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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville,
AR, 2007. M.A., American History, University of Arkansas,
Fayetteville, AR, 2000.

B.A., American History, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, 1995.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M – Commerce, 2018-
present. Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University –
Commerce, 2014- 2018. Assistant Professor of History, Fairfield
University, 2008-2014.

Visiting Assistant Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, 2007-2008.

Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar, Visiting Assistant Professor, California
University of Pennsylvania, 2006-2007.

Additional Professional Experience

Professional Workshop Consultant, College Board, 2016-

Present. Advanced Placement, Exam Leader, 2023.

Advanced Placement, Question Leader, 2019-2022.

Advanced Placement, Table Leader, Educational Testing Services,

2014- 2018. Advanced Placement, Exam Reader, Educational

Testing Services, 2008-2013.

Instructor, Upward Bound Summer Program, California University of

Pennsylvania, 2007/2008. Senior Research Assistant, African American Studies

Program, University of Arkansas, 2005.

Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, Freshmen Mentor,

1996-2003. Visitor Use Assistant, Department of the Interior, Pea Ridge National

Military Park, 1997-2003.

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript

Choctaw Reconstructions: Sovereignty, Land, and Race in Indian Territory, University Press of Florida, under review.

“The Decreasing Value of Labor in the Modern Age,” in *Broken Promise: Black Deaths and Blue Ribbons*, Kenneth Varner, Kerri Tobin and Stephen Lentz, eds., Brill |Sense, June 28, 2018.

“Losing the ‘Middle Ground’: Conflict, Culture, and Civilization in the Southeastern Borderlands,” *The Middle Ground Journal*, Number 11, Fall 2015.

“History and Symbolism: The Lost Cause and the Confederate Flag,” Enduring Question Series, ABC-CLIO, September 30, 2013.

“In the Midst of the ‘Nadir’: Samuel A. McElwee and the Search for Democracy and Freedom,” in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. (Vol. 2 Praeger (October 31, 2012): 87-102.

“Henry P. Cheatham and Fusion Politics in North Carolina,” in *Before Obama: A Reappraisal of Black Reconstruction Era Politicians*, Matthew Lynch, ed. Vol. 1, Praeger (October 31, 2012): 69-86.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute for College and University Teachers, Westward Expansion and the Constitution in the Early American Republic, 2014.

Max Plata for Outstanding Contributions in Teaching Award, Texas A&M Commerce Chapter of Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Educations, 2021.

Frederick Douglass Institute Visiting Scholar (FDI), California University of Pennsylvania (2006-2007). Southern Regional Education Board (2000-2005).

Next Generation Internship Program, American Battlefield Protection Program Project, 2000. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Achievement Program, 1994-1995.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate, Research Fellow, 1994-1995.