Up and Write events to better support graduate student writing and completion; introduction of a university-wide 3MT competition; teaching and mentoring workshops in partnership with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office for Campus Diversity, and the Office of First Year Experience.

Key accomplishments as Interim Dean included: leadership of the University Task Force on Graduate Education Governance and presentation of its final report to the graduate faculty and provost; stabilization, reallocation, and growth of the Graduate School staff; increased and improved communication with graduate coordinators, department heads, and academic deans; procurement of funds to provide a 50% health insurance premium assistance for international graduate assistants and fellows; successful negotiation of earlier approval of the graduate assistantship and fellowship budgets; institution of a more uniform and efficient procedure for appointment of graduate assistants; implementation of Acalog for delivery and management of the catalog; transition to an electronic submission and review process for graduate faculty applications; reconstitution of the Graduate Dean's Student Advisory Council; and implementation of enhanced programming for graduate students with re-envisioned and revitalized new-student orientation, professional development programming, and Graduate Student Appreciation Week events/recognitions.

Chair of the Graduate Council, UL Lafayette, 2012-2013

Elected to the Graduate Council in 2011 by graduate faculty in Area D (Architecture, English, Modern Languages, History & Geography, Music, and Philosophy) and, in 2012 by members of the Council, as chair. Provided leadership and facilitated cooperation and decision-making during this time on issues including graduate faculty policy debates, creation of the graduate amnesty policy, consideration of a graduate repeat rule, requests for waiver of GRE requirements by colleges and individual graduate degree programs, and the creation of new theses/dissertations electronic manuscript submission policies.

Director of the Guilbeau Charitable Trust, UL Lafayette, January 2012-August 2013

Tasked in January 2012 with the administration, in cooperation with the Department Head in History and Geography, of new foundation funds to support the work of History faculty and students. Developed guidelines for Instructional Innovation and Guest Speaker Funds for History faculty, History Faculty Summer Research Awards, Public History Internship Funding for History graduate students, Funding for Research and Conferences for History graduate students, Study Travel Program Awards for undergraduate and graduate students, and Campus-Wide Faculty Development and Innovative Instruction Awards. Worked, with the Department Head and essential departmental selection committees, to facilitate and administer the first efforts to award these funds.

Graduate Coordinator, UL Lafayette, Department of History and Geography, August 2004-December 2011

Provided leadership in the administration of the M.A. graduate degree program in History with concentrations in European, Latin American, Public, and U.S. history. Program grew during this time from an enrollment low of 14 graduate students to 29 graduate students in FA2011; enrollment following remained steady at around 30 graduate students until recent years. Graduate students include both full- and part-time students and, in these years, began to include significantly more students from outside of Louisiana than in years past. Our students typically follow three different career paths: they go on to pursue the Ph.D., teaching careers at the secondary level, and/or Public History professions in archives, museums, etc. The program was averaging an annual graduation rate of some 7 M.A. graduates and, as my last recruited students were completing the program, had increased to 9-13 graduates annually (2011-2013). Additionally, during my time as graduate coordinator the Department developed and secured UL System and Louisiana Board of Regents approval to offer, in partnership with the School of Architecture and the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Child and Family Studies, an interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate program in Historic Preservation.

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Select and representative service to the Graduate Education and Historical professional communities listed below.

- Council of Southern Graduate Schools
Board of Directors (2019-present) and member of Thesis Awards Committee (2019-2022)
- Louisiana Council of Graduate Schools
President (2016-2019), Immediate Past President and Executive Board Member (2019-2022)
- Council of Graduate Schools
CGS Strategic Consultant, 2019
Gustave O. Arlt Award Committee chair (2017-2018) and member (2016-2017 and 2018-2019)
- Louisiana Historical Association
President (2014-2015), Vice President (2013-2014), Board of Directors (2002-2005, 2009-2012, 2015-present), Executive Committee (2002-2003, 2010-2011), chair and member of the Program Committee, member of the Publications Committee, the Phi Alpha Theta Committee, the Glenn Conrad Prize Committee, the Hugh Rankin Prize Committee, and the Kimberly S. Hanger Prize Committee
- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
National Councilor (2008-2010), Advisory Board (2010-2012), Faculty Advisor Mentor (2005-2013), Louisiana Regional Meeting Coordinator (2002-2007, 2010), and National Paper Prize Committee Member (2003-2014)
- Southern Association for Women Historians
Chair of the A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize Committee (2012-2013), Member of the Julia Cherry Spruill Prize Committee (2015), Chair (2007-2009) and Member (2006-2007) of the Membership Committee
- American Historical Association
Local Arrangements Committee (2012-2013)
- Southern Historical Association
Membership Committee (2012-2013, 2016-2017)
- National Digital Newspaper Program (a collaboration of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress)
Advisory Board Member for the Louisiana Newspaper Digitization Project (2009-2011)

Service to the University

Select and representative service to the University listed below.

- Graduate Council
Chair (2012-2013) and Elected Faculty Representative (2011-2014) of the Graduate Council, Member of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee (2005-2007, 2008-2010), Member of the Graduate Student Appeals Committee (2011-2013), Member of the College of Liberal Arts Graduate Faculty Peer Review Committee (Aug. 2004-Dec. 2011)
- University Strategic Planning Committee, 2015-2020
Member of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee
Member of the Student and Research Task Forces
- Provost QSN Committee Member, 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2017-2018
- Vice President for Research QSN Committee Member, 2013-2014
- Dean of the College of Liberal Arts QSN Committee Member, 2011-2012
- Eminent Scholar Chair in the Humanities QSN Committee Member, 2007
- Selective Admissions Committee Member, College of Education, 2008-2015
- Other University Committee Membership (as a faculty member):
Center for Louisiana Studies Advisory Board, Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards, Student Evaluation of Instruction Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, Undergraduate Student Retention Committee, UL Press Editorial Board, and the Women's Conference Planning Committee
- Other University Participation/Volunteerism (as a faculty member):
Constitution Day, Literary Rally, SOUL (Service, Outreach, Unity, Leadership) Camp, V-Day Lafayette, and Graduate School Graduate Student Appreciation Week and Graduate School Professional Development Workshops

Service to the Department

Select representative service to the Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy listed below. Full list available upon request.

- New Faculty Mentor, 2013-present
- Director, Guilbeau Charitable Trust, January 2012-August 2013
- Graduate Coordinator, August 2004-December 2011
- Faculty Advisor, Epsilon Xi Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Faculty Advisor (2001-2004) and Co-Faculty Advisor with Drs. Michael Martin and Chad Parker (2004-2013)
Editor in Chief of *Clio's Quill*, vols. 3-6 (vol. 6 honored with 3rd Prize in the 2004 Gerald D. Nash History Journal Award competition by the National Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society) | Chapter recognized in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 with the Best Chapter Award for Division V (institutions with 15,001 to 23,000 students) by the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
- Co-director (with Dr. Robert Carriker), History on the Move
Summers of 2011 (Southwest), 2012 (Alaska), 2013 (South and Washington, D.C.)
- Chair, Positions Committee, 2009-2010
- Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, 2003-2004
- Teaching Assistant Coordinator, 2002-2004
- Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, 2002
- Search Committees:
Chair of the African American Search (2013), Chair of the African American Search (2010-2011), Chair of the Latin American Search (2006-2007), Member of the Modern U.S. History Search (2005-2006) and the U.S. Colonial Search (2004-2005)

- Other Departmental Committee Membership:
Departmental Readers Committee, Finance Committee, Graduate Student Professional Development Committee, Personnel Committee, Scholarships and Awards Committee, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, and Webmaster (2001-2004)

Service to the Community

Select representative service to the community listed below.

- “Coffee With” Series, 705 Young Leaders of Acadiana (7 March 2018)
- “Louisiana Women: Their Past, Their Present,” Rotary Club of Lafayette (13 April 2017)
- “Louisiana Women Who Influenced History,” Women United Food for Thought Series, United Way of Acadiana (13 November 2017)
- “You Get What You Negotiate,” 705 Young Leaders of Acadiana Success Series (29 September 2015)
- “Louisiana History: Perspectives on the Pelican State” Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities RELIC: Readings in Literature and Culture Adult Reading and Discussion Series, with Dr. Michael Martin at Lafayette Parish Southside Public Library (Spring 2011) and Abbeville Public Library (Fall 2010)
- Board of Directors (2007-2012) and Member, Zonta International, Lafayette Chapter
- Essay Contest Judge and Judge Coordinator for our PAT Chapter, Galvez Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lafayette, La.
- National History Day Judge, Paul Breaux Middle School
- Court-Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer, CASA of Acadiana, 2002-2003

SCHOLARSHIP

Select representative publications and scholarly presentations listed below. All books, articles, book chapters, and essays identified below are refereed publications.

- *Louisiana Women: Their Lives and Times*, volume 2. Co-edited with Shannon Frystak as part of the Southern Women: Their Lives and Times series. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2016.
- *Freedwomen and the Freedmen’s Bureau: Race, Gender, and Public Policy in the Age of Emancipation*. Reconstructing America series. New York: Fordham University Press, 2010.
- “The Freedmen’s Bureau.” Invited, refereed essay in *Encyclopedia of American Women’s History*, ed. Hasia R. Diner. Facts on File, forthcoming.
- “Reconstructing Amanda Stone: Made and Remade by Marriage, War, and Memoir in Nineteenth-Century Louisiana.” *Louisiana History* 56, no. 4 (Fall 2015): 389-413.
- “Sarah Katherine Stone (1841-1907): The ‘agony and strife’ of Civil War Louisiana.” In *Louisiana Women: Their Lives and Times*, eds. Janet Allured and Judith F. Gentry, pp. 73-93. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009.
- “‘With a weight of circumstances like millstones about their necks’: Freedwomen, Federal Relief, and the Benevolent Guardianship of the Freedmen’s Bureau.” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 115, no. 3 (2007): 412-442.
- “The Freedmen’s Bureau.” Invited, refereed essay in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, edited by John H. Moore, vol. 1, 497-500. Farmington, MI: Macmillian Reference USA, 2007.
- “‘Are they not in some sorts Vagrants...?’ Gender and the Efforts of the Freedmen’s Bureau to Combat Vagrancy in the Reconstruction South.” *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 88, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 25-49.

- “Race, Class, Gender, and the Unintended Consequences of the Fifteenth Amendment,” with Donald G. Nieman. In *The Unintended Consequences of Constitutional Amendments*, ed. David Kyvig, pp. 141-163. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2000.
- “Voters and Voting: The Women’s Vote.” Refereed essay in *Encyclopedia of the United States in the Nineteenth Century*, edited by Paul Finkelman, 349-353. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Publishers, 2000.
- “Because They Are Women’: Gender and the Virginia Freedmen’s Bureau’s War on Dependency.” In *The Freedmen’s Bureau and Reconstruction: Interpretive Essays*, edited by Paul Cimbala and Randall Miller, pp. 161-192. New York: Fordham University Press, 1999.
- “Ex Parte Merryman,” “Ex Parte Milligan,” and “The Habeas Corpus Act of 1863.” Refereed essays in *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*, eds. John Whiteclay Chambers III, Fred Anderson, Lynn Eden, Reid Mitchell, and Ronald H. Spencer, pp. 308, 431, 433. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- “Black Codes.” Referred essay in *Encyclopedia of Violence in the United States*, edited by Ronald Gottesman, pp. 149-151. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons Publishers, 1999.

Book Reviews and Manuscript Review

I have written scholarly reviews for the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Journal of Southern Legal History*, *H-Net Reviews*, *Louisiana History*, the *North Carolina Historical Review*, the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, the *Mississippi Quarterly*, and *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. Additionally, I have served as a manuscript reviewer for the University of Georgia Press, the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Journal of Women’s History*, *Louisiana History*, the *North Carolina Historical Review*, and the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. Select representative reviews listed below.

- Review of *Schooling the Freed People: Teaching, Learning, and the Struggle for Black Freedom, 1861-1876* by Ronald Butchart. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 95, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 437-439.
- Review of *The Big House After Slavery: Virginia Plantation Families and Their Postbellum Domestic Experiment* by Amy Feely Morsman. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 109, no. 2 (Spring 2011): 254-256.
- Review of *Bitter Freedom: William Stone’s Record of Service in the Freedmen’s Bureau*, edited by Suzanne Stone Johnson and Robert Allison Johnson with an introduction by Lou Falkner Williams. *North Carolina Historical Review* 87, no. 1 (January 2010): 115-16.
- Review of *The Freedmen’s Bureau: Reconstructing the American South after the Civil War* by Paul A. Cimbala. *H-Net Reviews*, November 2007.
- Review of *A Maryland Bride in the Deep South: The Civil War Diary of Priscilla Bond*, edited by Kimberly Harrison. *Journal of Southern History* 73, no. 3 (2007): 712-713.
- Review of *Negotiating the Boundaries of Southern Womanhood: Dealing with the Powers That Be*, edited by Janet L. Coryell, Thomas H. Appleton, Jr., Anastatia Sims, and Sandra Gioia Treadway. *Louisiana History* 63, no. 4 (Fall 2002): 489-492.
- Review of *The Great South Carolina Ku Klux Klan Trials, 1871-1872*, by Lou Falkner Williams. *Journal of Southern Legal History* 5, nos. 1-2 (1997): 127-131.
- Review of *Slavery, the Civil Law, and the Supreme Court of Louisiana*, by Judith Kelleher Schafer. *Mississippi Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (Winter 1996-1997): 204-206.

Conference Participation

As a historian, I have presented original archival research conference papers, given or moderated presentations on teaching History and/or graduate History education, and chaired and/or offered commentary for panels at national and regional meetings including, for example, the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, the Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, the Southern Association of Women Historians Triennial Conference, American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting, Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association Annual Meeting, the National Policy History Conference, the Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial Convention, the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, and the Midwest Organization for the Recognition and Recording of Ethnic Heritage. As an administrator, I participate and present at the Louisiana Council of Graduate Schools, Council of Southern Graduate Schools, and Council of Graduate Schools annual meetings. Select representative conference participation listed below.

- “New Deans and Associate Deans Breakfast,” presenter and facilitator, Council of Southern Graduate Schools, Birmingham, Alabama (7 March 2020).
- “Great Expectations: Understanding Humanities PhD Career Pathways,” presenter, Council of Graduate Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (6 December 2018).
- “From First Touch to Last: Using Technology to Support Student Success,” presenter, Council of Graduate Schools New Deans Institute and Summer Workshop, Scottsdale, Arizona (2017).
- “Judith Kelleher Schafer: Legal Scholar and Mentor,” Judith Kelleher Schafer Memorial Session, *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (18 March 2016).
- “Reconstructing Amanda Stone: Made and Remade by Marriage, War, and Memoir in Nineteenth-Century Louisiana,” Presidential Address, *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Lafayette, La. (6 March 2015).
- Panelist (substitute for Leslie Rowland), “The Reconstruction Era in Louisiana and the Deep South: A Roundtable Discussion on the ‘State of the Field,’” *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Lafayette, La. (6 March 2015).
- Presiding and Comment, “From the Blue Ridge to the Blue Sea: Utilizing Student Travel in Southern History Courses,” *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, Missouri (1 November 2013).
- “History on the Move: History Based Domestic Study-Travel Programs in a University Setting,” with Robert Carriker, *Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C. (29 March 2013).
- Chair, “Cultural Constructions on the Margins,” *Southern Association of Women Historians Triennial Conference*, Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas (June 2012).
- “Teaching U.S. History On the Road and In a Field,” with Robert Carriker, *Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial* “Reconsidering Amanda Stone of Brokenburn,” *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Lafayette, Louisiana (March 2011).
- Panelist and Moderator, “Preparing Graduate Students for the Classroom: A Roundtable Discussion,” *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Lafayette, Louisiana (March 2010).
- “‘Such a business woman’: Amanda Ragan Stone and Female Property Ownership in Post-Civil War Louisiana,” *Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial Convention*, San Diego, California (January 2010).
- “‘A brave resourceful woman’: Amanda Ragan Stone and Female Property Ownership in Civil War Louisiana,” as part of the “Women Land Owners in the Nineteenth-Century South” Panel, *Southern Association of Women Historians Triennial Conference*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina (June 2009).

- “Kate Stone (1841-1907): The Agony and Strife of Civil War Louisiana,” as part of the “Louisiana Women: Panel I” session, *Popular Culture Association & American Culture Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana (April 2009).
- Panelist and Moderator, “Teaching History in Louisiana Colleges and Universities,” *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Lafayette, Louisiana (March 2008).
- “Demanding All that Freedom Promises: Freedwomen’s Demands for Justice from the Freedmen’s Bureau in the Reconstruction South,” *Phi Alpha Theta National Biennial Convention*, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2004).
- “Freedwomen and the Freedmen’s Bureau,” Invited Participant, *Midwest Organization for the Recognition and Recording of Ethnic Heritage*,” St. Louis, Missouri (March 2002).
- “‘With a Weight of Circumstances Like Millstones About their Necks’: Freedwomen, Federal Relief, and the Benevolent Guardianship of the Freedmen’s Bureau,” *Virginia’s Civil War and Aftermath: The Douglas Southall Freeman and Southern Intellectual History Conference*, Richmond, Virginia (February 2002).
- “‘I have worked hard to raise these children’: Freedwomen, Apprenticeship, and Parental Rights in the Reconstruction South,” *Fifth Southern Conference on Women’s History, Southern Association for Women Historians Annual Meeting*, Richmond, Virginia (June 2000).
- “‘A man who can work has no right to support’: Freedwomen and the Freedmen’s Bureau’s War on Dependency,” *Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Toronto*, Ontario Paper Presentation, Canada (April 1999).
- “‘Because They Are Women’: Gender and the Freedmen’s Bureau’s War on Dependency in Virginia,” *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Birmingham, Alabama (November 1998).
- “Race, Class, Gender, and the Unintended Consequences of the Fifteenth Amendment,” *American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting*, Seattle, Washington (October 1998).
- “Vagrancy and Gender: The Virginia Freedmen’s Bureau and the Black Woman’s Obligation to Labor,” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C. (October 1997).
- “Federal Relief Policy and Gender: The Virginia Freedmen’s Bureau and its Obligation to Women in the Black Community,” *National Policy History Conference*, Bowling Green, Ohio (June 1997).
- “Vagrancy and Gender: The Freedmen’s Bureau and the Black Woman’s Obligation to Labor,” *American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting*, Richmond, Virginia (October 1996).

Invited Lectures and Public Addresses

In addition to annual scholarly conference presentations and participation, I have been actively engaged as an invited speaker to the public and, most especially, to primary and secondary school educators locally, regionally, and nationally. Invited history-related lectures have been made at the request of institutions and organizations including, for example: the Smithsonian Institute (some 20 invited lectures), Clemson University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the Louisiana Book Festival, the U.S. Department of Justice Western District of Louisiana, the Civil War Round Table of Acadiana, Alexandre Mouton House/Lafayette Museum, Vermilionville, the Lafayette Commission on the Needs of Women, the Southwest Louisiana Women’s Commission, St. John Berchman Academy of the Schools of the Sacred Heart, and local chapters of the American Daughters of the American Revolution and the American Association of University Women.

GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Select representative awards and grants listed below.

- James D. Wilson/Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) Memorial Professorship in Southern Studies, UL Lafayette, 2006-2009, 2009-2012, 2012-2015
- Dr. Ray Authement Excellence in Teaching Award, UL Lafayette, 2009
- Sabbatical Leave, UL Lafayette (75% salary), Spring 2008
- U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant (a 3-year grant of \$ \$999,975 renewable for two additional years; \$173,125 allocated for UL Lafayette participation for the 5-year grant period), “America in Conflict: A Professional Development Program,” written and awarded in conjunction with the Lafayette Parish School System (the grant LEA), the American Institute for History Education, and the National Council of History Education, awarded Spring 2008. Initial grant period, 2009-2012; extension award, 2012-2014. Sub-award lead PI.
- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Faculty Advisor Research Grant, 2007
- Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Outreach Grant, “Move Up, Reach Down: Women Then and Women Now—A Women’s History Month Celebration,” awarded December 2006 for March 2007 Women’s History Month programming. PI.
- U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant (a 3-year grant award of \$999,829; \$75,000 allocated for UL Lafayette participation), “My Freedom: An Innovative and Comprehensive Professional Development Program for American History Teachers,” written and awarded in conjunction with the Lafayette Parish School System (the grant LEA), the National Council of History Education, the Smithsonian Institute, and South Louisiana Community College, awarded in September 2003. Sub-award lead PI.
- Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Association, 1997-1998
- Fellowship, Center for Governmental Research and Public Service, Bowling Green State University, 1998-1999
- Edward and Xin-Zhu Chen Scholarship for Distinguished Teaching, Department of History, Bowling Green State University, 1998
- Bernard Sternsher Outstanding Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Bowling Green State University, 1997-1998
- Finalist, Coordinating Council for Women in History/Berkshire Conference of Women Historians Graduate Student Award, 1997
- Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence, Graduate College, Bowling Green State University, 1996-1997
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Graduate College, Bowling Green State University, 1996-1997

TEACHING

Although, admittedly, I have not been able to teach as much as I’d like since having entered my administrative position as Dean of the Graduate School, I believe it is important for deans and other administrators to remain engaged with students. As such, I have continued to direct History MA theses and to serve as a committee member for History graduate students. I also have returned to teach a survey course on occasion and, in the future, I expect to return to teach graduate seminars. Select representative teaching listed below. Full list available upon request.

- History on the Move
Summer travel courses offered “on the road and in a field” in the history of the South (2013), Alaska (2012), and the Southwest (2011) as well as public history. Program co-directed with Dr. Robert Carriker.
- Humanities Courses
HUMN 101: Explorations in Liberal Arts
HUMN 200: Ideas and Issues – Introduction to Women’s Studies

- Survey Courses
HIST 221/222: The United States to 1877 / The United States since 1877
HIST 223/224: Honors – US to 1877 / Honors – US since 1877
- Upper-level Undergraduate Courses
Black History, Constitutional and Legal History: American Rights, American Freedoms, Constitutional and Legal History: The Civil Rights Revolution, Gender and History: African American Women’s History, Special Topics: Race, Gender, and Injustice
Special Topics: 19th Century American Women, Women’s History: Coming of Age Female in America, Women’s History: Women of the American South
- Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar Courses
Southern History
Louisiana Women’s History
- Graduate Seminar Courses
Research and Writing Seminar
American Readings Seminar
Capstone Readings Course
- Directed Individual Readings/Studies
Affirmative Action in US Legal History, American Women and American Feminism, Classics and American Law in the Early 20th Century, Free People of Color in the US South, History of the US Supreme Court, and Women in Post-1945 America

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Louisiana Historical Association (lifetime member)
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
Southern Association for Women Historians (lifetime member)
Southern Historical Association (lifetime member)

DIRECTION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

As Committee Chair / Major Professor for Thesis Students:

Thomas Aiello (completed degree SP 2004)

- Thesis: “America Goddamn: Christianity and the Consequences of Disbelief, 1954-1964”
- Chapter of this thesis awarded the Phi Alpha Theta Nels Andrew Cleven Founder’s Prize. The Nels Andrew Cleven Prize is a national prize that recognizes superior work by student members of PAT.
- Awarded the UL Lafayette Richard G. Neiheisel Phi Beta Kappa Endowed Outstanding Master’s Graduate Award in Spring 2004.
- Aiello completed a Ph.D. in History at the University of Arkansas in 2007. He is now an associate professor of History and African American Studies at Valdosta State University in Georgia. He is the author several scholarly works, including: *DixieBall: Race and Professional Basketball in the Deep South, 1947-1979* (University of Tennessee Press, 2019), *New Orleans Sports: Playing Hard in the Big Easy* (University of Arkansas Press, 2019); *The Grapevine of the Black South: The Scott Newspaper Syndicate in the Generation before the Civil Rights Movement* (University of Georgia Press, 2018), *The Battle for the Souls of Black Folk: W.E.B. DuBois, Booker T. Washington, and the Debate that Shaped the Course of Civil Rights* (Praeger, 2016), *Jim Crow’s Last Stand: Nonunanimous Criminal Jury Verdicts in Louisiana* (LSU Press, 2015), *Model Airplanes are Decadent and Depraved: The Glue-Sniffing Epidemic of the 1960s* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2015), *The Devil’s Messages: Language and Contested Space in 20th Century America* (Cognella Academic Publishing, 2013), *The Kings of Casino Park: Black Baseball in the Lost Season of 1932* (University of Alabama Press, 2011), and *Bayou Classic: The Grambling-Southern Football Rivalry* (LSU Press, 2010).

Anna Gilliland Barrett (completed degree SP 2014)

- Thesis: “Victory Belles, Broads in the Service, and Beauties with Brains: Young Women at Southwestern Louisiana Institute during World War II, 1941-1945”

David Bennett (completed degree SP 2010)

- Thesis: “Birth of a Virtual Battleground: Television and the Desegregation Crises of 1957 and 1960”
- Thesis selected as the UL Lafayette nomination for the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools 2011 Best Master’s Thesis Award in the Humanities and Fine Arts. Theses eligible for the award included those completed between Fall 2008 and Summer 2010. CSGS permits only one nomination from each university for the award competition.
- Bennett is pursuing a Ph.D. in History at Michigan State University.

Yvonne Brown (completed degree SP 2006)

- Thesis: “‘Mediators of Modernity’: Home Demonstration Agents in Rural Louisiana, 1925-1939”
- Chapter of this thesis awarded the Phi Alpha Theta George P. Hammond Prize. The Hammond Prize is a national prize that recognizes the best paper by a graduate student member and is the organization's top honor for student-level research papers.
- Chapter of this thesis awarded the Louisiana Historical Association Hugh F. Rankin Award in 2005. The Rankin Award recognizes the best graduate-level paper submitted on any aspect of Louisiana history.
- Brown completed a Ph.D. in History at Louisiana State University in 2015.

Alana Carmon-Bobb (completed degree FA 2002)

- Thesis: “A Privileged Class, a Deprived Class: A Comparative Study of Louisiana’s Free People of Color and Virginia’s Free Blacks”
- Carmon became a teacher at Sunset Elementary upon degree completion. She is now an Educational Diagnostician and teacher.

Niels Eichhorn (completed degree SP 2008)

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- Awarded the UL Lafayette Richard G. Neiheisel Phi Beta Kappa Endowed Outstanding Master’s Graduate Award in Spring 2014.
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