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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Florida, 2017

M.A., History, Texas State University – San Marcos, 2012

B.A., Political Science, Texas State University – San Marcos, 2007

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of History, Department Social Sciences, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2019-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of U. S. History, Department of History, Rollins College, 2017-2019

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Race, Crime, and Policing in the Jim Crow South: African Americans and Law Enforcement in Birmingham, Memphis, and New Orleans, 1920-1945 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2021).

Awarded the Silver Medal from the Florida Book Awards for General Nonfiction, 2021

Edited Works

Steeped in a Culture of Violence: Violence in Modern Texas, 1965-2018, co-edited with Kenneth W. Howell, (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, forthcoming Spring 2023).

“Why Race Matters: The Legacies and Presentation of Race Relations in American History, 1865-2021,” co-edited with Timothy Fritz, A Special Issue of *Genealogy* (publication expected in Summer 2023).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“‘The Most Celebrated Case in Texas Criminal History’: Law and Order in Texas, 1893-1900,” *East Texas Historical Journal* (forthcoming Fall 2022).

“‘We Crave to Become a Vital Force in this Community’: Police Brutality and African American Activism in Birmingham, Alabama, 1920-1945,” *The Alabama Review* 75, no.1 (January 2022), 50-72.

“‘Many People ‘Colored’ Have Come to the Homicide Office’: Police Investigations of African-American Homicides in Memphis, 1920-1945,” in *Crime and Punishment in the Jim Crow South*, eds. Amy Louise Wood and Natalie Ring (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2019).

“‘Let Us Be Law Abiding Citizens’: Mob Violence and the Local Response in Harrison County, Texas, 1890-1925,” *East Texas Historical Journal* 54, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 22-52.

Awarded the C.K. Chamberlain Award for “Outstanding Article” in the *East Texas Historical Journal* for 2016

“‘The Most Murderous Civilized City in the World’: Patterns of Homicide in Jim Crow Memphis, 1917-1926,” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2015): 104-127.

“‘Detrimental to the Interests of the City’: Lynching and the Local Response in Bowie County, Texas, 1886-1922,” *Journal of South Texas* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 30-45.

“Paris is Burning: Lynching and Racial Violence in Lamar County, Texas, 1890-1920,” *East Texas Historical Journal* 51, no. 2 (Fall 2013): 40-64.

Awarded the C.K. Chamberlain Award for “Outstanding Article” in the *East Texas Historical Journal* for 2013

Reprinted in *A Lone Star Reader* 3rd ed., eds. Scott Sosebee, Charles Swanlund, and Kirk Bane (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company, 2019)

Reprinted in *Anti-Black Violence in Twentieth Century Texas*, ed. Bruce Glasrud (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2015)

Projects in Progress

“The Most Murderous Civilized City in the World: Race, Homicide, and Criminal Justice in Memphis, Tennessee, 1917 to 1972,” manuscript project currently being researched.

“The State of Florida v. Fortune Ferguson, Jr: Race, Rape, and the Death Penalty in Florida, 1924-1927,” in *Historical Criminology* edited by Andrew Wilczak and Andrea Krieg.

Reference Articles

“Slocum Massacre, 1910” in *History of American Racial Violence: An Encyclopedia of Conflicts, Riots, and Revolution* edited by Michael J. Pfeifer, published by ABC-CLIO (forthcoming).

“Michael Brown” in *The Encyclopedia of Racial Violence in America* edited by Douglas J. Flowe and Sowande M. Mustakeem, published by ABC-CLIO (forthcoming).

“Food Riots” in *The World of the Civil War: A Daily Life Encyclopedia* edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank, Published by ABC-CLIO, 2015: 317-320.

“Readjuster Party” and “Robber Barons” in *Encyclopedia of Populism*, edited by Elizabeth Demers and Alexandra Kindell, Published by ABC-CLIO, 2014: 597-600; 609-612.

“Vernice T. Smith” in *The Handbook of Texas Online: African-Americans*, edited by Merline Pitre, Published by Texas State Historical Association.

(<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fsmaj>)

Book Reviews

Review of *An Organ of Murder: Crime, Violence, and Phrenology in Nineteenth-Century America* by Courtney E. Thompson, *Law and History Review* 40, no. 1 (January 2022), 170-172.

Review of *The Color of the Third Degree: Racism, Police Torture, and Civil Rights in the American South, 1930-1955* by Silvan Niedermeier, *The Journal of Contemporary History* (forthcoming).

Review of *A City Divided: Race, Fear and the Law in Police Confrontations* by David A. Harris, in *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books* (Online book review journal published by the Rutgers School of Law and School of Criminal Justice).

“‘Our Nation is Moving Toward Two Societies’: Race, (Im)Mobility, and the Inequalities of Capitalism in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries,” a review essay of *Collisions at the Crossroads: How Place and Mobility make Race* by Genevieve Carpio, *Healing Our Divided Society: Investing in America Fifty Years After the Kerner Report* edited by Fred Harris and Alan Curtis, and *Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Equality* by Patrick Sharkey, *The Journal of Urban History* 48, no. 2 (March 2022), 444-449.

Review of *The Burning House: Jim Crow and the Making of Modern America* by Anders Walker, *Law and History Review* 37, no. 4 (November 2019), 983-985.

Review of *Selma and the Liuzzo Murder Trials: The First Modern Civil Rights Convictions* by James P. Turner and Foreword by Ari Berman, *The Journal of Southern History* 85, no. 2 (May 2019), 504-505.

Review of *The Lynchings of Mexicans in the Texas Borderlands* by Nicholas Villanueva, Jr., in *H-Law* (Discussion network for the American Society for Legal History on H-NET).

Review of *Global Lynching and Collective Violence: Volume 2: The Americas and Europe* edited by Michael J. Pfeifer, in *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books* (Online book review journal published by the Rutgers School of Law and School of Criminal Justice).

Review of *Single Star of the West. The Republic of Texas, 1836-1845* edited by Kenneth W. Howell & Charles Swanlund, *East Texas Historical Journal* 56, no. 1 (Spring 2018): 94-95.

Review of *Jim Crow Terminals: The Desegregation of American Airports* by Anke Ortlepp, *The Alabama Review* 72, no. 1 (January 2019): 69-72.

Review of *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America* by James Foreman, Jr., in *H-Law* (Discussion network for the American Society for Legal History on H-NET).

Review of *Humane Insight: Looking at Images of African American Suffering and Death* by Courtney R. Baker, *Journal of African American History* 102, no. 4 (Fall 2017): 560-562.

Review of *Global Lynching and Collective Violence: Volume 1: Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* edited by Michael J. Pfeifer, in *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books* (Online book review journal published by the Rutgers School of Law and School of Criminal Justice).

"Race and Crime in Post-World War II America," a review of *The Rise and Fall of Violent Crime in America* by Barry Latzer, in *H-Law* (Discussion network for the American Society for Legal History on H-NET).

"Lynchings in Florida in the 1940s," a review of *Democracy Abroad, Lynching at Home: Racial Violence in Florida* by Tameka B. Hobbs, in *H-Law* (discussion network for the American Society for Legal History on H-NET).

Review of *Ain't Scared of Your Jail: Arrest, Imprisonment, and the Civil Rights Movement* by Zoe A. Colley, *Florida Historical Quarterly* 93, no. 3 (Winter 2015): 487-489.

Review of *Coming for to Carry Me Home: Race in America from Abolitionism to Jim Crow* by J. Michael Martinez, *The Journal of African American History* 99, no. 3 (Summer 2014): 305-307.

"Morality, Politics, and Harry Truman's Views on Civil Rights," a review of *Harry Truman and the Struggle for Racial Justice* by Robert Shogan, in *H-LAW* (discussion network for the American Society for Legal History on H-NET).

Review of *Forgotten Dead: Mob Violence against Mexicans in the United States, 1848-1928* by William D. Carrigan and Clive Webb, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 118, no. 1 (July 2014): 92-93.

Review of *They Called Them Soldier Boys – A Texas Infantry Regiment in World War I*, by Gregory W. Ball, *East Texas Historical Journal* 52, no. 1 (Spring 2014): 102-104.

Review of *The Reckoning: The Triumph of Order on the Texas Outlaw Frontier* by Peter R. Rose, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 117, no. 3 (January 2014): 330-331.

Book Note of *Hangin' Times in Fort Smith: A History of Executions in Judge Parker's Court* by Jerry Akins, *The Journal of Southern History* 79, no. 4 (November 2013): 1031.

Review of *Chiricaua and Janos: Communities of Violence in the Southwestern Borderlands, 1680-1880* by Lance R. Blyth, *Southwestern American Literature* 38, no. 1 (Fall 2012): 105-107.

Review of *The Folly of Jim Crow: Rethinking the Segregated South* edited by Stephanie Cole and Natalie J. Ring, *Texas Books in Review* 32, no. 2 (Summer 2012): 3.

Review of *Lone Star Law: A Legal History of Texas* by Michael Ariens, *Texas Books in Review* 32, no. 2 (Summer 2012): 2.

Review of *Still the Arena of Civil War: Violence and Turmoil in Reconstruction Texas, 1865-1874* edited by Kenneth W. Howell, *Texas Books in Review* 31/32, no. 4/no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2012): 11.

Review of *Vengeance in a Small Town: The Thorndale Lynching of 1911* by George R. Nielsen, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115, no. 4 (April 2012): 414-415.

Review of *White Man's Heaven: The Lynching and Expulsion of Blacks in the Southern Ozarks, 1894-1909* by Kimberly Harper, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 115, no. 2 (October 2011): 224-225.

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Project Director for the Barron Library/LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation's Water/Ways Exhibition through the Florida Humanities and Smithsonian Museum on Main Street program: March-April 2022. <https://floridahumanities.org/water-ways-labelle/>

Co-Creator of the news story, "Selma Daniels: A Pioneer of Black Education in LaBelle" with Fox 4 News, Ft. Myers's Lisa Greenberg: <https://www.fox4now.com/lifestyle/black-history-month/selma-daniels-a-pioneer-of-black-education-in-labelle>

Web Designer and Editor of *Lynching in LaBelle* Digital History Project with Florida SouthWestern State College students, <https://lynchinginlabelle.com/>

Henry Patterson Lynching Memorial Bench and Plaque, Placed in Barron Park in LaBelle, Florida in November 2020.

Faculty Collaborator and Oral Historian, "Pathway to Diversity: Uncovering Our Collections," Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Diversity Grant, Olin Library Archives and Special Collections, Rollins College, 2018-2019.

Certificate of Completion, "Getting Started with Oral History" Workshop, Institute for Oral History, Baylor University, 2018.

Consulting Historian, "Ocoee Massacre of 1920 Memorial and Museum Exhibit," Equal Justice Initiative Orange County, Orange County Regional History Center, Orlando, Florida, 2017-2018.

Graduate Archival Assistant, University of Florida, George A. Smathers Library Special Collections, Processed Robert “Bob” Graham Papers, Lawton M. Chiles Papers, and Stetson Kennedy Papers, 2012-2015.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Public Lectures

“The Lynching of Henry Patterson, Black Education Pioneer Selma Daniels, and the Significance of Black History in Florida,” Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, Immokalee, Florida, February 14, 2022.

“Racism in American History,” Seacrest Country Day School, Naples, Florida, February 26, 2021.

“Selma Daniels: A Local Education Pioneer,” LaBelle Rotary Club, LaBelle, Florida, November 24, 2020.

Keynote Address: “‘Go the Route of Benign Neglect’: Race, Tragedy, and Memory in Winter Park, 1971-2019” Florida Phi Alpha Theta Undergraduate Conference, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida (conference canceled due to Coronavirus on March 13, 2020).

“‘I Will Have to Get the Laws for You’: Policing and African Americans in the Jim Crow South, 1900-1945” History Graduate Society Annual Symposium, Department of History, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, February 24, 2018.

“Race, Crime, and Policing in the Jim Crow South, 1900-1945,” Jack Lane Colloquium Speaker, Department of History, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, October 11, 2017.

Conference Panels Organized

“The Changing Face of Criminal Justice in the Jim Crow South,” 87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, Forthcoming November 6, 2021.

“Dealing with Deviance in 20th Century America,” 60th Florida Conference of Historians Annual Meeting, Lake City, Florida, February 28, 2020.

“Violence Against Women: Cultural Contexts and Courtroom Contests,” 48th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Houston, Texas, November 9, 2018.

“Race, Policing, and Violence in the Twentieth-Century United States,” 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017.

“New Perspectives on Criminal Justice in the Twentieth-Century South,” 81st Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13, 2015.

“National Movements, Local Perspectives: Education, Public Welfare, and Social Order in Progressive Era Texas,” Texas State Historical Association 117th Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas, March 2, 2013.

Conference Presentations

“Due His Utmost to Help the Police Locate the Guilty Parties”: African Americans and the Police in Black Theft and Burglary Cases, 1920-1945,” 87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 6, 2021.

“Lynching in LaBelle: A Digital History Site,” 61st Florida Conference of Historians Annual Meeting, Virtual, February 21, 2021.

“Due His Utmost to Help the Police Locate the Guilty Parties’: African Americans and the Police in Black Theft and Burglary Cases, 1920-1945,” 60th Florida Conference of Historians Annual Meeting, Lake City, Florida, February 28, 2020.

“‘I Want Him Put In; I Don’t Want Him to Kill Me’: Black Women, Domestic Violence, and the Law in the Jim Crow South,” 48th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, Houston, Texas, November 9, 2018.

“‘Came to Police Headquarters and Surrendered’: African-Americans Surrendering to Police in the Jim Crow South,” 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017.

“‘We Called the Officers’: How African Americans Used the Police in Jim Crow Birmingham, Alabama,” 44th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians, Jacksonville, Alabama, February 20, 2016.

“African Americans and Police in the Jim Crow South: An Analysis of Grand Jury Records for Jefferson County, Alabama, 1920-1932,” Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere Fellowship Series, Gainesville, Florida, December 1, 2015.

“‘Not in the Spirit of Indignity and Brutality, but as a Fine Embodiment of Law and Order’: Police Investigation of African-American Homicides in Memphis, 1920-1945,” 81st Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 13, 2015.

“‘We Crave to Become a Vital Force in This Community: Crime, Police Brutality, and African-American Activism in Birmingham, Alabama, 1928-1933,” Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, Alabama, April 10, 2015.

“Digital History and Mapping Police Killings in Memphis, 1917-1946,” Crime, Law, and Governance in the Americas Working Group, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, December 9, 2014.

“‘Not a Matter of Racial Conflict’: Homicide in Jim Crow Memphis, 1917-1926,” The 54th Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference of Historians, St. Augustine, Florida, February 1, 2014.

“‘I Still Remember’: Lynching and Memory in Marshall, Texas,” Texas State Historical Association 117th Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas, March 2, 2013.

“‘Rough Justice’ in Texarkana: Lynching and Racial Violence in Bowie County, 1890-1925,” Phi Alpha Theta Lecture Series, Texas State University – San Marcos, November 16, 2011.

COURSES TAUGHT

U. S. History to 1865	Introduction to Public History
U. S. History from 1865	Violence in American History
African American History since 1865	Deviance in America History
African American History	Socialism in American History
The Civil War and Reconstruction	History of New Orleans: 1718-2018
Decade of Decision: The 1890s	Texas History
The United States Since 1945	History of World Civilization, 1815-Present
Policing Americans: Colonial Times to the Present	Academic Internship Course
	Rhetoric and Academic Research

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Lock Research Grant, East Texas Historical Association, 2021

Projects and Proposals Funding, American Society for Legal History, 2020

William Nelson Cromwell Foundation Early Career Scholar Fellowship, American Society for Legal History, 2017

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Research Release Time (2 course release/semester), Florida SouthWestern State College, 2021-present

Academic Research Council (ARC) Grant, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-2021

Foundation Educational Excellence (FEE) Award, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020

Faculty Professional Development Grant, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2019

Hazen E. Nutter Dissertation Completion Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, 2017

Pozzetta Dissertation Research Award, Department of History, University of Florida, 2016

Graduate School Doctoral Research Award, Graduate School, University of Florida, 2015

Daniel J. Koleos Graduate Research Award, Department of History, University of Florida, 2015

Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida, 2015

University Women's Club Graduate Scholarship, University of Florida, 2014

AWARDS

Silver Medal Winner for General Nonfiction, Florida Book Awards, 2021

Myra Hale Walters Faculty Excellence Award (or NISOD Award) for Professional Development and Scholarship, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020

Faculty of the Year, Florida SouthWestern State College Hendry/Glades Center, 2019-2020

C.K. Chamberlain Award for "Outstanding Article" in the *East Texas Historical Journal* for 2016, East Texas Historical Association, 2017

Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Florida, 2017

C.K. Chamberlain Award for "Outstanding Article" in the *East Texas Historical Journal* for 2013, East Texas Historical Association, 2014

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of History, Texas State University – San Marcos, 2012

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Senate Representative for the Schools of Art, Humanities and Social Sciences, 2022-present

Member, Political Science Professor Search Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2022

Member, Economics Professor Search Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2022

Chair, History Professor Search Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2021

Member, Psychology Professor Search Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2021

Member, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee, Florida SouthWestern State college, 2020-present

Member, International Education Advisory Council, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-present

Chair, “One Book, One College” New Book Selection Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-present

Member, Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-2021

New Faculty Mentor, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-present

Member, Humanities Professor Search Committee, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020

Member, Research Reassign Position Faculty Decision Team, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2020-present

Coordinator, FSW-Hendry/Glades Center Student Voter Registration Initiative, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2019-2020

Adjunct Faculty Mentor, Florida SouthWestern State College, 2019-2021

Coordinator of Outreach and Events, African and African-American Studies Program, Rollins College, 2018-2019

Member, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American History, Rollins College, 2018-2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Host, New Books in the American South Podcast (part of the New Books Network), 2021-present.

Board Member, Editorial Review Board, *East Texas Historical Journal*, 2017-present

Manuscript Reviewer for *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, and *East Texas Historical Journal*

Book Review Editor, *Alpata: A Journal of History*, University of Florida, 2014-2015