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Academic Appointments

Texas A&M University

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2024 to present

Texas State University

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2020 to 2024

University of Washington

ACLS-CHCI Visiting Fellow, Simpson Center for the Humanities, 2022–2023

Education

Ph.D. 2020, Yale University, History

Fields: Nineteen/Twentieth-Century U.S. History, African American History, Oral History

B.A. 2013, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, History

A.A. 2011, Beville State Community College, History

Books

“Mississippi Law: The Crisis of Policing and Reform in America’s Jim Crow Countryside,”
accepted for publication, UNC Press – Justice, Power, and Politics Series

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“The Jim Crow Militia: Paramilitary Police Reform and New South Liberalism in Mississippi,”
Journal of Southern History 90, no. 2 (May 2024)

“The Making of Appalachian Mississippi,” *Southern Cultures* 26, no. 4 (winter 2020)

Awards, Fellowships, & Prizes

2022 Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies

2020 C. Vann Woodward Prize, best dissertation, Southern Historical Association

2020 Gilbert C. Fite Dissertation Award, best dissertation, Agricultural History Society

2020 George Washington Egleston Historical Prize, Department of History, Yale University

2017 William F. Holmes Award, best paper, Southern Historical Association

Public History Projects

“[Women at Yale](#),” oral history project, interviewer, 2020, Yale Library, Manuscripts and Archives

“[Breaking New Ground](#),” oral history project, interviewer, 2012, NEH-funded oral history project to document the life histories of the American South’s Black landowning farmers

Other Writing

For Edited Volumes

“The Invasion of Texas: Mississippi Militiamen on the Southern Border during World War I and Circuits of Police Power,” for edited volume on “Racial Justice and Policing in Texas,” University of Texas Press

Reviews

We Are Not Slaves: State Violence, Coerced Labor, and Prisoners’ Rights in Postwar America by Robert T. Chase, *American Historical Review* 129, no. 1 (March 2024)

Black Liberation 1969 Archive. Swarthmore College, Black Studies Program, *Oral History Review* 50, no. 1 (March 2023)

Coal, Cages, Crisis: The Rise of the Prison Economy in Central Appalachia by Judah Schept, *Journal of Southern History* 89, no. 2 (May 2023)

The Ballad of Robert Charles: Searching for the New Orleans Riot of 1900 by K. Stephen Prince, *Agricultural History* 96, no. 3 (August 2022)

Public Writing

“A new Mississippi bill is the latest in a long effort to suppress the truth about civil rights history,” op-ed, *Washington Post*, Washington, D.C. (January 26, 2022)

“Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol,” encyclopedia article, *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Oxford, Miss. (October 25, 2021)

“Beware Crime Panic Politics,” op-ed, Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting, Jackson, Miss. (July 21, 2021)

“Jackson State shootings no less egregious than Kent State,” letter to the editor, *Columbus Dispatch*, Columbus, Ohio. (May 17, 2020)

Oral History Workshops and Consultation

2021 Workshop, Approaches to Recent and Contemporary History Working Group, Yale University

2017 Consultant and Workshop, The History Keepers Oral History Project, Yale Afro-American Cultural Center

2016 Teacher Workshop, Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale University

2015 Workshop, Yale Department of History, Senior Essay Program

Teaching and Advising Experience

Texas A&M University (2024–present)

Courses

Introduction to Public History

Texas State University (2020–2024)

Courses

Oral History in Theory and Practice (graduate seminar)

History of U.S. Policing and Prisons

History of the United States, 1877 to date

History of the United States, 1968 to present

The Desegregation of the South

Master's Theses

- Armstrong, Avery. "The Lost Gonzo Band and the Creation of the Live Music Capital of the World, 1960s–1980s," committee member, 2022.
- Beard, Emma Norine. "A Cross Along the Road: Regulation, Perception, and Preservation of Roadside Shrines in Central Texas," committee member, 2023.
- Bassett, Patrick. "Decolonizing the National Park Service: A Proposal to Incorporate Indigenous Perspectives into National Park Narratives," committee member, 2022.
- Cawthon, Colleen H. "Museums and Disability Rights: From the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, committee member, 2023.
- Gonzalez, Isabel A. "Remember the Swimming Pigs! Interpreting the Dwindling Remains of Aquarena Springs," committee member, 2023.
- Hullum, Amber Leigh. "Given Peanuts and Told to Make a Circus: The Living History Programs at Philmont Scout Ranch, 1973-2019," committee member, 2022.
- Kahle, Mary Closmann. "The Complex History of Protecting a Jewel: Oral History and the Save Our Springs Movement of Late-Twentieth-Century Austin," chair, 2023.
- Schwab, Megan. "Memory and Reclamation: Jewish Feminism Remembered, 1967–1994," committee member, 2022.

University of Connecticut (2020)

The Historian's Craft, Instructor

Yale University (2016–2020)

Old Jim Crow, New Jim Crow, Instructor

Race, Politics, and the Law, Teaching Fellow

American Liberalism and Conservatism, Teaching Fellow

Recent Conference Presentations

- "Before Attica: Long Histories of Carceral State Critique," roundtable, Organization of American Historians, March 2023
- "Policing the Jim Crow Roadway: Police Power and State Infrastructure in Mississippi," American Society for Legal History, Chicago, Ill., November 2022
- "Drunk Drivers, Cattle Rustlers, and Racial Agitators: State Police Power in Mississippi," Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, La., November 2021
- "Enforcing Dispossession: Black Land Theft and Law Enforcement in the Rural South," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, NY, January 2020

Institutional Service

- 2020-24 Co-coordinator, Public History Committee, Department of History, Texas State
- 2022-24 Faculty advisor, Mano Amiga Student Chapter, Texas State University
- 2023-24 Chair, Library Committee, Department of History, Texas State

Service to the Profession

- 2023 Local Arrangements Chair, Texas Oral History Association
- 2021-22 Program Committee, Agricultural History Society
- 2021-22 William F. Holmes Award Committee, Southern Historical Association

2020-21 Everett E. Edwards Award Committee, Agricultural History Society

Invited Lectures and Workshop Participation

- 2022 Colloquium, Department of History, University of Washington
- 2022 Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, “Law v. Order: Thinking Together About Police Brutality,” with Luther Adams - Free Man of Color
- 2022 John L. Nau III Conference on Texas History, “Racial Justice and Policing in Texas,” University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2022 Edinburgh American History Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- 2022 Junior Scholars Workshop, Southern Historical Association
- 2021 Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice, Brown University
- 2021 Race and Policing Series, Queen’s University Belfast
- 2021 Works-in-Progress Workshop, Southern Labor Studies Association