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EDUCATION

Doctorate, History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	December 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate in Africana Studies; Certificate in College and University Teaching	
Master of Arts, History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	2006
Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	2002
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Haverford College, Haverford, PA	1997
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concentration in Africana Studies	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

19th and 20th century African American history; African American religious history; American political history; religion and politics; women and gender in history; transnational religious networks; Black digital humanities

FELLOWSHIPS

- Humanities Research Center Fellowship, Virginia Commonwealth University, Spring 2019
- Young Scholars of American Religion, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, 2016-2017
- Richards Center/Africana Research Center Postdoctoral Fellow, Pennsylvania State University, 2015-2016
- Critical Writing Program Teaching Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, September 2010-May 2011
- William T.V. Fontaine Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2005 to 2010
- Fontaine Travel Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, November 2009 (\$300)
- Captain Victor Gondos Research Travel Grant, History Department, University of Pennsylvania, April 2009 (\$1500)
- Mellon Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, June 2009 (\$500)
- John Hope Franklin Research Travel Grant, Duke University Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library, March 2009 (\$600)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History Workshops for Schoolteachers
 - Crafting Freedom: Thomas Day and Elizabeth Keckly, Black Artisans and Entrepreneurs in the Making of America, June 2004 (\$500)
 - Stony the Road We Trod: Using Alabama's Civil Rights Landmarks to Teach American History, July 2004 (\$500)
 - Slavery and Freedom in Charleston and the Low Country, July 2004 (\$500)

AWARDS

- "Building on Sacred Ground: The Art of Commemoration," Community Engaged Research Partnership Development Grant, with Dr. Brandi Summers (PI) and Dr. Melanie Buffington, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2017-2018 (\$10,000)
- Ford Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention, 2009
- Teaching Assistant of the Year, History Department, University of Pennsylvania, May 2009
- Nominated for the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania – March 2009

- Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania – April 2008
- Nominated for Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students, University of Pennsylvania—April 2007
- Robert Wood Lynn Award for Promise in Teaching – Union Theological Seminary, May 2002
- Hitchcock Prize in Church History for Best Master’s Level Thesis – Union Theological Seminary, May 2002

POSITIONS HELD

<i>Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University—New Haven, CT</i>	Jan. 2020 – present
<i>Assistant Professor of African American History, Virginia Commonwealth University—Richmond, VA</i>	August 2015 – Dec. 2019
<i>Richards Center/Africana Research Center Postdoctoral Fellow, Pennsylvania State University—University Park, PA</i>	August 2015 – June 2016
<i>Visiting Assistant Professor of History and Africana Studies, Muhlenberg College—Allentown, PA</i>	Sept. 2014 – July 2015
<i>Instructor, Department of History and Politics, Drexel University—Philadelphia, PA</i>	Sept. 2013 – Sept. 2014
<i>Visiting Instructor, History Department & Religion Department, Haverford College – Haverford, PA</i>	Aug. 2011 – May 2012
<i>Instructor, Critical Writing Program, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, PA</i>	Aug. 2010 – May 2011
<i>Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, PA</i>	Sept. 2006-May 2008
<i>Graduate Fellow and Head Graduate Fellow, Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute, University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA</i>	Summers 2006, 2007, 2009
<i>History Teacher (Secondary Level), The Andrews School – Willoughby, OH</i>	Aug. 2002 – Jun. 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *Soul Liberty: The Evolution of Black Religious Politics in Post-Emancipation Virginia* (University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming)

Articles and Essays

- “Black Christianity after Emancipation,” *Blackwell Companion to American History*, (forthcoming)
- "Mapping Evangelicalism: Reflecting on Christine Heyrman's *Southern Cross* through the Lens of Historical GIS," *The Journal of Southern Religion* 20 (2018) - [invited] <http://jsreligion.org/vol20/turner/>
- “Black Self-Determination and Interracial Cooperation African American Religious Education, 1878-1882,” (preparing for submission)
- “Movement for Freedom: Mapping the Fugitive Slave Narrative” (article, conceptualizing)
- “Mapping Black Religion in the Post-Emancipation South: A Digital History Project” (Digital Humanities Project, draft)

Book Reviews

- Nicole M. Turner. *The Journal of African American History* 102, no. 4 (2017): 543-45. <http://www.jstor.org.proxy.library.vcu.edu/stable/10.5323/jafriamerhist.102.4.0543>. Review of Howard Bodenhorn, *The Color Factor: The Economics of African American Well Being in the Nineteenth Century South*.

- Nicole Myers Turner. *Michigan Historical Review* 43, no. 2 (2017): 101-02. <http://www.jstor.org.proxy.library.vcu.edu/stable/10.5342/michhistrevi.43.2.0101> Review of Christopher Phillips, *The River Ran Backwards: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle West*.
- Nicole Myers Turner. *H-Slavery*. September 2017. Review of Matthew Harper, *End of Days: African American Religion and Politics in the Age of Emancipation*. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=47923>

Public Scholarship

- Contributor, "African American religion in the post-emancipation period," *American YAWP* (online textbook), Joseph Locke and Ben Wright, eds. http://www.americanyawp.com/text_2015-2016/15-reconstruction/
- Editor, "[Chapter 15: Reconstruction](#)" *American Yawp* (online textbook), Joseph Locke and Ben Wright eds., 2015-2016 edition. http://www.americanyawp.com/text_2015-2016/15-reconstruction/
- Contributor, *Teaching United States History* [blog], www.teachingushistory.co, 2014-2015
 - "[Begin with the End in Mind](#)," 5 September 2014
 - "[Picturing Exodus and Emigration](#)," 3 October 2014
 - "[Questions to Ask for a Good Discussion](#)," 7 November 2014
 - "[#Black Lives Matter](#)" and [African American History](#)," 7 February 2015
 - "[Mid-Semester Evaluations](#)," 6 March 2015
 - "[History You Can Use](#)," 1 May 2015"

PRESENTATIONS

- "Deconstructing Accommodation versus Protest: Interracial Cooperation in the Black Baptist and Episcopal Churches during Reconstruction," Society of Civil War Historians/American Historical Association, January 2020
- Comment, "African Americans in the Postwar South: New Narratives," Southern Historical Association, November 2019
- Comment, "New Perspectives on African Americans in Reconstruction," Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- "Black Migrations," Westminster Canterbury Lettie Madison Symposium Lecture, February 2019
- "Mapping Race and Religion in the 19th Century South," American Society of Church Historians, January 2019
- Comment, "Great Escapes: African American Migrants, Motorists, and Runaway Slaves and the Search for Freedom," American Historical Association, January 2019
- Chair, "Whither the Black Church? Old Ties and New Directions in the History of Black Christianity," American Society of Church Historians, January 2019
- "The Spatial Roots of the Church with the Soul of a Nation," The Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, Alabama, November 2018
- *Hailstorm*, discussant at the Virginia Museum of History, November 2018
- "Mapping Black Religion: An Interrogation of Digital Mapping from a Black Religious History Perspective," African American Digital Humanities Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, October 2018
- "Race, Religion and Richmond," St. Paul Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA, October 2018 [invited]
- "Processes of Power: Digital Maps, Race, Place and Religion in the South," THAT Camp New Souths, Virginia Commonwealth University, August 2018 [Invited Keynote]
- "Race and the Right to Vote: Contextualizing African American Suffrage in Virginia," Library of Virginia, May 2018
- History Happy Hour: Monuments and Memorials: Richmond's Commemorative Landscape, America Civil War Museum, May 2018
- "Pulpits, Pews and Politics in Post-Emancipation Virginia," Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA, April 2018 [Invited]
- "Bending Toward Truth: A Forum on Religion and Race in Richmond, St. Paul's Episcopal Church," St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA, March 2018

- “Building on Sacred Ground: The Art of Remembrance,” The National Association of Ethnic Studies, Richmond, Virginia, March 2018
- “Emancipating Religion: Race, Gender and Politics in Reconstruction Era Black Church,” CLAW Symposium: Freedoms Gained and Lost: Reinterpreting Reconstruction in the Atlantic World, Charleston, South Carolina, March 2018
- “Black Religious Politics in Post-Emancipation Virginia,” Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, Charlottesville, Virginia, September 2017 [Invited lecture]
- “Freedom Movement: The Phenomenon of Return Migration among Former Fugitive Slaves after Emancipation,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, June 2017
- “‘Tertium Quid’: How Education for Black Ministers Constructed Black Manhood,” Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion, March 2016
- “Reflections on Reconstruction, Gender and Race Through the Prism of Religion, Society for the Study of Religion/Africana Research Center, Pennsylvania State University, March 2016
- “Powering the Pulpit: Religion, Race and Politics in Post-Emancipation Virginia,” Virginia Commonwealth University, November 2015 [Invited Lecture]
- “Theological Education and the Politics of Freedom” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, September 2014
- “Learning Black History at Drexel_COAS”, Drexel University, February 2014
- “Theological Education and the Promise of Freedom in Virginia, 1875-1882,” Triangle African American History Colloquium Conference: The Place of Education in African American History and Culture,” University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, February 2014
- “Powering the Pulpit: Religion, Race, and Gender in Post-Emancipation Black Churches,” History Department, University of Delaware, March 2013 [Invited lecture].
- “Guilty Partners: Black Churches, Black Freedom and Black Sexuality in Post-emancipation Virginia,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2011
- “Becoming Free: Black Churches, Black Freedom and Black Sexuality in Post-emancipation Virginia,” Haverford College Young Academic Alumni Lecture Series, February 2010 [Invited lecture]
- “Re-reading the History of Black Women’s Gender and Sexuality through Womanism: A Review of the Literature,” Purdue University African American Studies Resource Center 25th Annual Symposium, November 2009
- “Churches of Freedom Democracy and Citizenship,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, October 2009
- “Reconstructing Gender,” Richards Civil War Era Center Graduate Conference, Penn State University, February 2008

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

<i>Center for Teaching and Learning Fellow</i> , Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, PA	Sept. 2008 – May 2009
<i>Graduate Mentor</i> , Office of Multicultural Affairs, Haverford College – Haverford, PA	Oct. 2008 – May 2009
<i>Graduate Coordinator</i>	Mar. 2009 – Aug. 2009
<i>Teaching Assistant Trainer</i> , Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, PA	May 2008 – Aug. 2008

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Research Assistant for the Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism</i> University of Pennsylvania, Center for Africana Studies– Philadelphia, PA	Dec. 2009 – Mar. 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researched backgrounds of selected scholars being considered for participation in year-long lecture series 	

Research Assistant to Dr. Stephanie McCurry Jun. 2007 – Dec. 2007
University of Pennsylvania, History Department – Philadelphia, PA

- Researched African American women’s experiences in the Civil War in Mississippi using the Southern Claims Commission Records for *Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South* (Harvard University Press, 2010).

Research Assistant to Dr. Barbara D. Savage Jun. 2006 - Aug. 2006
University of Pennsylvania, History Department– Philadelphia, PA

- Researched various topics in African American religious history relevant to *Your Spirits Walk Beside Us: The Politics of Black Religion* (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2008).

Research Assistant in United States Religious History Sept. 2000 – Jan. 2001
Union Theological Seminary, Department of Church History, Dr. Michael W. Harris - New York, NY

- Researched various topics in United States religious history from 1600 to present.
- Developed course syllabus, discussion topics and essay questions for class sessions.

SERVICE

- Afro-American Religious History Unit Selection Committee, American Academy of Religion, January 2019 – present
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Virginia Magazine of Biography and History*, January 2019 – present
- Manuscript Reviewer, University of Tennessee Press, *University of Mississippi Press, Journal of Africana Religions*
- VCU’s 50th Anniversary Commemoration Sub-Committee, Virginia Commonwealth University, June 2018- November 2019
- President’s Working Group on History and Civil Rights, Virginia Commonwealth University, March 2018 – present
- HistoryMakers Educational Advisory Board Meeting, February 2018 - present
- Personnel Committee, History Department, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2017-present
- Nominating Committee, History Department, Spring 2017
- Search Committee Member, Virginia Commonwealth University, Fall 2016
- Panel Chair, C19, March 2016
- Facilitator, Faculty Learning Community: Digital Mapping in the Humanities, Muhlenberg College, 2014
- Moderator/Panelist, The Experience of Black Women in Today’s Society, Drexel University, March 2014
- Committee Member, School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award Committee, March 2010
- Community Service Coordinator, Fontaine Coordinating Committee, University of Pennsylvania, May 2009 to May 2010
- Committee Member, Penn Prize for Excellence in Teaching by Graduate Students, March 2009
- Corresponding Secretary, Fontaine Coordinating Committee, University of Pennsylvania, May 2007 – May 2009
- Proposal Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, September 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- Member, American Academy of Religion
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, American Society for Church History
- Member, Southern Historical Association
- Member, Organization of American Historians