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Education

Ph.D. American History, University of California, Berkeley, December 1995
Dissertation: "African American Thought in the Antebellum North"
Society of American Historians, Nevins Prize nominee, 1995
First field: American history
Second field: Comparative history of slavery and race relations (Caribbean, Brazil, South Africa)
M.A. History, University of California, Berkeley, December 1990
B.A. History, University of Maryland, College Park, August 1988

Awards and Honors

Slavery, Abolition, and Resistance Postdoctoral Associate Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center, 2005
Faculty Leave Supplement, Bowdoin College, 2005 - 2006
Fellowship for Younger Scholars, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, 1998 - 1999
American Historical Association and Library of Congress, J. Franklin Jameson Fellow, 1998 - 1999
Mellon Post-Dissertation Fellow at the American Antiquarian Society, 1998 - 1999 (declined)
Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, 1994 - 1995
Wilson Foundation Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellow, 1994 - 1995 (declined)
Library Company of Philadelphia Research Fellow, January 1994
Smithsonian Institution Graduate Student Fellow, July 1993 - June 1994
Eugene Irving McCormac Graduate Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, 1992 - 1993
Mellon Dissertation Prospectus Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, Summer 1991
University of California President's Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, 1989 - 1991
Senior Summer Scholar, University of Maryland, 1988

Appointments

Department Chair
July 2008 - June 2011
Department of History, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

Associate Professor with tenure
July 2001 - present
Department of History, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

Tenure-track Assistant Professor
July 1995 - June 2001
Department of History, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

Selected courses taught

The History of African Americans to 1865
The History of African Americans from 1865 to the present

The Civil War Era
Reconstruction
The Civil War in Film
Comparative Slavery and Emancipation
The United States in the Nineteenth Century
Diversity in America
War and Society, 1415-present
Research seminar in Nineteenth-Century American History
Research seminar in African-American History

Current Projects

Book review. "Erica Armstrong Dunbar, *A Fragile Freedom: African American Women and Emancipation in the Antebellum City*," *American Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Book review. "Richard S. Newman, *Freedom's Prophet: Bishop Richard Allen, the AME Church, and the Black Founding Fathers*," *Journal of the Early Republic*, forthcoming.

Book project. *Eighty-eight Years: The Long Death of Slavery in the United States*. Uses a comparative Atlantic context to examine the process and meaning of the nation's 88-year process of ending slavery, which began with the abolition of slavery in Vermont's state constitution in 1777, and ended with the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment in 1865. Projected for publication with the University of Georgia Press's Race in the Atlantic World series in 2011.

Publications

Books

African-American Activism before the Civil War: The Freedom Struggle in the Antebellum North (New York: Routledge, 2008).

Black Protest and Black Identity in the Antebellum North (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

Honorable Mention, 2003 Frederick Douglass Book Prize, Gilder Lehrman Center for Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

Finalist, 2003 Avery O. Craven Award for the Most Innovative Manuscript in Civil War-Era Studies, Organization of American Historians

Edited with Richard Newman and Philip Lapsansky, *Pamphlets of Protest: An Anthology of Early African-American Protest Literature, 1790-1860* (New York: Routledge Press, 2001).

Essays

"Thrift and Race." Essay for the Thrift and American Culture project, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, and the Institute for American Values, New York City. Under contract, final manuscript submitted.

"A Common Nature, A United Destiny: African-American Responses to Scientific Racism from the Revolution to the Civil War," in Timothy Patrick McCarthy and John Stauffer, eds. *Prophets of Protest: Reconsidering the History of American Abolitionism* (New York: New Press, 2006): 183-99.

"Free Black Activism in the Antebellum North." *The History Teacher* 39, no. 2 (February 2006): 215-54.

"The Long Death of Slavery in New York," in Ira Berlin and Leslie Harris, eds., *Slavery in New York* (New York: New Press, 2005): 111-46.

"The Market Revolution and Market Values in Antebellum Black Protest Thought," in Scott Martin, ed., *Cultural Change and the Market Revolution in America, 1789-1860* (Lanham, Md., Rowman and Littlefield, 2004): 13-45.

"Black Identity Formation in the Diaspora: The Strange Case of the Antebellum North," *Maryland Historian* 28, nos. 1-2 (Fall/Winter, 2003): 47-68.

"The New Black Intellectual History," *Reviews in American History* 29, no. 2 (July 2001): 357-67.

"Black Theodicy: African Americans and Nationalism in the Antebellum North," *The North Star: A Journal of African-American Religious History* 3, no. 2 (Spring 2000). <<http://northstar.vassar.edu/volume3/rael.html>>

"The Freedom Struggle Film: Hollywood or History?" *Socialist Review* 22, no. 3 (July-September 1992): 119-30.

Pedagogy

Project director. "The Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Project." Online archive of primary source materials on the life of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Bowdoin College George J. Mitchell Department of Special Collections and Archives <<http://learn.bowdoin.edu/joshua-lawrence-chamberlain/>> (June 2008).

"Teaching American History through Biography: Lessons from Maine Educators." National History Education Clearinghouse <<http://teachinghistory.org/tah-grants/lessons-learned/19088>> (March 2008).

Curriculum developer, "The Civil War." United States Academic Decathlon. Council Bluffs, Iowa (Summer 2006 - Spring 2007).

"What Happened and Why? Helping Students Read and Write Like Historians," *The History Teacher* 39, no. 1 (November 2005), 23-32.

Material for *Making Freedom: African Americans in United States History, Sourcebook IV: Our New Day Begun, 1861-1877* (Portsmouth, N.H.: Heinemann, 2004).

Context essay: "Who Freed the Slaves? The Civil War and Reconstruction"

Lesson plans: "The 'Misrepresented Bureau,'" "The Rise of Sharecropping," "Voting and Representation," "The Failure of Radical Republicanism."

Lesson introductions: "Knowledge is Power," "What's All the Fighting About," "Earning a Living."

"Flight to Freedom." In conjunction with Educational Technology Center at Bowdoin College. Educational website simulating the experienced of fugitive slaves. September 2001.
<<http://academic.bowdoin.edu/flighttofreedom/intro.shtml>>

"Knowing the Past Through Historical Documents," *Knowledge Quest* 28, no. 7 (September/October 2000): 16-17.

Reading, Writing, and Researching for History: A Guide for College Students (Brunswick, Me.: Bowdoin College, 1998; updated 2003). <<http://academic.bowdoin.edu/WritingGuides/>>

With Jill Schlessinger, *Almost Down to the Shore: African-American Families During Emancipation* (Berkeley, Ca.: University of California, 1990). Documentary film.

Reviews

Book review. Steven Deyle, *Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life*, "Enterprise and Society" 9, no. 1 (March 2008): 220-22.

Book review. "Bruce Laurie, *Beyond Garrison: Antislavery and Social Reform*," *The Journal of Social History* 40, no. 4 (Summer 2007): 1047-1049.

Book review. "Stanley Harrold, *The Rise of Aggressive Abolitionism: Addresses to the Slaves*," *The Journal of Southern History* 71, no. 2 (May 2005): 449-50.

Book review. "Leslie M. Harris, *In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863*," *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* 2, no. 1 (Winter 2005): 103-4.

Book review. "Gayle T. Tate, *Unknown Tongues: Black Women's Political Activism in the Antebellum Era, 1830-1860*," *Civil War Book Review* (Fall 2003). <<http://www.cwbr.com/civilwarbookreview>>

Film review. "Gods and Generals is Good Hollywood — Don't Go See It," *History News Network* (February 24, 2003). <<http://hnn.us/articles/1280.html>>

Book review. "David Roediger and Martin H. Blatt, eds., *The Meaning of Slavery in the North*," H-SHEAR (June 2000). <<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=14241961525979>>

Film review. "Amistad: Why *This* Film About Slavery?" *The History Teacher* 31, no. 3 (May 1998): 387.

Book review. "William E. Cain, ed. *William Lloyd Garrison and the Fight against Slavery: Selections from The Liberator*." *Journal of the Early Republic* 15, no. 4 (Winter 1995): 706-7.

Exhibition review. "Don't Get Weary: Enslaved African Americans in Eighteenth-Century Alexandria, Virginia." John Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria, Virginia. *Journal of American History* 82, no. 3 (December 1995): 1149-51.

Book review. "C. Peter Ripley, et al, eds. *The Black Abolitionist Papers 4*," *Southern Historian* 16 (April 1995): 156-57.

Book review. "Sarah Woolfolk Wiggins, *The Scalawag in Alabama Politics*," *Southern Historian* 14 (April 1993): 127-28.

Conference papers

"The Abolition of the Atlantic Slave-Trade: History and Agency in African-American Protest Thought between the Revolution and the Civil War." *Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: Telling the Story*. The College of The Bahamas (February 21-23, 2008).

"Racial Identity and Racial Nationalisms in the African Diaspora: Nineteenth-Century Origins." Bicentenary Conference on Discourses of Resistance: Culture, Identity, Freedom and Reconciliation. Montego Bay, Jamaica (December 5-8, 2007).

"Northern Emancipation as National History: Retelling the Black Freedom Struggle Above The Mason-Dixon Line." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (January 2006).

"Instruments in the Hands of God': Black Activism and Black Agency in the Age of Emancipation." New England Slavery and the Slave Trade. Boston, Massachusetts (April 21-23, 2004).

"The New African-American History?: The Historiography of African-American Activism in the Nineteenth Century." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts (March 25-28, 2004).

"Joshua Chamberlain: Gender, Race, and the Memory of the Civil War." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. (January 8-11, 2004).

"A Common Nature, a United Destiny: African-American Responses to Scientific Racism from the Revolution to the Civil War." Collective Degradation: Slavery and the Construction of Race Conference, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut (November 8, 2003).

"Most Needed Blessings: The Pragmatic Bases of Black Identity in the Antebellum North." Race and American Life: A Conference Celebrating Leon F. Litwack's Ongoing Scholarship. Berkeley, California (April 25-27, 2003).

"Black Identity Formation in the Diaspora: The Strange Case of the Antebellum North." The Legacy of Slavery and Emancipation in Europe and the Americas Conference. Saint-Claude, Guadeloupe (March 9-11, 2001).

"The Social Bases of Black Nationalism in Antebellum America." American Historical Association. Boston, Massachusetts (January 2001).

"Diseases of the Will": The Antebellum Black Press and the Problem of Prejudice." Society for the History of the Early Republic. Buffalo, New York (July 2000).

"Besieged by Freedom's Army': Antislavery Celebrations and Black Identity in the Antebellum North." Organization of American Historians. St. Louis, Missouri (April 2000).

"Black Nationalism as Nationalism," Society for the History of the Early Republic Conference. Harper's Ferry, West Virginia (June 1998).

"Race and Respectability: African Americans, Class, and Identity in the Antebellum North." Organization of American Historians. San Francisco, California (March 1997).

"From Africans in America to Colored Americans: The 'Names' Controversy in the Antebellum North." American Studies Association Convention. Kansas City, Missouri (November 1996).

"The Benefits of Membership: Citizenship as a Strategy for Racial Uplift among African Americans in the Antebellum North." American Historical Association Convention. Atlanta, Georgia (January 1996).

"Morals, Mind, and Elevation: Structures of African American Thought in the Antebellum North." American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch Annual Meeting. Maui, Hawaii (August 1995).

Reference and other publications

"Foreword" for Jenny Barrett, *Shooting the Civil War: Cinema, Genre and National Identity* (London: I.B. Taurus, forthcoming).

"James McCune Smith" and "David Walker" for *The Encyclopedia of Race and Racism* (New York: Macmillan, 2007).

"Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain," in *The Encyclopedia of New England Culture*, Burt Feintuch and David Waters, eds. (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2005), 675.

"The African-American Freedom Struggle in the Antebellum North," *History Compass* 2 (2004).
<<http://www.history-compass.com/images/store/HICO/viewpoints/67.pdf>>

"Foreword" for Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, *Civil War Memories: William Pitt Fessenden and Thomas Worcester Hyde* (Brunswick, Me.: Bowdoin College, 2003).

"Frederick Douglass," in *The Oxford Companion to United States History*, Paul Boyer, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

"Colonization Movements," in *Civil Rights in the United States*, Waldo Martin and Patricia Sullivan, eds. (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2000), 2:178-79.

"Free and Freed African Americans," in *The African-American Experience* (Woodbridge, Conn.: Research Publications International, 1995). Multimedia CD-ROM.

Appearances

Guest scholar. "Historical Reflections on the Antislavery Struggle." Race and Resistance, 1858 and 2008: Activists and Allies. A Symposium Sponsored by Oberlin College in Collaboration with the Oberlin-Wellington Rescue Coalition," Oberlin, Ohio (November 8, 2008).

Guest presenter. Writing for History workshop. Department of History, College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, Massachusetts (September 25-26, 2008).

Interviewed on Bowdoin and Brunswick history for WGME Ch. 13 news, Portland, Maine (June 30, 2008).

Guest presenter. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebrations. "Reel Memories: Film and the Popular History of the Civil Rights Movement." Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine (January 21, 2008).
Maine Humanities Council, Portland, Maine (January 19, 2008).

Guest scholar. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. "Big Talk" radio program on WMPG 90.1 FM Greater Portland Community Radio (January 17, 2008).

Guest lecturer. "Making Freedom: African Americans in Maine and U.S. History." Primary Source Teaching Seminar. Portland, Maine (January 14, 2008).

Guest lecturer. "African-American Activism before the Civil War."

Gilder Lehrman History Scholars Program, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. New York, New York (June 25, 2007).

Guest lecturer. "How Weak Powers Win Wars."

Bowdoin College Reunion Weekend, Back to School Series (June 2, 2006).

Guest scholar. "The Long Death of Slavery in New York."

Against the Grain, KPFA Radio 94.1FM, Berkeley, California (November 9, 2005).

Guest lecturer. Maine Humanities Council History Camp (July 20, 2005).

"Joshua Chamberlain and the Battle of Little Round Top: What Really Happened?"

"Making the Case: Arguing Effectively in Writing."

Interviewed for "On the Road with Peter Mehegan," *Chronicle*, WCBV-TV Boston (May 23, 2005).

Sahin Seminar Series Lecturer. "African American Responses to Racial Science from the Revolution to the Civil War."

Department of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (February 10, 2005).

Karofsky Faculty Encore Lecturer. "Historical Perspectives on the Second Gulf War."

Bowdoin College Common Hour, Brunswick, Maine (December 5, 2003).

Guest lecturer. "The Chamberlain You Thought You Knew: Gender, Race, and the Memory of the Civil War."

Association of Bowdoin Friends Community Lecture Series (September 4, 2003).

Bowdoin College Faculty Seminar Series (December 5, 2001).

Chamberlain Days 2001, Pejepscott Historical Society, Brunswick, Maine (July 20, 2001).

Guest scholar. "The 'N' Word."

Back2Back with Rev. V. Lonnie Peek, Jr., WQBH-1400, Detroit, Michigan (July 11, 2003).

Guest lecturer. "How the Minié Ball Led to Emancipation."

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Civil War Round Table, Brunswick, Maine (December 13, 2001).

Guest lecturer. "African Americans in the Civil War and Reconstruction."

"Making Freedom" Teaching Institute, Primary Source, Watertown, Massachusetts (July 19, 2001).

Guest lecturer. "Compelling Respect: Black Protest and the Problem of Representation in the Antebellum North."

Library of Congress, Washington, DC (May 1999).

Guest panelist. "Kidnaping and Free Black Communities in the Antebellum North."

Union College, Schenectady, New York (January 27, 1999).

Guest lecturer. "An Introduction to African-American Religion."

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York (October 20, 1998).

Workshops, colloquia, and teaching activities

Guest presenter. "Understanding Accounts and Events," and "Roadmapping as a Critical Skill." Department of History, College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, Massachusetts (September 25-26, 2008).

Colloquium participant. "Liberty and Slavery; The Civil War between Gerrit Smith and George Fitzhugh." Hamilton College. Clinton, New York (April 10-12, 2008).

Advisor. John Lewis Civil Rights Study Trail.
Office of US Congressman William Lacy Clay (Mo.) (November 2007-present).

Advisory committee. "Humanities on Demand: Podcasting the 'Best of the Humanities' in Maine." Maine Humanities Council, NEH Digital Humanities Grant. Portland, Maine (October 2006-present).

Guest presenter. "Black Identity and Protest Before the Civil War: From Integration to Nationalism." NEH Summer Institute on "The Abolitionist Movement: Fighting Slavery and Racial Injustice from the American Revolution to the Civil War." Philadelphia, Pa. (July 20, 2006).

Workshop leader. "Teaching Antebellum America with Primary Source Documents." Primary Source. Watertown, Massachusetts (November 14 and December 5, 2005).

Consultant. Instrument Development Panel for the College Board Best Practices College Course Study. Center for Educational Policy Research. Eugene, Oregon (Fall 2005).

Project scholar. Teaching American History Institute for Secondary School Teachers. Maine Humanities Council. Brunswick, Maine (October 2005 - September 2009).

Faculty advisor. SHEAR/Mellon Summer Seminar for Undergraduates. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 14-18, 2005).

Workshop leader. "Joshua Chamberlain at Little Round Top: An Exercise in Using Primary Sources." Summer Institute for Teachers of Talented and Gifted Students. Maine Department of Education. Falmouth, Maine (July 30, 2003).

Faculty chair. *Alumni College: The Civil War*. Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Maine (July 28 - August 2, 2002).

Faculty seminar leader. Advanced Placement U.S. History Summer Institute. Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Maine (June 1998 - 2002).

Organizer. "Teaching U.S. History with the Web," Teaching Conference sponsored by Educational Technology Center of Bowdoin College and College Board New England Regional Office. Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Maine (November 9-10, 2001).

Faculty seminar leader. Advanced Placement One-day Workshops. Waltham, Massachusetts; Hartford, Connecticut; and Portland, Maine (1999 - 2001).

Faculty seminar leader. "Race and Antebellum American Culture" (continuing education seminar). The Maine Collaborative for Education in the Arts and Humanities. Portland, Maine (April 1997).

Reader. Advanced Placement Examination in U.S. History. Educational Testing Service. Princeton, New Jersey (1992 - 1995).

Reader. PRAXIS Social Studies Examination. Educational Testing Service, Western Field Office. Oakland, California (1995).

Volunteer teaching and resource consultant.

University of California/Richmond Unified School District Enrichment Program. Berkeley, California (Spring 1992).

Professional Service

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, steering committee for SHEAR/Mellon Institute for Advanced Undergraduate Studies, 2004 - 2007.

Manuscript Reviewer/Proposal Referee

Oxford University Press

Princeton University Press

University of Massachusetts Press

Journal of American History

William and Mary Quarterly

Journal of the Early Republic

Civil War History

The History Teacher

The Historian

American Studies

Hyperion Books for Children

Associations

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

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