

Curriculum Vitae
NIKKI MARIE TAYLOR, PhD

- Education:** **Duke University** 2001
 Ph.D. in U.S. History
 Dissertation: “‘Frontiers of Freedom:’ The African-American Experience in Cincinnati, 1802-1862.”
 Major Fields: African American, Southern, 19th and 20th Century U.S. History; Social Movements and Democratic Theory
 Committee: Syd Nathans, Peter Wood, Ray Gavins, John Thompson, Robert Korstad
- Duke University**
 M.A. in U.S. History 1996
 Certificate in Women’s Studies 2001
- University of Pennsylvania** 1994
 B.A. with Honors Distinction in U.S. History
 Cum Laude
 Honors Thesis supervised by Drew Faust
- Professional Experience:** **Howard University**
 Department Chair & Professor of History Jan 2017-present
 Accomplishments:
- Graduate Program ranked 79th by *U.S. News & World Report*
 - The Department earned the 2020 AHA Equity Award
 - Revamped undergraduate curriculum; established a History & Law track
 - Increased graduate funding for students
 - Increased graduate enrollment by 50%
 - Drafted and passed bylaws
 - Awarded \$480,000 Mellon Mays Grant (2018)
 - Awarded \$5,000,000 Mellon Foundation Just Futures Initiative (2021)
 - Department Awarded \$65,000 sub-award on collaborative DH project with Cornell University
- Texas Southern University**
 Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences May 2015-
 Successfully managed one of the largest colleges at one of the biggest HBCUs. Managed an annual budget of \$8.5 million in a college with 9 departments with 12 majors.
 Ensured the academic integrity of academic programs within the college; hired and supported 120 faculty-- only 38% of whom were tenure-track or tenured.
- Accomplishments:**
- “Recruit, Recapture, Retain, and Recommit” Campaign designed to increase enrollments, retention, and graduation rates and reclaim students who had stopped attending. Measurable increases in all categories.
 - One strategy was to implement a scholarship campaign to assist College Seniors
 - Mitigated gendered salary compression among faculty

- Increased tenure-track positions and the percentage of full-time faculty
- Instituted a semester of paid leave before tenure for all new tenure-track hires—for the first time in institutional history
- Increased support for faculty conference travel
- Established an annual conference showcasing research by college faculty
- Doubled online course offerings
- Successfully drafted and passed college bylaws that included suffrage for all full-time faculty (on all items except tenure and hiring)

Texas Southern University

Chair & Professor of History

Jan 2014-

Department of History and Geography

May 2015

Accomplishments:

- Increased number of History majors from 26 to 89
- Increased annual department revenue through customized textbook
- Diversified the faculty corps
- Increased graduation rates by eliminating barrier courses
- Created strategic plan and bylaws

University of Cincinnati

Associate/Assistant Professor of American History

2005-2013

Courses: African American History Surveys, African American Women's History, African American Urban History, African Americans and the State, African American History and Film, African American History Through Music, Black Liberation Struggles, Black Mississippi, CRM, and Grass Roots Activism, U.S. History

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

2010-11

Resident Historian

Vassar College

Assistant Professor of American History

2001-05

Courses: African American History to 1865; African American History after 1861; "A Resistant Spirit:" Black Mississippi, Jim Crow, and Grass Roots Activism; Readings in Modern Black Feminist Thought, American Moment: Readings in U.S. History.

Selected Publications:

Books:

1. *"Brooding Over Bloody Revenge:" Enslaved Women and Lethal Resistance to Slavery*
Draft of mss complete.

2. *Driven Toward Madness: The Fugitive Slave Margaret Garner and Tragedy on the Ohio*

Athens: Ohio University Press, December 2016

Honorable Mention: Jon Gjerde Prize for the Best Book in Midwestern History 2017.

3. *America's First Black Socialist: The Radical Life of Peter H. Clark.*

Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, March 2013.

4. *"Frontiers of Freedom:" Cincinnati's Black Community, 1802-1868*

Athens: Ohio University Press, 2005.

Articles:

“Fugitive Slaves and ‘Freedom Capital’ in Antebellum Northern Kentucky: One Family’s Journey to Freedom”

Chapter in *History of the Underground Railroad in Kentucky*, ed. Eric Jackson. University Press of Kentucky. Forthcoming 2021.

“Negotiating Black Manhood Citizenship through Civil War Volunteerism and Patriotism: Cincinnati’s Black Brigade”

Chapter in *Congress and the People’s Contest*, ed. Paul Finkelman and Donald R. Kennon. Ohio University Press. 2018

“African-Americans’ Strive for Educational Self-Determination in Cincinnati Before 1873”

Chapter in *Black Urban Community: From Dusk to Dawn*, ed. Lewis Randolph and Gayle Tate. Palgrave Macmillan. 2006.

“Reconsidering the ‘Forced’ Exodus of 1829: The Free Black Emigration from Cincinnati, Ohio to Wilberforce, Canada”

Journal of African- American History. Summer 2002.

Book Reviews:

Prudence Crandall’s Legacy: The Fight for Equality in the 1830s, Dred Scott, and Brown v. Board of Education by Donald E. Williams. *New England Quarterly*. Fall 2015.

The Martyrdom of Abolitionist Charles Torrey by E. Fuller Torrey. *Journal of Early Republic*. Fall 2014.

More Than Freedom: Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic, 1829-1889 by Stephen Kantrowitz. *The American Historical Review*. Spring 2014.

Cry for Justice: Daniel Rudd and His Life In Black Catholicism, Journalism, and Activism, 1854-1933 by Gary B. Agee. *The Journal of Southern History*. December 2012.

Emancipation’s Diaspora: Race and Reconstruction in the Upper Midwest by Leslie Schwalm. *Indiana Magazine of History*. Spring 2011.

Selected Papers and Professional Presentations:

“Rise Up and Risk Something Real: Using Historical Examples to Inspire And Inform Activism”

Invited Keynote Speaker Feb. 2020
Alliance for Arts in Research Consortium, Cincinnati. OH

“Enslaved Women and Trauma”

Invited Keynote Speaker at Marietta College and Detroit Mercy Jan. 2019

“Wounded Bodies, Wounded Spirits: Family as a Site of Collective and June 2018

Compounded Violence During Slavery” MESEA Annual Conference, Graz, Austria	
“Driven Toward Madness” Invited Plenary Speaker at the Rural Women Studies Association Annual Meeting, Ohio University	May 2018
African American Women: A History of Sexual Violence and Trauma Invited panel speaker at the Annual Benjamin Drummond Emancipation Day Lecture, Washington, DC	April 2018
“The Ghosts of Traumatic Pasts: Sethe, the Historical Margaret Garner and What Their Stories Illuminate about Slavery” Invited Keynote speaker at the Imagining Slavery, Envisioning Freedoms Symposium at University of Albany	April 2018
“Death Sentence: The Tragic State of American Policing and the Lessons from History about Effective Protest” Invited Black history Month Lecturer for Lonestar College, Kingswood	Feb 2015
“Detangling the Myths of the Underground Railroad” Invited Lecturer for Teaching American History Grant Springfield, OH	March, June 2013
“Driven to Filicide: Margaret Garner, Soul Murder and its Consequences Near the Ohio River” Presented at the Organization for American History New Orleans, LA	Jan. 2012
“Driven to Filicide: Margaret Garner, Soul Murder and its Consequences Near the Ohio River” Invited Lecturer for the Rocky Mountain Seminar Salt Lake City, UT	Dec. 2012
“Emancipation and Presidential Power” Invited Panelist at the “The Civil War on Trial: Legal Issues that Divided A Nation” Conference Albany Law School, NY	June 2012
Cincinnati, Race, and Education Invited Panelist for Teach for America Cincinnati, OH	May 2012
“Negotiating Citizenship Through Civil War Volunteerism and Patriotism: Cincinnati’s Black Brigade” Invited Lecturer for the U.S. Capitol Historical Society Symposium Washington, D.C. Shown on C-Span 3. http://www.c-spanvideo.org/nikkittaylor	May 2012
“Driven to Filicide: Margaret Garner, Soul Murder and its Consequences Near the Ohio River” Presented at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Conference Cincinnati, OH	Oct. 2011

<p>“The Legacy of <i>Brown v. Education</i>” Invited Lecturer for Teaching American History Grant Cincinnati, OH</p>	June 2011
<p>“How the Ohio River Shaped Thought & Culture in 19th Century Cincy Invited Lecturer for Victorian Society Symposium Cincinnati, OH</p>	March 2011
<p>“The Democratic Machine as a Vehicle for African-American Civil Rights?: The Politics of Peter H. Clark, 1882-1885” Presented at the Race, Labor and Citizenship After Emancipation Conference College of Charleston</p>	March 2010
<p>African Americans and the Radical Republicans of Ohio, 1854-1877 Invited Lecturer at Antioch College Symposium Yellow Springs, OH</p>	March 2010
<p>“Other People: Challenging the Master Narrative of the Civil Rights Movement” Invited Lecturer for the Teaching American History Grant Greene County, OH</p>	March 2010
<p>“African American Migrations” Invited Lecturer for the Teaching American History Grant Columbiana, OH</p>	Jan. 2010
<p>“Cincinnati Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad” Invited Lecturer for the Teaching American History Grant, Alameda County, CA</p>	Aug. 2009
<p>Two lectures: Cincinnati and Ohio in the 19th century Ongoing lecturer for Cincinnati Public Schools/Mayerson Academy Cincinnati, OH</p>	2009-2012
<p>“African- American 20th Century Urban History” Invited lecturer for Cincinnati Public Schools/Mayerson Academy Cincinnati, OH</p>	Jan. 2009
<p>“Cincinnati’s African American Community and Policing in the 19th Century” Invited Lecturer for Cincinnati Police Department’s New Recruits Diversity Training Cincinnati, OH</p>	Dec. 2008
<p>“African Americans, Reconstruction, and the Struggle for Citizenship in Ohio in the Late 19th Century” Invited Lecturer for Teaching American History NURFC, Cincinnati, OH</p>	April 2008
<p>“Detangling the Myths of the Underground Railroad: Southern Ohio, A Case Study” Invited Lecturer for Ohio History Works II and Teaching American History Grant, Brown County, OH</p>	March 2008, Dec. 2010

<p>“The Strange Career of Jezebel: African American Women and Representation, An Historical Analysis” Invited Lecturer: Engaged History Lecture Series University of Toledo</p>	March. 2007
<p>“Culture, Class, Respectability: The Development of Class Consciousness in Cincinnati’s 19th Century African -American Community” Invited Lecturer for the Seminar in the City Lecture Series Cincinnati Museum Center</p>	Feb. 2007
<p>“The Emergence of Political Self Respect in 19th Century Black Cincinnati” Invited Lecturer for the Public Library of Cincinnati’s Black History Month Lecture Series</p>	Feb. 2007
<p>“Striving for Self-Determination: Cincinnati’s Black Community 1820-1850” Invited Lecturer at the Taft Museum Cincinnati, OH</p>	Feb. 2006
<p>“Putting Down Roots: The Emergence of Black Cincinnati, 1829-1841” Invited Lecturer at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center</p>	Sept. 2005

**Fellowships/
Grants:**

Mellon Foundation Just Futures Initiative (\$5,000,000 for three years)	2021
Mellon Mays Undergrad Fellowship Program (\$480k for 4 years, recurring)	2018
Taft Research Fund	
Faculty Development Council Grant	
Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship	
Salmon Research Grant (Vassar College)	
Social Science Research Council Grant	
Woodrow Wilson Minority Dissertation Fellowship	
Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Grant	
Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship	
Fulbright Fellowship	

Honors:

African American Legacy Award	2009
Darwin Turner Scholars’ Program Faculty Award (for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring students of color)	4-time recipient 2006-2012

**Selected Professional
Service:**

Journal of African American History Editorial Board	2018-present
Mellon Foundation MMUF Dissertation Grant Selection Committee	2020
Association of Black Women Historians Book Prize Committee	2019

National Endowment for the Humanities HBCU Award Selection Committee	2015
American Historical Association Wesley-Logan Prize Committee Committee selects the best book in African American History annually	2015- 2017
<i>Ohio Valley History</i> Editorial Board	2013-14
Consultant for documentary <i>Journey to Freedom</i> Documentary on contemporary slavery using an historical perspective Project sponsored by National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the State Department. Distributed at U.S. Embassies Worldwide http://freedomcenter.org/journey-to-freedom/	2012
Consultant for <i>Mission US: A Revolutionary Way to Learn History</i> Consultant for historical content for Mission 2 of an interactive, historical Game designed to help kids learn Underground Railroad history http://www.mission-us.org/	2011
Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Appointed by Ohio Gov. Strickland	2008-2010
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Advisory Council	2006-2011
Fellowship Application Reviewer Filson Historical Society	2006
Field Application Reviewer for Museum Grants Institute of Museum and Library Service (IMLS)	2007
Conference Program Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HAS (2015) • ASALH (2009, 2010) • SHEAR (2010) 	
Manuscript Reviewer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Illinois University Press • Louisiana State University Press • <i>Ohio Valley History</i> • Northern Illinois University Press • <i>Ohio History</i> • Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 	

- *Journal of American History*
- *Journal of the Early Republic*
- Bedford/St. Martin's Press
- Houghton Mifflin
- SUNY Press

**Professional
Leadership:**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

- Life member
- Executive Council Board Member (2014-2017)

Historians Against Slavery Conference Coordinator

Crossing Boundaries, Making Connections

Held September 19-21, 2013

Cincinnati, OH at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

- **Conference Chair/Conference Organizer**

Historians Against Slavery

- Board Member (2011-15)

Midwestern Historical Association

- Board member (2013-2017)

Association of Black Women Historians

- Midwestern Director (2010-2013)
- Book and Article Prize Committee (2003-2009, 2019)
- National Vice Director (2003-05)
- Secretary (2001-03)

Organization of American Historians

- Midwestern Committee (2010-2014)

American Historical Association

- Wesley-Logan Prize Committee (2015-2017)

Media Appearances:

Radio Appearance: WKPR

“Black Women and the Suffrage Campaign”

Air Date: 2020

Television Appearance: *This is America*

Special Guest on Dennis Wholey's PBS show

Air Date: 2019

Television Appearance: WHUT

Panelist on show about doing genealogy	Air Date: 2019
Podcast Interview: New Books Network Interviewed by Adam McNeil about <i>Driven Toward Madness</i>	Air Date: 2018
Radio Appearance: WKPR “When Race, Sexual Violence and Silence Collude: History is the Fix” Panel discussion with two other historians. Hosted by Gwen McKinney	Air Date: 2018
Television Appearance: <i>The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross</i> 6 part, 6 hour PBS Documentary of African American History Narrated by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Discussed Margaret Garner	Air Date: 2013
Television Appearance: <i>Who Do You Think You Are</i> Discussed the family history of a celebrity (Zoey Deschanel) whose ancestors were active in the PA Underground Railroad and the Christiana Slave Revolt	Air Date: 2013

**Current Selected
Campus Service and
Leadership:**

Howard University University Marshal Lead procession and recession of students, faculty, and platform party at all graduations, convocations, and Charter Day ceremonies	2018-present
Howard University 2020 Self-Study Steering Committee Middle States Commission on Higher Education Led the committee on Mission and Goals and wrote that chapter for the accreditation report. Was later asked to write the <i>entire</i> Self-study.	2018-present
Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan Committee Assisted in creating the vision, mission, goals, and values for the College of Arts & Sciences.	2019-present
Director of Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program Wrote the \$480,000 grant to establish the elite Mellon Mays Program at Howard. Howard’s is the first Mellon Mays program at an HBCU. The first cohort sent 4 students To doctoral programs at Northwestern (2), UCLA, and Columbia.	2018-present