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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Maryland, College Park, Spring 2012

FIELDS

African American History

U.S. History

Minor: Women's Studies

Dissertation: "African American Women's Politics, Organizing, and Activism in Washington, D.C., 1920-1930"

Dissertation Advisor: Elsa Barkley Brown

A.B., Mount Holyoke College, 2004, *Phi Beta Kappa* and *Summa Cum Laude*

Major: History, Minor: Architectural History

Thesis: "Civil Rights By Cornerstones: The PWA, Race Relations, and Washington, D.C.'s First Public Housing Complex, 1933-1940"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-12 Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of History and Politics, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

African American History Surveys	Civil Rights Movement
Atlantic World Slavery	Black Women's History
Race and Film	U.S. Civil War
History of Philadelphia	American Government
U.S. History Surveys	U.S. Women's History

2011 Spring Adjunct Instructor, Department of African American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
Civil Rights Movement

2011 Winter Instructor, Department of History, College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Maryland
Black Women in U.S. History

2007-08 Graduate Instructor, Department of History, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Historical Research and Methods: U.S. Urban History, 1800-1900

Historical Research and Methods: U.S. Women and Activism, 1880-1980

PUBLICATIONS

A National and Local Affair: African American Women's Politics in Interwar Washington, D.C.
(manuscript under revision)

"Organizing the District Union: The National Association of Wage Earners at the Local Level" (article under revision)

"War Veterans as Central Actors in New Deal Politics," review of Stephen Ortiz,
Beyond the Bonus March and GI Bill: How Veteran Politics Shaped the New Deal Era (2009), H-Net, September 2011.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Mapping Black Women's Local and National Politics in 1920s-Washington, D.C." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 8 January 2011.

"Making Their Capital Safe for Democracy: African American Women's Politics in Washington's Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A., 1917-1930," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 8 April 2010.

"African American Women's Politics in Federal Offices, 1920-1930," Society for Historians of the Federal Government Annual Meeting, College Park, Maryland, 25 March 2010.

"Organizing the District Union: The National Association of Wage Earners at the Local Level," Association for the Study of African American History and Life Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, 3 October 2009.

"'To Remove this Undemocratic Blot from Our National Escutcheon': African Americans Protest Civil Service Segregation, 1921-1929," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 20 April 2006.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Atlantic World Slavery

African American History to 1865

African American History Since 1865

African American Women's History

African American Political History

Research in African American History

U.S. History to 1865

U.S. History Since 1865

Migrations in the U.S.

Civil War and Reconstruction

Women and Work in the U.S.

Research in American History

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellowship, History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, 2011
Joseph A. Skinner Alumnae Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College, 2009-2010
Fellowship, History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, 2008-2009
Research Travel Grant, History Department, University of Maryland, 2008
Prospectus Development Dissertation Award, History Department, University of Maryland, 2007
Fellowship, History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, 2004-2005
Mary Lyon Scholar, Mount Holyoke College, 2004
Claire Grossman Memorial Prize, History Department, Mount Holyoke College, 2004
Wilma Pugh Research Travel Grant, History Department, Mount Holyoke College, 2003
Evelyn Church Wilbur Prize for Excellence in Historical Writing, Mount Holyoke, 2003

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2012- Secretary, Teaching Faculty Caucus, Department of History and Politics, Drexel University
2012- Co-organizer, Website Committee, Department of History and Politics, Drexel University
2011- Co-organizer, Lecture Series on the U.S. Civil War and American Memory, Department of History and Politics and Africana Studies Program, Drexel University
2007-2010 Co-organizer, African American Political Culture Workshop, Department of History, University of Maryland

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005 Researcher, Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services, for “381 Days: The Montgomery Bus Boycott Story” Exhibition

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Organization of American Historians