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EDUCATION

University of Houston, Ph.D., History, May 2001

Texas Southern University, M.A., History, December 1991

Texas Southern University, B.A., Journalism with a History Minor, May 1989

DISSERTATION

"For the Advancement of the Race: African-American Migration and Community Building in Houston, 1914-1945" (Dr. Linda Reed, Dissertation Advisor).

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING SPECIALIZATION

African-American History since 1865

African-American Urban History

African-American Studies and the Diaspora

Immigration and Internal Migrations in United States History

Race Relations and Ethnicity in United States History

Modern Civil Rights Movement and Historic Civil-Rights Activism

Recent United States History

HONORS AND AWARDS

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Post-Doctoral Fellow and Research Associate, Department of African-American Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago, awarded March 2005 for 2005-2006 academic year (external award).

Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award, Center for African American Urban Studies and the Economy, Department of History, Carnegie-Mellon University, awarded May 2005 for 2005-2006 academic year (Declined).

African-American Studies Graduate Fellowship Award, African-American Studies Program, University of Houston, awarded April 1998 for 1998-99 academic year (external award).

GRANTS, RESEARCH AWARDS, AND HONORS

Distinguished Alumni Award, The Graduate School, Texas Southern University, October 2010

Fred White Jr. Research Fellowship in Texas History. Texas State Historical Association, March 2010 (external grant).

The Journal of Urban History Article "'For the Advancement of the Race': African-American Migration to Houston, 1914-1941," Nominated for Best Article Prize, Urban History Association, June 2006.

Mary M. Hughes Research Fellowship in Texas History, Texas State Historical Association, awarded March 2004 (external grant).

Miss Ima Hogg Student Res. Travel Award, Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, awarded March 1998 (external grant).

Huggins-Quarles Award, Organization of American Historians, awarded April 1997 (external grant).

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Educational Advancement Foundation Scholarship, awarded March

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AWARDS (con.)

1997 (external grant).
Ottis Lock Award, East Texas Historical Association, awarded September 1996 (external grant).
Murray A. Miller Alumni Endowed Scholarship, Dept. of His., Univ. of Houston, awarded April 1996, April 1997, and April 1998 (external grant).
Institute for African American Policy Research Summer Stipend (IAAPR), African American Studies Program, University of Houston, awarded April 1996 (external grant).

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Accepted for Publication, *"Beautiful People": African-Descent Communities, Work, and the Great Migrations to Houston, Texas, 1900-1941*. College Station: Texas A. & M. University Press, 2012.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

"For the Advancement of the Race: African-American Migration to Houston, 1914-1941." In *The Journal of Urban History* 31, No 4 (May 2005): 435-78.

"In Search of Freedom: Black Migration to Houston, 1914-1945." In *The Houston Review of History and Culture* 3, No. 1 (Fall 2005): 48-57, 85-86.

PEER REVIEWED SCHOLARLY BOOK CHAPTERS

Bernadette Pruitt, Caryn Newman, and Katrina Hamilton. "Seven Schoolteachers Challenge the Klan and Form Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority," in *Black Greek Letter Organizations: Our Fight Has Just Begun*, ed., Gregory S. Parks (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2008), 125-40.

RECENT SUBMISSIONS OF WORK-IN-PROGRESS

PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

"If Not Me, Then Who?: Farmer, War Hero, Educator, Engineer, and Civil Rights Activist Wendell H. Baker of Huntsville, Texas." Submitted for peer-review to the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, April 2006.

OTHER SELECT PUBLICATIONS

BOOK-REVIEW ESSAYS

The African-American Experience in Slavery and Freedom: Black Urban History Revisited." Book review essay of *In the Company of Black Men: The African Influence on African American Culture in New York*, by Craig Steven Wilder; *African Americans in Pennsylvania: Shifting Historical Perspectives*, ed. Joe William Trotter, Jr. and Eric Ledell Smith; *Brotherhoods of Color: Black Railroad Workers and the Struggle for Equality*, by Eric Arnesen. In *Journal of Urban History* 33, No. 6 (September 2007): 1033-47.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DIGITAL SITES, AND LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

Accepted for publication, *African American National Biography, s.v., "Grovey, Richard R."* Edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

African American National Biography, s.v., "Joshua Houston." V. 4. Edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008, 336-337.

African American National Biography, s.v., "Margaret Murray Washington." V. 8. Edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008: 142-43.

CURRICULUM VITAE (PUBLICATIONS, con.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DIGITAL SITES, AND LOCAL PUBLICATIONS (con.)

Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century, 3 Vols., s.v., "Houston, Texas." Westport: Edited by Steven Reich. Westport, Greenwich, Connecticut: Greenwood Publishing Co, 2006, 408-11.

Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century, 3 Vols., s.v., "Chain Migration." Edited by Steven Reich. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Publishing Co, 2006, 168-70.

Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration of the Twentieth Century, 3 Vols. S.v., "Houston Informer." Edited by Steven Reich. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Publishing Co., 2006, 411-13.

Encyclopedia of the Great Depression, s.v., "Domestic Service." Edited by Robert McElvaine. New York: Macmillian, 2003: 241-44.

Encyclopedia of the Great Depression, s.v., "Robert L. Vann." Edited by Robert McElvaine. New York: Macmillian, 2003: 1018-19.

SELECT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Presenter of roundtable discussion entitled "Mentoring: Wish Lists, War Stories, and Words of Wisdom," at the American Historical Association 126 annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 5-8 January 2012.

Presenter of paper entitled "'Not a Child of Mine Will Grow Up in Bellville': The Great Migrations to Houston, Texas, 1900-1941," on the Plenary panel entitled "Milestones and Arrivals: 175 Years of Coming to Houston," at the Houston History Conference, Houston, Texas, 29 October 2011.

Presenter of paper entitled "The Second Great Migration to Houston Begins, 1930-1941," on the panel entitled "The Second Great Migration to Cities Revisited, 1930-1970," at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Houston, Texas, 17-20 March 2011.

"For the Advancement of the Race": African-American Agency, Work, and the Great Migrations to Houston, Texas, 1900-1941," at the Southwestern Social Science Association meeting, Houston, Texas, 31 March-3 April 2010.

Presenter of paper entitled "The Civil Rights Movement and Desegregation in Huntsville, 1954-1965," on the panel entitled "Democracy and Diversity in Walker County, Texas," at the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 3, 2009.

Chair of panel entitled "Texas Black Preservation Project," with Roxanne Evans and Michael Hurd, presenting, and Antrece Baggett, commenting, at the East Texas Historical Association Fall Program, Nacogdoches, Texas, 25 September 2009.

Presenter of paper entitled "The Evolution of Agency and the Birth of Civil Rights: The Great Migrations and the Transformation of Houston, Texas, 1900-1941," for the panel entitled "The Great Migrations and the Birth of Civil Rights Activism: A Tale of Three Black cities—Chicago, Louisville, and Houston, 1900-1970," at the Urban History Association Fourth Biennial Conference, Houston, Texas, 5-7 November 2008.

Commenter for Roundtable Discussion of Eric Arnesen's *Waterfront Workers of New Orleans: Race, Class and Politics, 1863-1923* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1991), at the Southern Historical Association Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, 9-12 October 2008.

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SELECT CONFERENCES (continued)

Presenter of paper entitled "'For the Advancement of the Race': Agency, Work, and the Great Migrations to Houston, Texas, 1900-1941," for the panel "African-American Migration within the U.S.," at The Historical Society 2008 Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 5 June 2008.

Chair and Commenter for panel entitled "Interesting Sidelights of History," for student session at the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society 2008 Biennial Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 3-6 January 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF INTEREST AND MEMBERSHIPS

African-American History and General Fields

The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History
Association of Black Women Historians
Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc.

Texas History Field

Texas State Historical Association
East Texas Historical Association
Houston History Association

United States and Regional Fields

Organization of American Historians
Southern Historical Association (Southwestern Social Sciences Association)
Urban History Association