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Employment

Jimmy Carter Professor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia	2014-present
Professor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia	2012-2014
Associate Professor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia	2008-2012
Assistant Professor, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia	2003-2008
Social Studies Teacher, Gentry High School, Indianola School District, Indianola, Mississippi	1994-1996

Education

Stanford University, Stanford, California M.A., Ph.D., Department of History	1996-2002
University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi M.Ed. Secondary School Education	1994-1996
Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois B.A. American Culture	1990-1994

Publications

1. Current Projects

America: A Narrative History, 13th Edition (W. W. Norton & Co., forthcoming 2025), co-authored with David E. Shi, Daina Ramey Berry, and Amy Murrell Taylor

- Responsible for chapters on twentieth and twenty-first century U.S. history.

A Prophet's Hometown: God & Jim Crow in Martin Luther King's Atlanta

- A collective biography of key figures in Atlanta in the 1960s who experienced racial crisis as religious or spiritual crisis. The book will advance our understanding of King, the southern civil rights struggle, and modern American religious history.

2. Books

Atticus Finch: The Biography—Harper Lee, Her Father, and the Making of an American Icon (Basic Books, 2018)

- Awarded the Georgia Author of the Year, Biography Prize; reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review*, cover review and Editor's Choice selection; also reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and others

Strom Thurmond's America (Hill & Wang, 2012)

- Awarded the Deep South Book Prize, Summersell Center, University of Alabama; Georgia Author of the Year, Biography Prize; Nonfiction Book Prize Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters

In Search of Another Country: Mississippi and the Conservative Counterrevolution (Princeton University Press, 2007)

- Awarded the Lillian Smith Book Award; McLemore Prize, Mississippi Historical Society; Nonfiction Book Prize, Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters

3. Edited Collections

The Myth of Southern Exceptionalism, co-edited with Matthew D. Lassiter (Oxford University Press, 2009)

4. Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“The Filibuster and the Trump Senate: The View From the Mid-Twentieth Century American South,” Sean Theriault, ed., *The Trump Senate* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press, 2023)

“African American Civil Rights and Conservative Mobilization in the Carter Years,” co-authored with Asher Smith, in Kenneth Osgood and Derrick E. White, eds., *Winning While Losing: Civil Rights, the Conservative Movement, and the Presidency from Nixon to Obama* (University of Florida Press, 2014)

“Goldwater in Dixie: Race, Region and the Rise of the Right,” in Elizabeth Tandy Shermer, *Barry Goldwater and the Remaking of the American Political Landscape* (University of Arizona Press, 2013)

“All Strom’s Children: Gender, Race, and Memory in the Twentieth Century American South,” in Gyan Pandey, ed., *Subalternity and Difference: Investigations from the North and the South* (Routledge, 2011)

“Strom Thurmond’s Sunbelt: Rethinking Regional Politics and the Rise of the Right,” in Darren Dochuck and Michelle Nickerson, eds., *Sunbelt Rising: The Politics of Space, Place and Region* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011)

“Mississippi as Metaphor: State, Region and Nation in the Historical Imagination,” in Matthew D. Lassiter and Joseph Crespino, eds., *The Myth of Southern Exceptionalism* (Oxford University Press, 2009)

“Ronald Reagan’s South: The Tangled Roots of Modern Southern Conservatism,” in Vincent Cannato and Gil Troy, eds., *Living in the Eighties* (Oxford University Press, 2009)

“Civil Rights Versus the Religious Right: Desegregation, Christians Schools, and Religious Freedom in the 1970s” in Julian Zelizer and Bruce Schulman, eds., *Rightward Bound: Making America Conservative in the 1970s* (Harvard University Press, 2008)

“Civility and Civil Rights In Mississippi,” in Ted Ownby, ed., *Manners and Southern History* (University Press of Mississippi, 2007)

“The Best Defense Is A Good Offense: The Stennis Amendment and the Fracturing of Liberal School Desegregation Policy, 1964-1972,” *The Journal of Policy History* 18, no. 3 (2006): 304-25

--Awarded the 2008 Ellis Hawley Prize, *Journal of Policy History*

“The Strange Career of Atticus Finch,” *Southern Cultures* 6, no. 2 (Summer 2000): 9-29

5. Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries, Editorials and Other Published Writing

“A Nation Ruled by Its Fears,” *Reviews in American History*, 48 (no. 1) March 2020: 119-123

“‘Race Against Time’ Review: A Reporter for Justice,” *Wall Street Journal*, February 19, 2020

Foreword to Carolyn Curry, *Suffer and Grow Strong: The Life of Ella Gertrude Clanton Thomas, 1834-1907* (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2020)

“The Democrats Are in Georgia. The Stakes Couldn’t Be Higher,” *New York Times*, Nov. 20, 2019

“Things That Don’t Fit,” Special 25th Anniversary Edition, Guest Editor Introduction, *Southern Cultures*, 25 (no. 3) Fall 2019: 8-13

“Unexampled Courage Review: Showing America the Way,” *Wall Street Journal*, January 18, 2019

“‘Deep South Dispatch’ Review: Witness to the Persecution,” *Wall Street Journal*, July 10, 2018

“Who Is the Real Atticus Finch?” *Wall Street Journal*, March 22, 2018

“Atticus Finch Offers a Lesson in Southern Politics,” *New York Times*, July 16, 2015.

“*Lehren und Lernen: Teaching U.S. History in Germany*,” *The American Historian* 3 (February 2015): 33-36

“The Wuthnow Project,” *Books & Culture*, March/April 2015

“Southern Conservatives at Bay,” *Reviews in American History* 42 (2014): 529-535

“Moderate White Democrats Silenced,” Room for Debate Forum, *New York Times*, Oct. 2, 2012

Review of James C. Cobb, *The South and America Since World War II*, *Journal of Southern History* 78, no. 2 (May 2012): 513-514

“The Scarred Stone: The Strom Thurmond Memorial,” *Southern Spaces*, April 29, 2010

“Lessons on States’ Rights,” *Politico*, March 25, 2010

“The South Since 1877,” entry in the *Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History* (Princeton University Press, 2010)

Review of Jeff Frederick, *Stand Up For Alabama: Governor George C. Wallace*, *American Historical Review* 113, no. 5 (December 2008): 1579-80

“‘Who Hates Whom’ Has Defined Politics,” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, November 16, 2008

Review of David Ciepley, *Liberalism in the Shadow of Totalitarianism, Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions* 9, no. 1 (June 2008): 137-55

“Did David Brooks Tell the Full Story About Reagan’s Neshoba County Fair Visit?” *History News Network*, November 12, 2007

Review of Robert J. Norrell, *The House I Live In: Race in the American Century*, *North Carolina Historical Review* 84, no. 1 (2007): 113-14

“The Civil Rights Movement, *C’est Nous*,” review of Renee C. Romano and Leigh Raiford, *The Civil Rights Movement in American Memory*, *Reviews in American History* 34, no. 4 (December 2006): 537-43

Review of Emilye Crosby, *A Little Taste of Freedom: The Black Freedom Struggle in Claiborne County, Mississippi*, *Journal of American History* 93, no. 2 (Sept. 2006): 600-01

“Rethinking the Confederacy” (review of three books on Confederate history and memory), *Washington Post Book World*, May 22, 2005, 5

“Massive Resistance,” encyclopedia entry in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 3: *History* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006)

Review of Peter Coclanis and David Carlton, *The South, the Nation, and the World: Perspectives on Southern Economic Development*, *North Carolina Historical Review* 81, no. 2 (April 2004): 253-54

Review of the websites *The History of Jim Crow* and *Remembering Jim Crow*, *Journal of American History* 90, no. 2 (September 2003): 750-52

“The Ways Republicans Talk About Race,” *New York Times*, December 13, 2002

Review of *Soldiers and Civilians: The Civil-Military Gap and American National Security*, *Commonweal*, April 19, 2002

Review of *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: An Anthology of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement*, *Mississippi Quarterly* 52, no. 3 (Summer 2000)

“The Christian Conscience of Jim Crow: White Protestant Ministers and the Mississippi Citizens’ Council, 1954-1964,” *Mississippi Folklife* 31, no. 1 (Fall 1998): 36-44

“Maybe Gov. Fordice Just Never Knew...,” *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.),
September 18, 1995

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians	2012-present
Senior Fellow, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University	2016-2017
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Studies, University of Tübingen, Germany	2014
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Award	2009
Emory University Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award	2009
National Academy of Education/ Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship	2006-2007
J.N.G. Finley Postdoctoral Fellow in American History, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia	2002-2003
Dissertation Award, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, Richmond University	2003
Dissertation Fellowship, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia	2001-2002
S.T.A.R. Teacher Award, given by the Mississippi Economic Council, Gentry High School, Indianola, Mississippi	1996
Phi Beta Kappa, Northwestern University	1994

Invited Lectures/Symposia

Invited lectures related to *Atticus Finch: The Biography* (May 8, 2018): Keynote Speaker, Texas State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, June 2018; Keynote Speaker, American College of Trial Lawyers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2018; Dallas, Texas Bar Association Meeting, September 2018; Millsaps College Arts and Lecture Series, September

2018; Stallworth Lecture in Southern History, University of South Alabama, October 2018

“Harper Lee & American History,” Gary and Eleanor Simons Lecture, History Department, University of Florida, March 22, 2018

“Solving for X: Atticus Finch,” TedX Emory, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 2018

“Searching for Atticus Finch,” Preston Lecture, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut, February 22, 2018

“Dreams & Prophecies in Martin Luther King’s Atlanta,” Keynote Address, Staging American Dreams Conference, Georgia State University, April 9, 2015

“Atticus Finch and the Search for the Good Southerner,” Button Gwinnett Day Lecture, Gwinnett College, April 8, 2015

“Strom Thurmond and the Origins of the Modern American Right,” University of Heidelberg, July 17, 2014

“Black Christ in Atlanta: God & Segregation in Martin Luther King’s Hometown,” Fulbright Distinguished Lecture, University of Tübingen, June 27, 2014

“In Your Heart You Know He’s Right: Barry Goldwater and the Legacies of 1964,” Keynote Address, 1964 as Watershed Conference, University of Northumbria, May 9, 2014

“Strom Thurmond’s America,” Miller Center Forum, University of Virginia, November 14, 2012

“Strom Thurmond’s America,” Philip Grose Inaugural Lecture, Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, September 18, 2012

“Race, Violence and Visual Cultural in the Modern Civil Rights Struggle,” Conference on Cultural Politics in the Visual, Nanjing University, May 14, 2012

Manuscript Review of *Strom Thurmond’s America*, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, September 15, 2011

“Struggling with Strom: Biography and American Political History,” keynote address at Graduate Student Conference, American Political History Institute, Boston University, April 1, 2011.

“Southern Politics,” NEH Institute for School Teachers: Cotton Culture in the U.S. South, 1865-1965, Mercer University, July 5, 2010

“New Directions in Civil Rights History,” *Documented Rights: A Symposium on the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement*, National Archives and Records Administration at Atlanta, June 13, 2009

“The South and the Quest for the New Majority,” Conference on the Republican Party and American Politics, 1960-1980, Institute for the Study of the Americas, University of London, May 14, 2009

“Strom Thurmond and the Long Civil Rights Countermovement,” University of Sussex, May 13, 2009

Milbauer Seminar in Southern History, History Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, April 10, 2009

“The Long Civil Rights Countermovement,” Long Civil Rights Movement Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 4, 2009

“State of the Field: History of Conservatism,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Seattle, Washington, March 27, 2009

Invited Presentation, Seminar Discussion of *In Search of Another Country*, History Department, University of Chicago, February 21, 2008

Invited Presentation, “The Politics of Metaphor: Civil Rights, the South and the Nation in the Historical Imagination,” History Department Seminar, John Hopkins University, October 29, 2007

Invited Presentation, “How We Should Teach About Segregationists – And Why We Should,” Civil Rights Education Summit, William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, University of Mississippi, June 29, 2007

Invited Presentation (with Matthew Lassiter), “The End of Southern History?” Modern American Workshop, Department of History, Princeton University, December 8, 2006

Invited Presentation, “Southern History and Modern Conservatism” Colloquium, Department of History, University of Michigan, May 17, 2005

Invited Lecture, “Manners and the End of Massive Resistance,” Porter Fortune Jr. Symposium on Southern History, University of Mississippi, October 8, 2004

Academic Conferences

Chair, New Politics of Exclusion after the Civil Rights Movement: Perspectives from the Desegregated Schools, American Historical Association Conference, New York, New York, January 3, 2015

Chair, "The Changing and Expanding Role of Education in the Realigned Conservative South during the Post-Civil Rights Era," American Historical Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 4, 2013

Chair, "Democratic Divides: Rethinking the 1944 election in the Breakdown of the New Deal Democratic Coalition," Policy History Conference, Richmond, Virginia, June 8, 2012

"Strom Thurmond and the Frontiers of Post-World War II American Capitalism," Organization of American Historians Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 21, 2012

Chair, "Exploring Political Networks in the Post-Civil Rights Era," American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 5, 2012

Participant, Panel on Southern and American Exceptionalism, American Studies Association Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 18, 2010

Chair, "Ronald Reagan's Neshoba County Speech in National Memory," Organization of American Historians Conference, Washington, DC, April 10, 2010

"Goldwater in Dixie: Rhetoric and Reality in the Growth of the Postwar Republican South," Goldwater at 100 Conference, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, November 13, 2009

"Congress and the Roots of Sunbelt Conservatism," American Political Science Association Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, September 4, 2009

"All Strom's Children: Gender, Race and Memory in the Twentieth Century American South," Emory University "Subalternity and Difference" Faculty Seminar, presentation at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India, August 7, 2009 and Centre for Studies in Social Science, Kolkata, India, August 10, 2009

"Strom Thurmond's Sunbelt: Rethinking Regional Politics and the Right in Cold War America," presented at Sunbelt Rising: The Politics of Space, Place, and Region in the American South and Southwest, Clements Center, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, April 24, 2009

“Shubuta 1966,” presented at the Southern Historical Association Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11, 2008

“The South and Modern Conservatism,” presented at a conference in honor of David M. Kennedy, History Department, Stanford University, March 8, 2008

“Religion in the Southern Private School Movement,” presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Washington, DC, January 4, 2008

“Civil Rights Triumphalism: The Southern Struggle in History and Memory,” Subaltern Citizens Workshop, Emory University, December 5, 2007

“Civil Rights and the Religious Right,” presented at the British Association of American Studies Conference, University of Leicester, UK, April 20, 2007

“‘Let None Suffer as Busybodies’: Conservative Opposition to the National Council of Church’s Delta Ministry,” presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, January 6, 2007

“Race, Religion and Private Schools Since Brown,” presented at the Policy History Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 2, 2006

“Mississippi as Metaphor: State, Region and Nation in the Historical Imagination,” presented at the Conference on the End of Southern History? Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, March 24, 2006

“‘One Uniform Policy’: The Southern Attack on Northern *De Facto* Segregation, and the Beginning of the End of Federal School Desegregation, 1964-1974,” presented at the Organization of American Historians Conference, San Francisco, California, April 3, 2005

“Church Schools or Segregation Academies?” presented at the Southern Historical Association Conference, Memphis, November 3, 2004

“Unintended Consequences: Segregation, the IRS, and the Evolution of the Southern Civil Rights Drive,” presented at the Policy History Conference, St. Louis, May 20, 2004

“Segregationists and Economic Development in the Modern South,” presented at Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 13, 2003

“Racial Troubleshooting: Strategies of Civility in the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission,” presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, January 3, 2003

“The Problem of the Southern Strategy,” presented at the American Political Development Colloquium Series on Politics and History, University of Virginia, November 7, 2002

“The Triumph of Mississippi Nationalism? John C. Stennis and Federal School Desegregation,” presented at the Miller Center Fellows Conference, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, May 11, 2002

“Beyond the Closed Society: White Southerners and the End of Jim Crow,” presented at White Supremacy/Black Liberation: A Conference in Honor of George Fredrickson, Stanford, California, November 2, 2001

“Why the Heffners Left McComb: Gender in the Desegregation Era” presented at the Southern Conference on Women’s History, Richmond, Virginia, June 17, 2000

University/College/Departmental Service

- Chair, Emory History Department, 2018-present
- Member, Presidential Search Committee, 2019-2020
- Member, Emory Impact Committee, Fall 2019-present
- Chair, Committee on Naming Honors, Fall 2018-Summer 2020
- Member, PERS Review Committee, Fall 2018-present
- Emory Academic Leadership Program Graduate, 2017-2018
- Member, Provost’s Class & Labor 2 Steering Committee, 2018-2019
- Member, Search Committee, Health & Humanities, 2017-2018
- Interim Chair, History Department, 2015-2016
- Chair, Honorary Degrees Committee, Emory University, 2015-2018
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee and Director of Graduate Admissions, History Department, 2014-15
- Member, Emory Scholars Faculty Advisory Committee, 2014-2015
- Member, Faculty Council, 2013-14
- Member, Executive Council, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2011-2014 (Chair 2013-14)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Emory History Department, 2010-2013
- Member, Honorary Degrees Committee, Emory University, 2012-2015
- Chair, U.S. History Search Committee, Emory History Department, 2011-2012
- Executive Committee Member, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, 2010-2012
- Project for Scholarly Integrity Working Group, Laney Graduate School, 2010
- President, Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Georgia Chapter, 2009-2012
- Vice-President, Phi Beta Kappa, Gamma of Georgia Chapter, 2008-2009
- History Department Latin American Search Committee, 2008-09
- History Department Undergraduate Committee, 2008-09
- Emory College Curriculum Committee, 2007-2010

- University Faculty Life Course Committee, 2006-08
- James Weldon Johnson Institute Visiting Scholar Selection Committee, 2008-2009
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Center Board Member, 2008
- FAME Advisor, 2006-07
- History Department Graduate Committee, 2005-06
- History Department Revolutionary Era America Search Committee, 2005-06
- History Department Undergraduate Committee, 2004-2005
- History Department Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor, 2004-05
- Teach for America, Emory Faculty Advisor, 2005-2008

Professional Service

- Chair, Nominating Board, Organization of American Historians, 2016-2017
- Member, Nominating Board, Organization of American Historians, 2014-2016
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Southern History*, 2014-2017
- Member, Editorial Board of *Southern Spaces*, a web journal published at Emory University, 2009-present
- Member, Collaborative Research review panel for the National Endowment of the Humanities, Spring 2012
- Member, Program Committee of the Southern Historical Association, 2011-2012
- Chair, 2010 Organization of American Historians Liberty Legacy Foundation Book Award Committee
- Member, Board of Consultants, "Publishing the Long Civil Rights Movement" project, University of North Carolina Press, 2009-2012
- Member, American Media Makers review panel for the National Endowment of the Humanities, 2008
- Member, Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2007-2008
- Performed manuscript reviews for Harvard University Press, Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, University of California Press, University Press of Mississippi, University of Kentucky Press, University of Georgia Press, New York University Press, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, and *Politics and Policy*.

Advising

- 6 Dissertation Committees, chair, completed
- 3 Dissertation Committees, chair, ongoing
- 10 Dissertation Committees, member, completed
- 6 Dissertation Committees, member, ongoing

17 Undergraduate Honors Committees, chair, completed
2 Undergraduate Honors Committees, chair, ongoing
18 Undergraduate Honors Committees, member, completed