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## EDUCATION

### ***University of Arkansas***

PhD History, August 2019

Dissertation: “Mothers of Intention: Women in the Klan and Massive Resistance Movement, 1954-1968”

Dissertation Committee: Profs. Jeannie Whayne, Randall Woods, Angie Maxwell

Major Fields: Twentieth Century U.S. History; Specialization: Southern History in the Civil Rights Era

Minor Field: Politics of the US South

Graduate Certificate—African and African American Studies

### ***Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX***

M.A., History, May 2012

Twentieth Century United States History

Thesis: “The Life, Double-Life, and Afterlife of Kathy Ainsworth”

B.A., History, Social Science Composite, 2009

### ***Lone Star College—Montgomery, Conroe, TX***

A.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, International Studies, 2008

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, TEACHING

### ***University of Houston***

Instructional Assistant Professor of US History, 2022-

### ***University of Arkansas, Fayetteville***

Instructor, 2019-2022

Lecturer, 2018-2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2017-2018

Instructor of Record

HIST 1113—Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations to 1500

HIST 1113H—Honors Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations to 1500

HIST 2003—US History to 1877

HIST 2013—US History since 1877  
HIST 2093—Animals in World History  
HIST 3093—Women in US History  
HIST 3293—History of US Popular Culture  
HIST 406V—COVID-19 and the History of Pandemics  
HIST 4893—Senior Capstone Seminar: Many Reconstructions

Teaching Assistant, 2015-2016

HIST 1113—Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations to 1500  
HIST 4623—Revolutionary America, 1763-1789  
HIST 4733—Recent America  
HIST 4303—Transatlantic Relations, 1919-Present  
HIST 4613—Colonial America, 1600-1763

Provost Lecturer, Fall 2014

UNIV 1001—University Perspectives: Destination Graduation

Co-Instructor, Summer 2014

MGMT 4103—Special Topics in Management: Retail Management

***University of Arkansas at Little Rock***

Adjunct Instructor, 2015-2018

HIST 1311—History of Civilization I  
HIST 1312—History of Civilization II  
HIST 2311—US History through 1877  
HIST 2312—US History since 1877  
RACE 2301—Introduction to Race and Ethnicity

***Lone Star College—University Park, Houston TX***

Adjunct Instructor, 2012-2015

HIST 1301—US History through 1877  
HIST 1302—US History since 1877

***Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX***

Teaching Assistant, 2011-2012

HIS 1301—US History through 1877  
HIS 1302—US History since 1877  
HIS 3377—The United States in Midpassage  
HIS 4369—The Civil War and Reconstruction

Invited Guest Lecturer 2011

HIS 3377: “That Little Lady Who Started this Great War’: Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Transatlantic Impact of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*”

## CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

*University of Arkansas, Fayetteville*

### *Additional Classes Prepared*

**African American History since 1877**—a study of the major social, political, and economic issues relating to the African American experience since 1877, with special emphasis on the Long Civil Rights Movement.

**Sport and Social Movements**—an overview of the ways in which sports and the people who play them have changed American society with their work both within the lines and beyond.

**Whitelash**—an exploration of the ways in which racial progress has been rebuffed throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, with special emphasis on Red Summer, Massive Resistance, and #AfterObama.

**Women in History**—a look at the field of women’s history as well as women in the field, from Ban Zhao and Anna Comnena, Hannah Adams and Mercy Otis Warren, Anna Julia Cooper and Marion Thompson Wright, on through the first wave of historians of women into the 1970s.

**Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**—an international, interdisciplinary, and intersectional introductory course for students of all disciplines.

### *Development Projects*

#### *Local Histories*

Worked with the Tesseract Center for Immersive Environments and Game Design to develop proof of concept game design for *Local Histories*, to be utilized in online courses for US History since 1877

#### *LGBTQ+ Inclusion in History Survey Courses*

Built a framework for inclusion of LGBTQ+ in US History Survey classes and created a repository of pedagogical materials to share with peers

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

### *Emergency Preparedness Certificate Program*

Spring 2020 -Summer 2021

### *Promoting Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Arkansas*

Renewed Certification December 2018

### *Safe Zone Allies Training*

Certified 21 July 2016

### *Workshop: How to Create/Produce Diversity on College Campuses*

Presented by Tim Wise, 17 April 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, ADMINISTRATIVE

### *University of Houston*

Associate Director of Graduate Studies, 2022-

### *University of Arkansas*

#### **Research Assistant, 2015-2016**

History Department

Director of Graduate Studies/Director of Undergraduate Studies

Worked with both DGS and DUS on graduation/retention/recruitment for department at the Graduate and Undergraduate level

#### **Curriculum Designer, 2019-**

Course Design

Managed group of eight other faculty in developing and team-teaching one-hour History of Pandemics over summer and fall 2020

Revamped and expanded History of Pandemics to three-hour course and taught individually summer 2021

Worked on the development of course shells for both our US and World Civilizations survey courses that enabled those courses to move online, allowing even first-time instructors to successfully step into their roles

#### **Graduate Assistant, 2013-2015**

Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center

#### **Faculty Enrichment Series: Intellectual Property in the Classroom and Beyond**

18-19 March 2015

Coordinated across seven campus units to design and deliver an all new program covering two days devoted to protecting the intellectual property of instructors as well as that of others that students utilize in classroom projects.

#### **Teaching Camp 2014: Student Engagement from the First Day through the Final Exam**

3-5 August 2014

Redesigned and redeveloped programming and content for annual Teaching Camp Retreat

## **Faculty Enrichment Series: Teaching and Technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

8 October 2014

17 April 2014

Coordinated across eight campus units to design and deliver two iterations of the first in a new Faculty Development series.

## **Writing a Syllabus: the What, Why, When, How, Where and Who**

Co-Leader New Faculty Lunch Presentation, November 2013

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

### ***University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR***

Department of History Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2020-

Honors Thesis Committee Member

2021-2022

Mary Claire Durr, (History & English), "The History of Womanless Weddings and Socially -Sanctioned Cross-dressing in the South"

2020-2021

Madison Whipple (History), "Young Women and the Myth of the Lost Cause: The Role of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on the Perpetuation of the Lost Cause in Northwest Arkansas"

Hannah Whitworth (Journalism), "The Intersection of East Asian Representation and Pan-Asianism in US Films"

Faculty Advisor, HelpHer Registered Service Organization, 2019-

Chancellor's Unifying Messaging Theme Committee, 2017-2018

Graduate Council, 2016-2019

Graduate School Academic Appeals Committee, 2016-2019

Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor Search Committee, 2016

Graduate Dean's Student Advisory Board, 2015-2019

Graduate-Professional Student Congress, 2014-2017

Speaker, 2015-2017

Vice-Speaker, 2014-2015

National Association of Graduate-Professional Students

Social Justice Concerns Advocate, 2018

Vice President, 2016

Southcentral Regional Chair, 2014-2015

National Member of the Year, 2018, 2017  
Regional Member of the Year, 2016  
Host, National Conference, 1-3 November 2018  
Host, National Leadership Summit, 1-3 August 2016  
Host, Regional Conference, 3-6 March 2015  
Black Graduate Student Association, 2014-2019  
Phi Alpha Theta, 2013-present  
President, 2014-2016  
Host 2015 Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, 26-27 February 2015

***Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX***

Phi Alpha Theta, 2010-2012  
President, 2011-2012

**ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS**

***University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR***

University of Arkansas Open Educational Resources Course Development Grant, Summer 2020  
University of Arkansas Pryor Center Curriculum Development Grant, Summer 2020  
University of Arkansas History Department Research Appointment, Spring 2018  
African & African American Graduate Certificate Fellowship, 2017-2018  
Diane D Blair Fellowship, 2017  
Provost's Summer Research Assistantship, 2016  
Oscar Fendler Award, Best paper on Arkansas or Southern History, 2016  
Jesse Taylor, Jr Endowed Scholarship, 2016-2017, 2014-2015  
Walter Lee Brown Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Scholarship, 2015-2016

***Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX***

**College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

Ben H. Powell Award for Outstanding Writing, 2012  
Joan L. Coffey Scholarship, 2011-2012  
Graduate Student Scholarship, 2010-2012  
Graduate Bearkat Grant, 2011-2012

Outstanding Graduate in History, 2009

Dean's List, 2009

***Lone Star College—Montgomery, Conroe, TX***

Phi Theta Kappa, 2008

## **CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS**

**“Weapons of Mass Disruption: Klanswomen of the Classic Civil Rights Era,”**

Texas State Historical Association, Austin, Texas, 24-26 February 2022

**“Mothers of Intention: Women in the Klan and Massive Resistance Movement: 1954-1968”**

Southern Studies Forum Conference, Odense, Denmark, 3-5 April 2019

**Panel Chair, “Interracial Disruptions”**

Southern Studies Forum Conference, Odense, Denmark, 3-5 April 2019

**“Mothers of Intention: The Road to a Dissertation Lies through Special Collections”**

University Libraries Graduate Student Speaker Series, University of Arkansas—Fayetteville, 7 March 2019

**Program Reviewer, Extending Transformative Learning Beyond the Classroom**

2019 Transformative Learning Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, 14-15 March 2019

**Panel Chair, “African American History in the Modern US”**

9th Annual Texas A&M History Conference, College Station, TX, 23-24 March 2018

**“Gendering in the Afterlife: How White Supremacists Created the Perfect Martyr”** Southern Historical

Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, 9-12 November 2017

**“LGBTQ+ History as American History: Helping Instructors Build an Inclusive Survey”** Arkansas Association

of College History Teachers Annual Meeting, Little Rock, AR, 5-6 October 2017

**“The Hope of the Nation? The Construction of Southern White Womanhood and its Role in Maintaining**

**White Supremacy”** University of Arkansas, Fayetteville—African and African American Studies Graduate

Conference, 11 May 2017

**“Queering the Survey: Integrating LGBTQ+ into Survey-level History Courses to Create a History of Inclusion”** Texas A&M Galveston Conference on Inclusion & Diversity in Higher Education, 3-5 April 2017

**“Conservatism or Controversy: The True Heritage of Country Music”** 38th Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 15-18 February 2017

**“The Intersection of Gender and Racism in the Civil Rights Era, Arkansas and Beyond: The Citizens’ Council, the Mothers’ League, and Freelance Women in the Massive Resistance Movement”** Inaugural International Gender and Sexuality Conference, Edmund, OK, 27 September 2016.

**“Kathy Ainsworth and The Politics of Identity”** North Carolina Graduate History Conference, Raleigh, NC, 28 March, 2015, also awarded travel grant; 2015 History Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, 20-21 March, 2015; 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Conference on History, St. Louis, MO, 11-13 March, 2015; Auburn University at Montgomery Southern Studies Conference, Montgomery, AL, 6-7 February 2015 (accepted but could not participate)

**“The Life, Double-Life and Afterlife of Kathy Ainsworth,”** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas A&M History Conference, College Station, TX, 24-25 February 2012; Phi Alpha Theta 2012 Biennial Convention, Orlando, FL, 3-7 January 2012

**“Shoot the Women First: The Growing Presence of Women in Right-Wing Terrorist Organizations in the United States,”** Houston Consortium Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, 22 April 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

“Racist Terror in the Era of the Civil Rights Movement,” in *Racism in the United States: A Handbook on History, Society, and Politics* (UTB, 2023)

Contributed two entries (Radio and Television) to *The World of Jim Crow: A Daily Life Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press, 2018)

Review of Alicia Priest, *A Rock Fell on the Moon: Dad and the Great Yukon Silver Ore Heist*. *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, 106, no. 2 (Spring 2015)

## ***H-South, a division of H-Net***

Content Editor—Writer/Publisher of *Southern History and Civil Rights in the News* Blog series

## ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha Chapter: University of Arkansas—Fayetteville

Southern Historical Association

Arkansas Association of College History Teachers

Golden Key Honor Society

## REFERENCES

### **Jeanne Whayne**

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