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FACULTY POSITIONS

Mississippi College
Assistant Professor of History
Department of History and Political Science
School of Humanities and Social Sciences
August 2013 - Present

University of Mississippi - Tupelo Center
Clinical Assistant Professor of Teacher Education
Department of Teacher Education
School of Education
August 2012 – August 2013

EDUCATION

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Ph.D. in U.S. History (2013)
Dissertation: Neither Slave Nor Free: Interracial Ecclesiastical Interaction in Presbyterian Mission Churches from South Carolina to Mississippi, 1820-1877.
Major Field: U.S. History, 1607-1877
Minor Fields: Latin America, Globalization and Southern Religion
Advisor: Dr. Charles Reagan Wilson
Overall GPA: 4.00

The University of Charleston and The Citadel, Charleston, SC
M.A. in American History (2008)
Thesis: "We Are Marching to Zion: Zion Church and the Distinctive Work of Presbyterian Slave Missionaries in Charleston, South Carolina, 1849-1874."
Advisor: Dr. W. Scott Poole
Overall GPA: 4.00
High Pass Honors for Comprehensive Finals
Honor Graduate, August 2008.

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
M.A. in Theological Studies (2006)
Research Seminar Paper: "Lost Moment in Time: John Lafayette Girardeau, Robert Lewis Dabney and the Ecclesiastical Equality of Freedmen, 1866-1867."
Advisor: Dr. Sean Lucas
Overall GPA: 3.38

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
B.A. in History, minor in Religion (2003)
Advisor: Dr. Paul C. Anderson
Major GPA: 3.58
Overall GPA: 3.18

RESEARCH AREAS

Major Field – United States History from 1607 to 1877.
Minor Fields – Latin America, Globalization in the Atlantic World, Religion and Education in the U.S. South.

Education research focuses on the history of education in north Mississippi through Missionary Schools to the Choctaw and Chickasaw. I also specialize in training secondary and elementary education majors in using primary documentation to enhance social studies instruction in the K-12 classroom.

History research specialization in nineteenth century Christian missionaries to Native Americans and Enslaved Africans in South Carolina, North Mississippi and in Oklahoma such as:

1) Rev. T.C. Stuart, Presbyterian missionary to Chickasaw Indians in Northern Mississippi, interracialism and interaction.
2) Rev. John Leighton Wilson, Presbyterian missionary in West Africa, progressive notions of race and of the institution of slavery based on interracial interaction.
3) Rev. John Lafayette Girardeau, his ambiguous racial legacy, Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies in Charleston, SC and the use of memory in perpetuating "lost cause" ideology in the U.S. South.
4) Revs. John Lafayette Girardeau, John B. Adger, Charles C. Jones and Thomas Smythe, Presbyterian Slave Missionaries and African American Presbyterianism in Charleston, South Carolina.

Christian interracialism, ante and post-bellum interracial ecclesiastical relationships, the Native American's place in southern religious consciousness and how Christian education and missions transformed pre and post Native American removal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Specialization: First half U.S. History, Southern Religious History, Social Foundations of Education, Lesson Planning, Supervising Student Teachers and Social Studies Education using primary documents for enhanced instruction in Elementary and Secondary classrooms.

University of Mississippi – Department of History

HIST 105 – 4 Sections – Fall 2010-2012 – First Half U.S. History, 1607-1877

University of Mississippi – Department of Teacher Education

Team Leader – EDCI 353 – Spring 2013

EDCI 351 – 3 Sections – 2008-2009 – Foundations of Professional Growth in Education
EDCI 352 – 8 Sections – 2009-2012 – Education, Society and the K-12 Learner

EDCI 353 – 3 sections – 2013 – Creating and Implementing Lesson Plans
EDEL 401 – 4 Sections –2008-2012 – Social Studies in the Elementary Classroom
EDSE 447 – 1 Section – 2012 – Social Studies in the Secondary Classroom
EDLE 480 – 2 Sections – 2013 – Supervising Student Teaching: Secondary Education

Guest Lecture:

EDSE 447 – Fall 2009 – Special Methods I: Social Studies
EDSE 647 – Fall 2009-2013 – Advanced Methods: Social Studies
EDCI 675 – Spring 2010 – Teaching with Film
Mississippi Teacher Corps – Summer 2011 - Summer Internship Lecture Series (Guest Lecturer on Race and Institution of Slavery in American History).

University of Mississippi School of Education – Fall 2012 – Annual Book Discussion (Guest Lecturer on History of Education in Mississippi and U.S. South. Understanding the context of Integration at the University of Mississippi).

Regents School of Oxford:

12th Grade – Fall 2011 - Mississippi History
12th Grade – Spring 2012 - American Civics and Government

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of History – Mississippi College (University), Clinton, MS.
Perform academic duties such as teaching undergraduate U.S. history, southern religious history, geography and social studies methods courses for the B.A. in History and the B.S. in Social Studies Education. Teaching M.A. level history courses and helping direct the M.A. in Social Sciences. Undergraduate student advising, recruitment, student supervising of student teaching and writing NCATE reports. Also serving Mississippi College in the Department of History and Political Science through participation in committee work and activities supporting internal governance and administration.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction – The University of Mississippi, Tupelo Advanced Learning Center, Tupelo, MS.
Perform academic duties including teaching undergraduate courses at the University of Mississippi, Oxford Campus, Tupelo Center, DeSoto Campus and Boonville Campus. I teach a variety of courses including EDCI 352, EDCI 353, EDEL 401, EDSE 447 as well as supervising secondary student teacher candidates in the field. I also serve as the director and team leader of the EDCI 353 team, overseeing the new TeachLive component, as well as a member of the School of Education's Assessment Committee. My research as it relates to education focuses on social foundations and the history of education in Mississippi with a specific focus on missionary schools to the Choctaw and Chickasaw in the nineteenth century.

Representative of William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation – The University of Mississippi.
Participant in Duke Divinity School's Annual Summer Institute for Racial Reconciliation from May 28, 2012 to June 2, 2012 on behalf of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. Participant in the conference and recipient of training in "Reconciliation and Academic Institutions."

12th Grade Teacher – Regents School of Oxford, Oxford, MS.
Taught Mississippi History and American Civics and Government to 11th and 12th graders in the Fall/Spring of 2011-2012. Courses focused on issues of continuity and change in Mississippi history from 1600-2010. Students learned about Native American history pre-contact, early white settlement, slavery, Mississippi's role in the early 19th century, secession, the Civil War, Jim Crow Segregation, the Long Civil Rights struggle and into the era of the modern South.

Staff Member and Docent – L.Q.C. Lamar House Museum, Oxford, MS.
Provided tours of the National Historic Site and Federally restored home of Supreme Court Justice, L.Q.C. Lamar in Oxford, MS. I also managed the schedules of volunteers, the house visiting statistics and helped to recruit volunteers to serve the museum. I worked with the Program Director to come up with exhibit ideas and various ways to market the museum to visitors both locally and nationally. I also provided tours of the home for various dignitaries visiting Oxford including Caroline Kennedy in the Fall of 2012.

Graduate Instructor –Department of History at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
I taught History 105, the first half of U.S. history from 1607-1877. My course included narrative of U.S. history as well as examination of primary source documents, interactive questions regarding the material, audio/visual tools to differentiate instruction as well as traditional lecture format. (September 2010 – Spring 2012).

Graduate Instructor – School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
Taught as an instructor for several courses and helped students understand the history of education in the United States as well as the work and legacy of Jean Piaget, Lev Vygotsky, Abraham Maslow and others who have left a tremendous impact on the American educational system. Assisted Dr. Sarah McMahan in researching and co-writing a "Teaching American History Grant" with the Federal Department of Education, which will provide opportunities to explore changes in the curriculum at the University of Mississippi to include primary documents in the classroom. I took students to local archives, helped to familiarize them with research tools, and had them create interactive web quests using primary documents as well as digitized documents from the NARA (www.archives.gov) and the Library of Congress (Fall 2008 – Spring 2012).

Research Assistant – Department of History at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
Worked with Dr. John Neff conducting research and transcribing freedman's bureau materials from the Joseph E. Davis collection at the University of Mississippi describing the life of the slave Benjamin Montgomery. I read, transcribed and processed over 169 letters from the collection in order to better understand how enslaved Africans used seemingly modern management and financial strategies to run a cotton plantation in antebellum Mississippi. (January 2010 – May 2010).

Teaching Assistant – Department of History at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
Served as a teaching assistant for History 105 during the July 2010 summer session. Graded papers, exams and assisted professor in day to day operations of the course. Attended lectures and stayed afterwards to help students with papers. Proctored midterm exam (July 2010 – August 1st)

Chair, History Graduate Advisory Committee – Department of History at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
Committee served the interests of history graduate students by serving as the official liaison to the History Department and through organizing beneficial forums, lectures and professionalization discussions. The committee was made up of eight graduate students. As chair, I facilitated

committee meetings, organized discussion forums, met monthly with History Department Head (Dr. Joe Ward) to discuss graduate student related issues and worked with faculty to improve the experience of history graduate students at the University of Mississippi. In the fall of 2009, the committee organized three forums including a panel discussion for incoming graduate students on "Succeeding in the History Graduate Program at the University of Mississippi," a forum on "Comprehensive Exam Preparation" and a panel on "Developing a Curriculum Vitae and Professionalization in Preparation for the Job Market." All forums were attended by the department chair, graduate program coordinator, graduate students and professors who provided insight and advice (August 2009 – present).

Archives and Museum Graduate Assistant – Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
Served as a Docent, processed archival collections such as the Esau Jenkins, Evangeline Banks Harrison/McClellan-Banks Hospital, Maryville's Emanuel AME Church, St. Marks Episcopal Church, Charleston Chapter of ASALH, and Mosquito Beach collections. Researched various topics for museum exhibitions such as civil rights legislation produced by Robert Smalls under the direction of Dr. Marvin W. Dulaney (Director of the Avery Center). Taught African American history to school groups ranging from middle school to college level, provided tours, assisted with museum exhibitions and catalogued books in the reference library (August 2006-May 2008).

Archives Graduate Assistant – Presbyterian Church in America National Archives, St. Louis, MO.
Transcribed letters and sermons from the Rev. Thomas D. Witherspoon Collection, 1858-1898. Processed collection as well as created inventory and item level descriptions of the J.Gresham Machen and Oliver Buswell Correspondence. Assisted researchers and digitized documents towards publication on the website www.pcahistory.org (July 2004-May 2006).

Cross Cultural Instructor – Prudential, Charleston, SC.
Instructor of course entitled "Roots of Culture." Taught United States, Southern and South Carolina history to Prudential employees and their families from England. Lectured, provided reading materials, answered questions, and offered historical insight to visiting employees for Prudential in order to familiarize employees with the history of the United States and South Carolina's role in that history (May-June 2007).

President of the Student Body – Graduate Student Association at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
Co-founder and first President of the GSA at the College of Charleston. Helped to establish the organization, represented graduate students' interests, co-authored proposal and constitution, prepared budget, co-directed the 2007 Kickoff Festival, presided over Executive Board and Senate meetings, attended Board of Trustee and Graduate Council meetings and worked closely with university administration, faculty and staff to enhance the graduate student experience at the College of Charleston (July 2007-May 2008).

Director and Founder- Presbyterian Historical Tour of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
Organized and directed the first Presbyterian Historical Tour of Charleston. Acquired speaker (Dr. C.N. Willborn) to come to Charleston and provide a walking tour and lectures on the historical impact of Presbyterian Churches in the area. Planned and organized every aspect of the event including the committee meetings, advertising, obtaining of sponsors (Chick-Fil-A), and production of brochures. Addressed many historical groups and local church congregations in promotion of the event (January 2007 – October 2007).

<u>AWARDS</u> (in chronological order)

2013 UM School of Education - Outstanding Teacher of the Year.
Annual award for outstanding teacher in the School of Education at the University of Mississippi. Voted on by the faculty, the award recognizes outstanding teaching of undergraduate and/or graduate students during the academic year. A case for recognition is made on the basis of exceptional classroom instruction but also for teaching beyond the classroom to include supervision, advising, and mentoring of students in school, university, and community settings.

2010-2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Article Published in *The Proceedings* (Peer-reviewed Journal of the South Carolina Historical Association). Every three years the South Carolina Historical Association awards prizes for outstanding articles submitted by a graduate student member to their annual journal. I was given the award at the Spring 2013 meeting for best graduate student paper for the three volumes of *The Proceedings.*

1st place Best Poster Award, Arts and Humanities. The University of Mississippi Graduate Research Symposium 2012. Presented dissertation research in poster format for the 2012 Graduate Research Symposium at the University of Mississippi on April 5, 2012. Poster placed 1st place among other posters in the Arts and Humanities as judged by university professors in the field. Received plaque and prizes.

Scholarship Recipient. Duke Divinity School's Summer Institute 2012. Duke Divinity School Summer Institute offers competitive scholarships to attend its 2012 summer institute entitled: "The Ministry of Reconciliation in a Divided World." I attended as a scholar on behalf of The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi. I participated in a course entitled "Reconciliation and Academic Institutions"

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Spring 2011, The University of Mississippi Graduate School. 2011 recipient. The fellowship is University-wide and given bi-annually on a competitive basis to promising Ph.D. candidates at the University of Mississippi. The fellowship is $5,000.00.

Graduate Instructor Excellence in Teaching Award, 2009-2010. University of Mississippi, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. 2009-2010 recipient. University-wide award is given annually to one exceptional Graduate Instructor at the University of Mississippi who provided outstanding instruction and effective teaching methods in the classroom. $1,000.00 grant comes with the award.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, University of Mississippi, Inductee, 2009-2010

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, University of Mississippi, Inductee, 2009-2010.

Charleston Scientific and Cultural Education Fund Annual Grant Recipient. Grant recipient ($2,500.00) for research in topics related to the cultural history of Charleston, SC. Competitive grant carries a reward to assist in research related to the history of Slave Missionaries in Charleston, SC. Received in April of 2008 and 2009.

Finalist for John W. Odum Memorial Prize in Southern History, Department of History at the University of Mississippi, finalist in 2009 for: "The Beginning of Religion and Education in North Mississippi: Rev. 'Father' T.C. Stuart and the Presbyterian Missions to the Chickasaw, 1820-1839."

1st place - Best Poster Award. College of Charleston Graduate Research Poster Session 2008 Award. 1st place for best research in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences in January of 2008. The topic of the project reflected thesis research on Presbyterian Slave Missions in Charleston South Carolina. $250 grant. www.cofc.edu/gradschool/Research/SessionWinners.html

Colonial Dames Powder Magazine Scholarship Award. Award presented to top graduate student in American History at the College of Charleston. This is a competitive Award Given by the Colonial Dames in the form of a grant ($2,000) received in January of 2008.

Graduate Assistantship from the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, a competitive academic assistantship offering tuition abatement, stipend, and access to rare archival collections, books, and teaching opportunities. Recipient from August 2006 to May 2008.

Outstanding Graduate Recipient, Department of History, First Summer Session, College of Charleston, 2008.

High Pass Honors in Comprehensive Final Exams, College of Charleston, 2008

G. Aiken Taylor Award in American Presbyterian History. Award Recipient in 2005 for "Lost Moment in Time: John Lafayette Girardeau, Robert Lewis Dabney and the Ecclesiastical Equality of Freedmen, 1866-1867." $200 grant in May of 2005. www.pcahistory.org/main/tayloraward.html

Clemson University Dean's List, 2002-2003.

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Clemson University Chapter, 2003

Blue Key Honor Society, Clemson University Chapter, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

"Father T.C. Stuart, the Monroe Mission and the Chickasaw of North Mississippi, 1822-1830." *Native South*, The University of Nebraska Press. Forthcoming Fall 2013 edition.

"Hope For Racial Healing: Rethinking Christian Missions Among the Chickasaw." *Oklahoma Humanities Magazine,* Oklahoma Humanities Council Press. Summer 2012 issue. Carla D. Walker, Editor. http://www.okhumanities.org/Websites/ohc/images/Magazines/summer_2012/hope_for_racial_healing1.pdf

"We Are Marching to Zion: Zion Church and the Distinctive Work of Presbyterian Slave Missionaries in Charleston, South Carolina, 1849-1874." *The Proceedings,* Journal of the South Carolina Historical Association. Spring 2010 edition. http://www.palmettohistory.org/scha/proceedings2010.pdf

"The Seeds of History: The Avery Research Center Archives and Its Legacy." Cover article in the *Avery Messenger,* Vol.5 – No.1, Spring/Summer 2007. http://avery.cofc.edu/2007_SUMMER.pdf

"Lost Moment in Time: John Lafayette Girardeau, Robert Lewis Dabney and the Ecclesiastical Equality of Freedmen, 1866-1867." Printed by the PCA Historical Center and Archives and ordered through http://www.pcahistory.org/main/tayloraward.html.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Rev. T.C. 'Father' Stuart." Forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of Mississippi History,* Ted Ownby, editor, 2010.

"John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy." *Encyclopedia of African American History,* Leslie Alexander and Walter Rucker, editors. (Columbus, OH: ABC-CLIO's Press, The Ohio State University Department of American and African Studies, 2008).

"Esau Jenkins." *African American National Biography,* Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham and Henry Louis Gates, editors. (Cambridge, MA: W.E.B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University, Oxford University Press, 2008).

PRESENTATIONS (in chronological order)

National Council for the Social Studies 2013 Conference in St. Louis, MO. November 22-24. Presenting on Social Justice and Education in Mississippi with Dr. Joel Amidon and Dr. Ellen Foster. Presentation will display how K-12 teachers can use social studies topics to address issues of injustice to align with Common Core standards.

Mississippi Council for the Social Studies 2013 Winter Professional Development Conference for K-12 Teachers and Pre-service Teachers. Presentation entitled "Critical Historical Thinking for College and Career Ready High School Students." The presentation explored how to access documents and how to make connection from those documents to student's lives. Further, it showed how classroom engagement in primary documentation through Common Core State Standards helped better prepare students with the critical thinking skills necessary for college and future careers.

Southern History of Education Society (SHOES) 2013 Annual Meeting. Presented paper entitled "The Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury and Christian Educational Missions to the Choctaw in North Mississippi, 1819-1832" on panel entitled "Nineteenth Century Innovations in Education."

The University of Mississippi's Second Annual Graduate Research Symposium 2012. Presented research and won award for best poster in the School of Arts and Humanities, which contained revised research from dissertation on Presbyterian Slave Missionaries Charles Colcock Jones, John Bailey Adger, and John Lafayette Girardeau in Charleston, South Carolina from1847-1874.

The St. George Tucker Society: 2011 Meeting in Augusta Georgia. Brooks Dissertation Forum Participant.
My chapter was selected by Dr. Fred Smith and the Brooks Dissertation Committee of the St. George Tucker Society to be included in the annual meeting. Presented a chapter at the conference from my dissertation on Presbyterian Missionaries in South Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi. Comments from Dr. Aaron Anderson (Alcorn State University).

The John Hope Franklin Center for Racial Reconciliation's 2nd Annual Conference: "Hope and Healing: Black, White and Native American."
Presented research entitled "Is There Racial Hope and Healing in American Religious History?: Presbyterian Missionaries Among Enslaved Africans in Charleston, SC and
The Chickasaw Nation in Mississippi, 1820-1877." On June 2, 2011 I spoke to a group of scholars on the Rev. T.C. Stuart, Presbyterian Missions and how American Religious history provides spaces for interracial interaction and discourse in the 19th century.

The University of Southern Mississippi's Conference: "A Centennial Celebration of Civil Rights"
Co-organized panel submission (with Prof. Pat Rayner, U.S. Air Force Academy) entitled "Presbyterian Response to the Long Civil Rights Movement: Religious Accommodation and Opposition from 1865-1965." Presented research on October 22, 2010 on the ambiguous post-war career of the Rev. John L. Girardeau, strictly focusing on Girardeau's role in Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies and how this legacy continued into 20th century. Comments from Dr. Chester "Bo" Morgan, (University of Southern Mississippi).

Carolina Lowcountry and the Atlantic World Conference: "After Slavery: Race, Labor & Politics in the Post-Emancipation Carolinas." Panel was entitled "New Religious and Political Communities in the Reconstruction South." Comments from (co-chairmen) Dr. Clarence Taylor (CUNY) and Dr. Charles F. Irons (Elon). Presented research and answered questions on John L. Girardeau and the ecclesiastical equality of African Americans in biracial churches in 1866-1877 in Charleston, SC on March 11, 2010.

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Conference. Presented research in panel entitled "19th Century South Carolina" on Presbyterian Slave Missionaries in Charleston, SC. This took place at the 2009 Annual Conference of the South Carolina Historical Association on March 7. Comments from Dr. W. Scott Poole (CofC).

College of Charleston's Second Annual Graduate Research Poster Session 2008. Presented research and won award for best poster in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences with, "'We Are Marching to Zion': Zion Church and the distinctive work of Presbyterian Slave Missionaries Charles Colcock Jones, John Bailey Adger, and John Lafayette Girardeau in Charleston, South Carolina from1847-1874."

40th Anniversary Celebration of Integration at the College of Charleston on January 11, 2008. Guest Speaker at the College of Charleston's Center for Multicultural Affairs Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Integration at the College of Charleston. Presented research on integration at the College of Charleston as well as provided reflections on the historical impact of integration at the College of Charleston in 1968.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

EDCI 353 – *Team Leader and Director,* lead faculty teaching EDCI 353 in course content, curriculum development and implementation of assessments. We were the first semester that TeachLive was ever incorporated into EDCI 353 curriculum

School of Education Assessment Committee, *Committee Member,* worked toward developing collaborative research opportunities for faculty in the School of Education with Dr. Kevin Stoltz and Dr. Kaye Pepper.
Secondary Education Committee, *Committee Member,* Department of Teacher Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
EDCI 352 Team, *Committee Member*, Department of Teacher Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
EDEL 401 Team, *Committee Member*, Department of Teacher Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
EDSE 447 Team, *Committee Member*, Department of Teacher Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
Department of Teacher Education, *Benevolence Committee Chairman,* School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
Member of School of Education Book Club, *Presenter and Participant*, School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
2012 School of Education Birmingham Field Trip to Civil Rights Institute and McWane Science Center. *Faculty Attendee and Chaperone*, School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
Teacher Education Recruitment, *Committee Member and Participant*, School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012.
Non-Tenured Faculty Writing/Research Group, *Member*, School of Education at the University of Mississippi, Fall 2012. Meetings are once a week to share writing samples, set goals and provide accountability for future writing projects.
Graduate Advisory Committee, *Committee Chair*, Department of History at the University of Mississippi, 2009-2010.
Orientation Forum for First Year History Graduate Students, *Panel Chair*, Department of History at the University of Mississippi, August 2010.
Graduate Advisory Committee, *Student Representative*, Department of History at the University of Mississippi, Spring 2009.
Interdepartmental Committee of the Joint History Program at the College of Charleston and The Citadel, *Graduate Representative*, 2007.
African American Student Recruitment, *Graduate Assistant*, College of Charleston History Department, Summer 2007.

CONSULTING/VOLUNTEERING/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Duke Divinity School, Summer Institute, *Participant,* May 28-June 2, 2012. Attended and participated in Duke Divinity School's Summer Institute in Durham, NC on behalf of the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation at the University of Mississippi to be trained and to learn about diversity and reconciliation in academic institutions.
Benevolence Committee, Christ Presbyterian Church, *Committee Chairman,* September 2011 – present. Led, organized and chaired Christ Presbyterian Church's mercy ministry team called the Benevolence Committee. Organize bi-monthly opportunities to meet with members of the Oxford, MS community that come to the church in need, assist individuals with needs, train team members in mercy ministry and work to alleviate poverty in Oxford, MS.
United Way of Oxford, MS, *Pantry Organizer*, June 2011. The Pantry serves food to members of the Oxford Community in need. I was the June 2011 organizer for Christ Presbyterian Church. I organized volunteers, worked with USDA food deliveries, stocked shelves and assisted customers.
Regents School of Oxford, *Assistant Pee-wee and JV Football Coach*, July-August 2010.

Mission Mississippi for Racial Reconciliation, Lafayette Co. Chapter, founding member, June 2010.
Constitution Day, Judge and Panelist, sat on a panel of judges that examined presentations and offered feedback to high school students regarding the history of Republicanism and American Democracy, Sponsored by the School of Education at The University of Mississippi, February 2011.
Vacation Bible School, *Teacher,* Christ Presbyterian Church, 5th-6th grade, June 2010-June2011.
Sunday School, *Teacher*, Christ Presbyterian Church, Junior High, Spring, 2010-2011.
Teach Mississippi Institute, *Candidate*, Completion Certificate and State Certification in K-12 Social Studies Instruction in Mississippi, September 2009. Certification is for the 2011-2012 school year.
40 Year Anniversary of Integration at the College of Charleston Exhibition Committee, *Research Consultant*, 2007.
Brown Fellowship Society Cemetery Marker Project at the College of Charleston, *Research Assistant*, 2007.
Adande African American Arts Festival, *Co-director,* Roundtable Discussion entitled, "Conversations with the Elders," November 1-4, 2007.
National History Day, *Judge and Quiz Bowl Facilitator*, The University of Mississippi Annual celebration of National History Day, March 2009-March 2012. Also served the National History Day organization for the "Triumph and Tragedy" Competition Region #1 in Charleston, SC. I worked with young scholars from around the state to evaluate student presentations. Discussed research and findings while interviewing students about their topics, interests, as well as provided insight into how they might be able to further their study, 2007.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Oxford Chapter of Mission Mississippi, *Co-Chairman* with Donald Cole of the Oxford/University Chapter of Mission Mississippi (longest sustained organization working for racial reconciliation in the country), 2010-2012
Graduate Student Council, *Special Assistant to the President for Graduate Health*, University of Mississippi, 2010-present.
Graduate Student Council, *Senator*, Representing History Department, University of Mississippi, 2008-2010.
Graduate Student Council, *Elections Chair*, University of Mississippi, 2009-2010.
Graduate Student Association, *Student Body President*, Founding member, co-author of constitution and first President of the GSA at the College of Charleston, 2007-2008. I helped write the constitution, created a senate and organized all graduate student events, elections and fundraisers.
Board of Trustees Student Affairs Sub-Committee, *Committee member*, College of Charleston, 2007.
Graduate Council Committee, *GSA Representative*, College of Charleston, 2007.
Student Organizations Guide, *Board member*, College of Charleston, 2007.
American Red Cross Blood Drive, *Committee member*, College of Charleston, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

History of Education Society
Southern History of Education Society
National Council for the Social Studies
St. George Tucker Society
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Southern Historical Association
American Historical Association
American Society of Church History
American Academy of Religion
South Carolina Historical Association
Mississippi Historical Society
Mississippi Council for Social Studies