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Education

1995: Stanford University: Ph.D., American History. Secondary Field: African History. Tertiary Field: Humanities.

1993: Stanford University: M.A., American History.

1988: Columbia University: B.A., American History Major, Literature Minor.

**Postgraduate
Appointments:**

Fall 2004-Present: Co-Founder and Director, Transforming Community Project, Emory University

2004-2006; 2007-2008: Chair, Department of African American Studies, Emory University

2003-2004: Associate Chair, Department of African American Studies, Emory University

2003-Present: Joint Appointment, Associate Professor, History and African American Studies Departments, Emory University

Fall 2001: Associate Professor, History Department, Emory University

1995-2001: Assistant Professor, History Department, Emory University.

1998-99: Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University, New York.

1998-99: Independent Scholar-in-Residence, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library.

Fall 1994-Fall 1995: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Maryland at College Park.

**Teaching and
Research
Interests**

Nineteenth-Century United States History, African-American History, United States Labor History, History of Women, Gender and Sexuality, History of Race and Ethnicity, Southern History, History of the Atlantic World.

**Grants and
Awards**

2009-2010: Co-Principal Investigator, with Connie Moon Sehat. "New Orleans After Katrina." Emory Research Collaboration in the Humanities Grant (\$100,000)

2008-2010: Principal Investigator, Ford Foundation Difficult Dialogues Renewal Grant, Emory University Transforming Community Project (\$100,000)

2006-2008: Principal Investigator, Ford Foundation Difficult Dialogues Grant, Emory University Transforming Community Project (\$100,000).

2004: Columbia College Alumna Achievement Award

2001-02: Emory University Research Council Award

1998-99: Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship for Minorities.

1998-99: Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture Scholars-in-Residence Postdoctoral Award (declined)

Summers 1996-2000: Emory College Faculty Development Award.

1996: Emory University President's Commission on the Status of Minorities Travel Grant for Conference Presentations.

1994-1995: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Maryland, College Park.

Summer, 1994: Dorothy Danforth Compton Fellowship.

1994: American Historical Association Littleton-Griswold Grant for Research in American Legal History.

1993-94: Stanford University James Birdsall Weter Grant.

1992-93: Mellon Dissertation Grant.

1991-92: Stanford Humanities Center Graduate Fellow.

1990-92: Stanford Graduate Fellowship.

1988-90: Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities.

1988: Columbia College Kluge Research Grant.

1984: Columbia College John Jay Scholar.

Books

Slavery in New York, co-edited with Ira Berlin, New Press, 2005.

Awards: Honorable Mention, 2005 Book Award, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights

In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863, University of Chicago Press, 2003.

Awards: Honorable Mention, 2003 Frederick Douglass Prize, Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale University

2003 Wesley-Logan Prize for African Diaspora History, American Historical Association and Association for the Study of African-American Life and History

Honorable Mention, 2004 Book Award, Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights

Book Projects

“Slavery and Freedom in Savannah,” co-editor with Daina Ramey Berry, for the Owens-Thomas House of the Telfair Museum of Savannah, Georgia.

“Leaving New Orleans: A Personal Urban History”

“Antebellum Slavery, Twentieth Century Historians, and the Gender Question”

"Enchained Masculinity: African-American Men of the Slave South"

Articles

In Refereed Journals

“*Ar'n't I a Woman?*, Gender and Slavery Studies,” in “The History of Woman and Slavery: Considering the Impact of *Ar'n't I a Woman? Female Slaves in the Plantation South* on the Twentieth Anniversary of Its Publication,” roundtable in The Journal of Women's History 19.2 (2007): 151-155.

--Roundtable Awarded the 2007 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Prize for best article by the Association of Black Women Historians.

With Ira Berlin. “Uncovering, Discovering, and Recovering: Digging in New York's Slave Past Beyond the African Burial Ground.” The New-York Journal of American History 66.6 (2005): 23-33 (drawn from introduction to Slavery in New York)

“Slavery, Emancipation and Class Formation in New York City, 1626-1827,”
Journal of Urban History, March 2004.

In Edited Collections “Subaltern Citizens, Subaltern City: People of African Descent and the History of New Orleans,” in Gyanendra Pandey, ed., Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA, Routledge Press, 2009.

"From Abolitionist Amalgamators to 'Rulers of the Five Points': the Discourse of Interracial Sex and Reform in Antebellum New York City," in Martha Hodes, ed., Sex, Love, Race: Crossing Boundaries in North American History (New York University Press, 1999), 191-212.

Chapter Four, "A Limited Freedom: Free Blacks Before the Civil War," in A History of the African American People, eds. James Oliver Horton and Lois E. Horton (London: Salamander Books, 1995), 62-73.

**Non-refereed Journals
And Magazines**

With Jody Usher. “From Debate and Disenchantment to Dialogue and Reflective Action: The Transforming Community Project at Emory University”
Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning, March/April 2008.

“(Re)Writing the History of Race at Emory,” Academe 92:4 (July/August 2006).

“Slavery and Freedom in Colonial and Early National New York City, 1626-1827,” Seaport Magazine, April 2004.

“A New Vision of Black Childhood: The Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans,” New York Archives Magazine, Spring 2004.

“Creating a Safe Haven: Community and Change in Interracial Institutions,” The Academic Exchange, Vol. 6, no. 4, (Feb/Mar 2004): 7, 11

Encyclopedia

"African Americans," in Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia, 1998.

Manuscript

“Antebellum Slavery, Black Manhood, and Twentieth-Century Historians.”

Book Reviews

“A much-neglected hero gets a well-deserved biography,” Chicago Tribune, April 25, 2004. Review of Catherine Clinton, Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom.

Digital Schomburg Images of African Americans from the Nineteenth Century
http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/images_aa19/. In
Journal of American History, September 2002.

Maria Diedrich, Love Across Color Lines: Otilie Assing and Frederick Douglass, Journal of the Early Republic, Fall 2000.

"Civil Rights Unionism: Michael Keith Honey, Black Workers Remember: An Oral History of Segregation, Unionism, and the Freedom Struggle, in Southern Changes, Summer 2000.

Ronald Baylor, Race and the Making of Twentieth Century Atlanta, in Journal of Mississippi History, Summer 1998.

Gary Collison, Shadrach Minkins: From Fugitive Slave to Citizen, and Graham Hodges, Slavery and Freedom in the Rural North: African Americans in Monmouth County, New Jersey, 1665-1865, in Journal of the Early Republic, Fall 1997.

Winthrop Jordan, Tumult and Silence at Second Creek, in Labor History, Winter 1994.

**Papers
Presented**

March 2009: "The Transforming Community Project at Emory University," Universities Confront their Histories of Slavery and Jim Crow, Panel Discussion, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Seattle, Wash.

March 2009: "Hurricane Season: Life in Late-Twentieth Century New Orleans." Inaugural Lecturer, The **Alexander F. Carson Lecture in American History**, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.

February 2009: "Leaving New Orleans: Race and Class in a Twentieth-Century City." Invited Talk, Africana Studies, Barnard College, New York.

July 2008: "African Americans and Free and Unfree labor in the Labor History of the Early Republic," Roundtable: Whither Labor History in the Early Republic? Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, Pa.

June 2008: "Theorizing the History of Black Masculinity," Roundtable: Reflections on the Contemporary Feminist Historical Project, Berkshires Conference of Women's History, Minneapolis, MN

March 2008: Roundtable: State of the Field: African American Identity in New York, Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, New York, NY

November 2007: “Transforming Community at Emory University,” at Sharing Stories: Interpreting African American History for New England and the Nation, conference co-sponsored by Brown University’s John Nicholas Brown Center, and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, Providence, RI.

September 2007: “Transforming Community at Emory University,” Ford Foundation Difficult Dialogues Conference, New York, NY.

April 2007: “Slavery in New England: What Does It Matter?” Reparations In America Workshop, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

July 2006: “The End of Slavery In New York City: Free but Unequal,” Emancipation Day Celebration, Wyckoff House, Brooklyn, New York.

October 2006: “The Underground Railroad in Harriet Jacobs’ New York City,” at The Legacies of Slavery and Sisterhood: The Live and Work of Harriet Jacobs Conference, Pace University.

April 2006: “Antebellum Slavery, Black Manhood and Twentieth Century Historians,” and “Race in the Museum: ‘Slavery in New York’ at the New-York Historical Society,” at New World Slavery: History, Redress and Public Memory Conference. University of Southern California Center for Law, History and Society.

April 2006: “Transforming Community at Emory University.” 2006 International Scholars Conference: "Reparations Across the Americas." Institute for African American Research, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

March 2006: “Race in the Museum: ‘Slavery in New York’ at the New-York Historical Society,” Castleton State College, Castleton, Vermont.

January 2006: “Uncovering, Discovering and Recovering: What Happened to the History of Slavery in New York?” New-York Historical Society, New York, NY.

January 2006: “What was Freedom to Antebellum New Yorkers?” at Freedom and Art: A Forum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY.

November 2005: “Race in the Museum: ‘Slavery in New York’ at the New-York Historical Society,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

April 2005: “Black Women in Defense of Themselves: Rape, Domestic Violence and the Courts during New York’s Emancipation Era, 1799-1827,” British Association of American Studies, Cambridge, England.

February 2005: "In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863," Black History Month Keynote Lecture, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.

November 2004: Meet the Author Roundtable: In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863, Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, Ill.

October 2004: "Antebellum Slavery, Black Manhood, and Twentieth Century Historians," Gender and Slavery Conference, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

October 2004: "Antebellum Slavery, Black Manhood, and Twentieth Century Historians," Sahin Lecture Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

September 2004: "In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in Pre-Civil War New York City," Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy Lecture Series, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 2004: "Black and White Women in Antebellum New York City," Columbia University Dean's Day, New York, NY.

April 2004: "Celebrating Coeducation at Columbia University," Columbia University, New York, NY.

April 2004: "Antebellum Slavery, Black Masculinity, and Twentieth Century Historians," Transforming Slavery Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign,

February 2004: "Work Hard, Play Hard: The Lives of Nineteenth-Century African American Children," Renfroe Middle School, Decatur, Ga.

December 2003: "Fugitive Slaves in Antebellum New York City," South Street Seaport Museum, New York, NY.

October 2003: "Black Women in Defense of Themselves: Rape, Domestic Violence and the Courts during New York's Emancipation Era, 1799-1827," American Studies Association, Hartford, Ct.

August 2003: "Courtship and Masculinity in the Antebellum Deep South Slave Community," American Historical Association—Pacific Coast Branch, Honolulu, HI.

July 2003: In the Shadow of Slavery, Columbia University Alumni Club of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia

July 2003: In the Shadow of Slavery, Sweet Java Brown Coffee House, Atlanta, Georgia.

May 2003: "Free But Unequal: The Limits of Emancipation in New York City," History Department, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.

May 2003: "Dutch Slavery in Seventeenth-Century New Amsterdam," History Department, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

May 2003: "Researching and Writing about Antebellum Black Communities," Society for the Preservation of Weeksville, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York

February 2003: "Slavery and Freedom in Antebellum New York City," African-Americans in the Diaspora, St. Michael's College, Burlington, Vt.

November, 2001: "Slavery, Emancipation and Class Formation in New York City, 1626-1827," at "White Supremacy/Black Liberation: A Conference in Honor of George Fredrickson," Stanford University, Stanford, Ca.

August 2001: "Enchained Masculinity: African American Men of the Slave South," American Historical Association—Pacific Coast Branch, Vancouver, British Columbia.

October, 2000: "Emancipation, Interracial Sex, and Citizenship in Early National New York City, 1785-1827," American Studies Association Annual Conference, Detroit, Mich.

April, 2000: Discussant, "Mapping the 'Discipline'/Disciplining the Map: The Topography of American Studies," Emory University.

April, 2000: Comment on conference panel "African-Descended People and the Public Sphere in the Nineteenth-Century United States," Organization of American Historians Conference, St. Louis, Mo.

October, 1999: "Free But Not Equal: The Limits of Emancipation in New York City," African-American Studies Faculty Workshop, Emory University.

April, 1999: "Emancipation, Interracial Sex, and Black Citizenship in Early National New York City, 1785-1827," Organization of American Historians Conference, Toronto, Canada.

March, 1999: "The Long Shadow of Southern Slavery: Radical Abolitionists and Black Political Activism against Slavery in New York City, 1830-1840," Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY.

February, 1999: "Creating the African-American Working Class in New York City, 1626-1863," Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY.

November, 1998: "Defining Black Freedom During New York's Emancipation Era, 1799-1827," Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT.

October, 1997: "Pressing Forward to Greater Perfection, Part II: Abolitionist-Reformers and Black Workers after 1840," Atlanta Seminar on the Comparative History of Labor, Industry, Technology, and Society, Atlanta, GA.

January, 1997: "Rulers of the Five Points: Interracial Sex and Class in Antebellum New York City," American Historical Association, New York, NY.

December, 1996: "Creating the African-American Working Class in New York City," History Department and African-American Studies Program, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

March, 1996: "Emancipation, Race and Class in New York City, 1785-1827," Organization of American Historians Conference, Chicago, IL.

September, 1995: "Creating the African-American Working Class in Antebellum New York City: The Case of the Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans," Emory University African-American Studies Program and the Spelman College Women's Resource and Research Center Brown Bag Lecture.

April, 1995: "Slavery, Emancipation, and the Racialization of New York's Working Class, 1785-1827," The Washington Seminar on American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.

February, 1995: "Creating the African American Working Class in Antebellum New York City," University of Maryland, College Park, History Department Lecture Series.

October, 1993: "Quaker Reformers and Black Workers in New York City: The Case of the Association for the Benefit of Colored Orphans, 1836-1863," The Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History Conference, Baltimore, MD.

April, 1992: "New Trends in Twentieth Century African-American History," Teaching Diversity in High Schools Conference, sponsored by the Center for Educational Research, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

April, 1992: "The Black Manual Labor School Project and the Development of a Black Labor Ideology, 1830-1855," Reworking American Labor History: Race, Gender, and Class Conference, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WS.

Teaching

Fall 1995-present: Undergraduate Courses Developed: African-American History to 1877; Race, Gender, Class and the Radical Abolitionists; The Free Black Community in the Antebellum United States; African-American Freedom Struggles from the 19th Century to the Present; Slavery in United States History and Culture; The African Background to Atlantic Culture (with Professor Kristin Mann); The 2005 Hurricane Season.

Graduate Courses developed: Topics in African-American History to 1877; Seminar in the Comparative History of Labor, Industry, Technology and Society (with Professors Ian Fletcher and Michael Allen); Race, Gender and Sexuality in U.S. History (with Professor Mary Odem).

Summers 1996, 1998: Led two-day workshop entitled "Race, Gender, Class and African-American History," Mellon Summer Institute for Minority Undergraduates, Emory University.

Fall 1995-present: Member of twenty dissertation prospectus defense committees; member of seven dissertation committees; chair of one dissertation committee.

1990-1992: Teaching Assistant, Stanford University History Department: 19th-Century United States History; United States Women's History; The American South, 1815-1900.

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University English Department: American Literature and Culture to 1855.

Editorial Boards

2006-2009: Journal of American History

2006-present: Race and the Atlantic World, 1700-1900 series, University of Georgia Press

2005-present: Class : Culture Series, University of Michigan Press

2004-2006: Labor

Manuscript Reviews

Bedford Books, Gender and History, Journal of Urban History, New York University Press, University of California Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Tennessee Press, Yale University Press, University of Georgia, University of Chicago, Journal of American History, University of North Carolina Press, William and Mary Quarterly, Oxford University Press

Consultantships

2009-present: Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lectureship Program

2009-present: Content Council member, Louisiana Civil Rights Museum

2008-2011: Consultant, Owens-Thomas House, Telfair Museum, Savannah, Ga.: assisting in the re-interpretation of slavery in the history of the Owens-Thomas House museum.

July 2006: "Incorporating *Slavery in New York* into the Middle-School Classroom," Summer Teachers' Institute, SUNY-New Paltz, New Paltz, New York.

October 2004: NEH Consultant, Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum, Brooklyn, NY.

2003-2005: Historians' Council, Slavery in New York Exhibit, New-York Historical Society, New York, NY

June 1999: Lecturer, The Scholarly Journey Series, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Program for Students from Historically Underrepresented Groups

1998-present: Advisory Board Member, Seneca Village Project, New York City.

Spring 1996: Consultant-facilitator at Spelman College's Mellon Faculty Workshop on Diversity in the Classroom. Topic "Class in the Classroom: Historical Approaches and Pedagogical Challenges to the Study of Class and Racial Diversity in the United States."

Media Requests

Fall 2005: Interviews in connection with Slavery in New York City Exhibit:

CBS News	Kiss 104.1 FM (Atlanta)
Reuters	Channel 7 News (NYC ABC affiliate)
AP Radio	WBAI Radio (NYC): Imhotep Gary Byrd
BBC	WBAI Radio (NYC): Doug Henwood Show
WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show	
New York Times	KPFA (San Francisco)
Chicago Tribune	New Zealand National Radio
New York Sun	Washington Post

February 2005: Interviewee, Slavery and the Making of America PBS series broadcast.

Department Service

2007-2008: Search Committee Chair, Civil Rights Specialist, Department of African American Studies

2005-2006: Member, Revolutionary Era Search Committee, Emory History Department

2002-2003: Member, Twentieth-Century Southern History Search Committee, Emory History Department

Fall 1999: Member, Emory History Department Colloquium Committee.

1997-1998: Member, Advisory Committee, Emory History Department.

Spring 1996-1998: Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Emory History Department.

1995-1998: Member, Minority Recruitment Committee, Emory History Department.

1992-93: Coordinator of the Stanford History Department Teaching Workshops for new teaching assistants and graduate student instructors.

Fall 1991: Co-Leader of the Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop for new teaching assistants in the Stanford History Department.

1990-91: Co-Chair of the Stanford History Department Graduate Student Association.

Fall 1990: Co-Leader of the Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop for new teaching assistants in the Stanford History Department.

**University
Service**

Fall 2008-Present: Co-leader, Race and Difference Initiative, Strategic Planning, Emory University

Fall 2004-Present: Co-Founder and Director, The Transforming Community Project, Emory University

Fall 2004-2009: Executive Committee, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University.

Spring 2005: Race, Racism and Society Theme Discussion Leader, Emory University Strategic Planning.

2002-2004: Convener, Race and Comparative History Seminar, Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University.

2002-2003: Chair, Emory College Curriculum Committee

1997-1998: Chair, Emory College Affirmative Action Committee

1996-1997: Member, Emory College Affirmative Action Committee

1996-1998: Board Member, Emory Women's Center.

1996-1998: Emory College Curriculum Committee

1995-1997: Faculty Representative, President's Commission on Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Life at Emory University. Subcommittee: Gay Studies Curriculum.

**Conference
Service**

December 2008: Voyages: An Emory Conference Celebrating the Launch of Voyages: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database and Commemorating the Bicentennial of the End of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, 1808-2008, Emory University. Co-Convener.

October 2008: New Perspectives on African American History, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, Ala. Chair and Comment.

February 2008: Experiencing Race at Emory: Three Part Harmony: Emory Medical School, Morehouse Medical School, and Grady Hospital. Co-Convener

February 2007: Experiencing Race at Emory: Contested Terrain: Emory, Atlanta and Race Relations, 1906-2006. Co-Convener.

November 2006: Ford Foundation Difficult Dialogues Southern Regional Conference, Emory Conference Center, Atlanta, GA. Local point person.

February 2006: Experiencing Race at Emory: The Desegregation Era. Co-Convener.

April 2005: Workshop Convener and Chair, "Collaborative Possibilities: Michael Gomez's Exchanging Our Country Marks And The Project To Recover The African Past In The Americas," Collegium for African American Research, Tours, France.

March 2005: Chair, "Music as Social History" session, "In Celebration of William Levi Dawson: An Exploration in American Music and Identity" conference, Emory University.

2004-2005: Advisory Board: "In Celebration of William Levi Dawson: An Exploration in American Music and Identity" conference, March 2005, Emory University.

October 2002: Co-Convener, "Lynching and Racial Violence in the United States," Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

November 2001: Co-Convener, "White Supremacy/Black Liberation: A Conference in Honor of George Fredrickson," Stanford University, Stanford, Ca.

October 1997: Panel Chair, "Going Public Beyond the Territory: African-Americans in Europe," 1997 American Studies Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C.

**Service to Professional
Organizations**

2008-2011: Southern Historical Association Committee on Women in the Historical Profession.

**Professional
Memberships**

Organization of American Historians,
American Historical Association,
American Studies Association,
Southern Historical Association,
Society of Historians of the Early American Republic,
Berkshires Conference of Women Historians
Fellow (elected), New York Academy of History