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EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D. in African Diaspora History, Howard University, Washington, DC

2010 MA in African American Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

2008 BS in Business Administration, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD

TEACHING POSITIONS

August 2024-Present Associate Professor of History, Howard University,
Washington, DC

August 2023-July 2025 Undergraduate Studies Director for the History Department,
Howard University, Washington, DC

August 2021-July 2024 Assistant Professor of History, Howard University,
Washington, DC

August 2018-May 2021 Lecturer, African American Studies, University of Florida,
Gainesville, FL

August 2017-May 2018 Adjunct Professor, Embry Riddle Aeronautical,
Daytona Beach, FL

June 2014-May 2018 Assistant Professor, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona
Beach, Florida

June 2013-May 2014 Lecturer, Department of History, Bethune-Cookman University,
Daytona Beach, Florida

Aug 2012-May 2013 Lecturer, Department of History, Howard University,
Washington, DC

PUBLIC HISTORY POSITIONS

June 2013-May 2018 Curator and Director, Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation-National
Historic Landmark, Daytona Beach, Florida

Oct 2010-Aug 2012 Archives Technician, National Archives for Black Women's History, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2027 Volume Editor, *The Cambridge History of Black Women in the United States*, Cambridge University Press.
- 2023 *Mary McLeod Bethune the Pan Africanist*, Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida (Shortlisted for the 2024 MAAH Stone Book Award)
- 2015 *Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida: Bringing Social Justice to the Sunshine State*, Charleston, SC: The History Press.

Articles and Chapters

- 2025 Book Review *Hettie V. Williams, and Melissa Ziobro, eds. A Seat at the Table: Black Women Public Intellectuals in US History and Culture*, *American Historical Review*, March 2025, Volume 130, pp. 543–544.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhae640>
- 2023 Book Review *The Life of Madie Hall Xuma: Black Women's Global Activism during Jim Crow and Apartheid* by Wanda A. Hendricks, *Journal of Southern History*, 3rd ed., Volume 89, pp. 597-98
- 2023 “Past and Present Black Female Mayors in Florida,” *Political Black Girl Magic: The Elections and Governance of Black Female Mayors*, Temple University Press, 2023
- 2022 “Looking Beyond the United States: Mary McLeod Bethune’s Relationship’s with Afro-Cubans,” *Phylon*, Vol. 59, No.2 (Winter 2022)
- 2021 Book Review: *Educating Harlem: A Century of Schooling and Resistance in a Black Community*, *The Journal of Negro Education*, Fall 2021, Volume 106, No. 4
- 2018 “A Seat at the Table: Mary McLeod Bethune’s Call for the Inclusion of Black Women During World War II,” *Black Women and Social Justice Education: Legacies and Lessons*, SUNY Press, 2018.

- 2015 Book Review: *Mary McLeod Bethune: Building a Better World, Essays and Selected Documents*, *The Journal of Negro Education*, Fall 2015, Volume 84, No. 4
- 2015 “Boycotts.” *African American Leadership: A Concise Reference Guide*, edited by Dr. Tyson King-Meadows. Mission Bell Media, 2015.
- 2014 “A Different World: The Miseducation of HBCU Disrespect” *The Miseducation Of Journal*, Ignorant Intellectual, Volume 1, Issue 1, November 2014.
- 2014 “Building Bridges Between Black America and the World: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune’s 1949 Trip to Haiti.” *Liberating Minds, Liberating Society: Black Women in the Development of American Culture and Society*, edited by Lopez Matthews and Kenvi Phillips, 189-201. San Bernardino, CA: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2014.
- 2012 Book Review: *Black Labor Migration in Caribbean Guatemala 1882-1923*, *The Journal of African American History*, Summer 2012, Volume 97 No. 3
- 2012 “The Backbone of the Civil Rights Movement: National Council of Negro Women’s Role in the Struggle.” *In Spite of the Double Drawbacks: African American Women in History and Culture*, edited by Lopez Matthews, Marshanda Smith, Kenvi Phillips, and Ida E. Jones, 66-74. Charleston, SC: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012
- 2011 Book Review: *We Will Return in a Whirlwind*, *Imhotep Temple University Africana Studies Graduate Journal*, Spring 2011 2:35-37
- 2011 Book Review: *The Rise of the Post Hip Hop Generation It’s Bigger Than Hip Hop*, *Journal of Black Studies*, November 2011 42:1336-1338

Public History Publications

- 2017 Co-Author of *Finding My Way and Making My Mark: The Memoir of Carolyn Sanders-James.*, Create Space Publishing Platform, 2017.
- 2016 Co-Author of *A Tree That Grew In Midway: An Autobiography of Harold V. Lucas Jr.*, Create Space Publishing Platform, 2016.

- 2014 Co-Creator of the Mary McLeod Bethune Trail in partnership with the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House and the Lucy Craft Laney Black History Museum
<http://www.nps.gov/mamc/historyculture/upload/Bethune-Trail.pdf>
- 2012 “*I Carried the Torch of Leadership: The Legacy of the National Council of Negro Women*”, *Mary McLeod Bethune Council House Online Photo Gallery*,

Other Publications

- 2016 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 3, Issue 2, January 2016
- 2015 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 2, Issue 1, Summer 2015
- 2014 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 1, Issue 4, Summer 2014
- 2014 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 1, Issue 3, Spring 2014
- 2014 “The Home of the First Lady of Negro America: An Institutional Profile of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation” *AACR Newsletter*, Archivist and Archives of Color Roundtable, February 2014, Vol. 28, No. 2
- 2013 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 1, Issue 2, Winter 2013
- 2013 Editor of *The Legendary Retreat*: The Official Newsletter of the Mary McLeod Bethune Foundation, Volume 1, Issue 1, Fall 2013
- 2012 “African American Women’s Role Preserved by National Archives of Black Women’s History” The Official Newsletter of National Capital Parks-East, February 2012, Volume 1, Issue 1.
- 2012 “Our Voices Must Be Heard at a Time like This!” Association of Black Women Historians *Truth Newsletter*, Special Issue Section I 2012.

GRANT WRITING

2025	Brown University-HBCU Collaboration Grant," Sponsored by Brown University, Private, \$3,000.00. (June 2025 - August 2025) (Awarded)
2018	Community Project Grant for the Howard Thurman Historic Home, \$5000, Florida Humanities Council (Awarded)
2017	General Commission on Archives and History Grant, \$1000, United Methodist Church (Awarded)
2017	Museum Grants African American History and Culture, \$130,000.00, Institute of Museum and Library Services (Awarded)
2015	General Commission on Archives and History Grant, \$1000, United Methodist Church (Awarded)
2015	Museum Grants African American History and Culture, \$135,424.00, Institute of Museum and Library Services (Awarded)
2014	General Commission on Archives and History Grant, \$3500, United Methodist Church (Awarded)

EXHIBITIONS

2014	The Bethune Years, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL (in collaboration with Dr. Tasha Youmans)
2013	Presidential History at Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, FL

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

2025	HBCU Faculty Fellowship Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (August 2025)
2025	2024-25 College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Teaching by an Associate Professor, Howard University (April 2025).
2023	National Archives Foundation Cokie Roberts Women's History Commended Scholar
2022	Brown University/National Endowment for the Humanities Born Digital Scholarly Publishing Fellow
2016	Certified Interpretive Guide (National Association of Interpretation)
2012	Rayford & Ruth Logan History Endowed Scholarship
2012	Charles and Williston Lofton Scholarship
2007-2008	Maryland Department of Transportation Fellows Intern

2004-2008 Bowie State University Full Academic Scholarship

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 "Bridging the Gap Between Traditional Historians and Public Historians," Realizing the Power of History: Past, Present, and Future Strategies Conference, May 2026, National Council on Public History, Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, George Washington University, Washington, DC.
- 2026 "100 Years of Negro History and Mary McLeod Bethune's Interpretation of the Work of Carter G. Woodson," History Day Program, April 2026, Morgan State University Department of History, Geography and Museum Studies, Baltimore, MD..
- 2025 "Activist, Educator and Global Leader: Reframing the work of Mary McLeod Bethune" Paper Presentation, March 2026, National Council for Black Studies 50th Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- 2025 "A Historical View of National Council of Negro Women", Lecture, December 2025, National Council of Negro Women Affiliates Assembly, National Council of Negro Women, Washington, DC.
- 2025 "Mary McLeod Bethune the Pan-Africanist Lecture," Women's History Month Program, March 2025, The Du Bois Center at Bowie State University, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD.
- 2025 "Mary McLeod Bethune the Pan-Africanist Lecture," Black History Month Program, February 2025, San Jose State University Department of African American Studies, Virtual.
- 2025 "Evolving Towards a Greater Understanding of African American Clubwomen" Paper Presentation, New Directions in African American Women's History Panel, January 2025, American Historical Association Conference, New York, New York
- 2024 Blassingame Luncheon on Mary McLeod Bethune, Panel, September 2024, Association of African American Life and History Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2024 "Advancing the Field: Cambridge Studies on Black Women in the United States" Roundtable, September 2024, Association of African American Life and History Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

- 2024 "Practice and Theory: How Internships Inform History Students About the Long Civil Rights Movement" Panel, August 2024, The Association of African American Museums Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 2024 "The Significance of Mary McLeod Bethune's Leadership in 2024" Keynote Speaker, February 2024, National Archives and Records Administration -Say It Loud! African American EAG, College Park, MD.
- 2024 "Expanding the Practice, Reach, and Impact of Historical Scholarship through Born-Digital Publication" Panel, January 2024, American Historical Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2023 "Carrying the Light: Mary McLeod Bethune and Black Women's Activism" Roundtable, October 2023, The American Dream Reconsidered Conference, Roosevelt University, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL.
- 2023 "Mary McLeod Bethune" Panel, September 2023, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- 2023 "Black History as Public History: Public History Educators Share Their Experiences" Roundtable, September 2023, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- 2023 "Material Memory: Digital Storytelling as Resistance-New Protocol for Illuminating Black Voices" Panel, September 2023, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- 2023 "A Model for Diversifying and Expanding Digital Publishing: Brown University Library's National Endowment for the Humanities Institute" Virtual Panel, May 2023, Library Publishing Coalition.
- 2023 "State of the Field: Black Women's Public History" Panel, April 2023, National Council on Public History Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 "Digital Publishing-Lessons from Brown University's Born Digital Scholarly Institute" Virtual Panel, April 2023, Toward Radical Imagination: HBCU's & Digital Libraries Conference, Digital Library Federation & the HBCU Library Alliance
- 2023 "Black Women and the Power of Biography" Paper Presentation, March 2023 Organization of American Historians Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 "Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune and the Significance of the National Monument Movement" Virtual Panel, August 2022, Association of African American Museums Annual Conference

- 2022 "Black Women and the Making of Washington, DC" Lecture, June 2022, Towards a People's History of Landscape: Black & Indigenous Histories of the Nation's Capital-NEH Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC
- 2022 "Material Gworl 2022: A Historical Lens on Black Women in Demand of Money, Power and Respect" Virtual Panel Discussion, March 2022, Florida A&M University Department of History, Political Science and African American Studies Annual Women's History Symposium
- 2022 "Always on the Frontlines: Women and Their Roles in Times of Crisis" Presentation, March 2022, YWCA National Capital Area Women's History Month Event, Washington, DC
- 2022 "Invisible Warriors: African American Women in World War II" Virtual Film Screening Discussion, March 2022, Florida Historic Capitol Museum & Florida Humanities
- 2022 "More Than a Founder: Igniting a Movement-Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune" Virtual Panel Discussion, March 2022, Heritage Salon Inc.
- 2022 "Mary McLeod Bethune and the Necessity of Black Women's Leadership" Virtual Lecture, February 2022, First Amendment Museum
- 2022 "HBCU: A History of Racial Terrorism" Virtual Panel Discussion, February 2022, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- 2021 "Unceasing Militant: the Life of Mary Church Terrell" Seminar, Gender and History in the America Series, December 2021, School of Advanced Study University of London, Virtual Event
- 2021 "Dear Mama: Memoirs of the Pandemic from Mother Academics" Paper Presentation, Association for the Study of African American Life and History 106th Annual Meeting and Virtual Conference
- 2021 Writing the Life of Mary McLeod Bethune for the 21st Century, Virtual, Mary McLeod Bethune Room, Association for the Study of African American Life and History 106th Annual Meeting and Virtual Conference
- 2021 "Redefining Justice, Preserving History and Continuing Traditions: The Necessity of Black Women Archivists and Public Historians" Panel Discussion, Association of African American Museums, August 2021, Association of African American Museums Conference, Virtual Event

- 2021 “Collective Action, Liberation and the Power of Your Voice: Channeling the Energy of Juneteenth” Keynote Speech, June 2020, Woods Hole Diversity Advisory Committee Juneteenth Program

- 2021 “Dr. Bethune’s Philosophy of Justice” Panel Discussion, National Council of Negro Women 85th Anniversary Symposium, February 2021, Virtual Event

- 2021 “The Necessity of Black Archiving: Information, Preservation and Representation in Documenting our Legacy” Virtual Panel Discussion, February 2021, Ital Preservation

- 2020 “Power of the Ballot: Beyond the 19th Amendment” Panel Discussion, Florida Historic Capitol Museum Virtual Event, August 2020

- 2020 “African American Women Leaders in the Suffrage Movement” Presentation, August 2020, Florida Humanities & Florida Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission Virtual Event

- 2020 “Women & the Vote” Discussion, July 2020, WFSU Public Media Virtual Event

- 2020 “People, Place & Politics: Mary McLeod Bethune in the Hour of Global Crisis” Virtual Panel Discussion, July 2020, Heritage Salon Inc.

- 2020 “Mary McLeod Bethune’s Activism in Florida” Inaugural Women’s History Month Breakfast, March 2020, Orange County Regional History Center

- 2020 “Lessons from the Past and the Origins of Black History Month” Florida Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, February 2020, Live Oak Public Library

- 2020 “Bringing Social Justice to the Sunshine State: The Activism of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida” Florida Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, February 2020, Amelia Island Museum of History

- 2020 “Bringing Social Justice to the Sunshine State: The Activism of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida” Florida Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, January 2020, Pinellas County African American History Museum

- 2019 “Preserving the Past Through Oral Interviews” Florida Humanities Council Sponsored Workshop, August 2019, Howard Thurman Historic Home, Daytona Beach, FL

- 2019 “Preserving the Past with Archival Materials” Florida Humanities, Council Sponsored Workshop, August 2019, Howard Thurman Historic Home, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2019 “Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom” Lecture, June 2019, Alachua County Library District, Gainesville, Florida
- 2019 “Black Women’s Activism” Paper Presentation, April 2019, African Methodist Episcopal Ministerial Leadership Institute, Orlando, Florida
- 2019 “A Seat at the Table: Mary McLeod Bethune’s Call for Inclusion of Black Women During World War II,” Paper Presentation, March 2019, *Black Women and Social Justice Education* Virtual Book Launch.
- 2018 “Torchbearers: Transforming the Movement” Closing Plenary Session, August 2018, Association of African American Museums Conference, Hampton, VA
- 2018 “Honoring Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,” Presentation, July 2016, Howard Thurman Historic Home, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2018 “Segregation and the History of Bethune Beach,” Paper Presentation, May 2018, New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- 2017 “Who Will Survive America? A Conversation on Black Museums and Social Activism in the 21st Century” Panel Discussion, August 2017, Association of African American Museums Conference, Washington, DC
- 2017 “Museum and Archival Synergy at Bethune-Cookman University” Panel Discussion, August 2017, Association of African American Museums Conference, Washington, DC
- 2017 Mary McLeod Bethune: A Life Devoted to Service Lecture, July 2017, National Park Service Mary McLeod Bethune Birthday Celebration, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 “Interpretation 101,” Poster Presentation, NMAAHC/NAI Interpretation Workshop, August 2016, Association of African American Museums Conference, Riverside, CA
- 2016 “Bridging The Gap Between Academia and the Community,” Panel Discussion, May 2016, Florida Historical Society Conference, Orlando, Florida

- 2016 “Mary McLeod Bethune: Bringing Social Justice to the Sunshine State” Lecture, Back in the Day Lecture Series, April 2016, Ormond Beach Historical Society, Ormond Beach, FL
- 2016 *Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida* Book Talk, February 2016, Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church, Oxford, NC
- 2016 “Effective Leadership In Volunteer Action” Presentation, International Decade for People of African Descent Young Leaders Conference, February 2016, Jacksonville, FL
- 2016 “Mary McLeod Bethune: Still a Force Today” Lecture, Local History Speaker Series, February 2016, West Volusia Historical Society, Deland, FL
- 2016 “We Are The Dream: Black History Month Redefined” Paper Presentation, Reign Home School Academy’s Black History Month Production, February 2016, Ormond Beach, FL
- 2015 “Mary McLeod Bethune: An American Legend” Lecture, Saving the Sunshine State: Women Leaders in the 20th Century Speaker Series, October 2015, Matheson Museum, Gainesville, Florida
- 2015 *Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida* Book Talk, October 2015, Mary McLeod Bethune Council House-National Historic Site, National Park Service, Washington, DC
- 2015 “White Racism, Black Beaches: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune’s Fight for Social Justice in Florida” Paper Presentation, September 2015, 100th Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 “Developing a Cadre of 21st Century Museum Professionals: NMAAHC’s Pilot HBCU Internship Program,” Panel Discussion, August 2015, Association of African American Museums Conference, Memphis Tennessee
- 2015 *Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida* Book Talk, July 2015, West Volusia Historical Society, Deland, FL
- 2015 *Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida* Book Talk, July 2015, Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach, FL

- 2015 “Women Springing Into Action: Building Upon A Historical Past”
Lecture, Women’s Day Program, March 2015, Grace United Methodist Church, Brunswick, GA
- 2015 “A Diamond in Daytona: Mary McLeod Bethune’s Extension of Booker T. Washington’s Legacy and the Founding of Daytona Literary and Industrial School for the Training of Negro Girls,” Paper Presentation, February 2015, Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. 2015 Convention, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2015 “Great Influences on African American History” Presentation, Reign Home School Academy’s Black History Month Production, February 2015, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2015 “The Life and Times of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune” Lecture, Museum of Arts and Sciences Guild Meeting, February 2015, Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach, FL
- 2015 “Bridging the Gap between Museums and Academia,” Panel Discussion, January 2015, Historic Black Towns and Settlements Historic Preservation Conference, Eatonville, FL
- 2014 “Before Trayvon and Jordan: The Civil Rights Activism of Mary McLeod Bethune in Florida” Paper Presentation, September 2014, 99th Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2014 “Leveraging Partnership Power: Joining Forces in Collective Memory,” Panel Discussion, August 2014, Association of African American Museums Conference, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2014 Defining Beauty for Ourselves: Crowns, Conversation and Q&A with Miss America Ericka Dunlap, Panel Discussion (Moderator), June 2014, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2014 “The Bethune Woman,” Panel Discussion, April 2014, National Council of Negro Women’s Symposium, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 2014 “The Life of Nelson Mandela,” Panel Discussion, February 2014, Nelson Rolihlaha Mandela Symposium, Office of Multicultural Programs, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Florida

- 2014 *College Founder, Presidential Advisor, Civil Rights Activist: Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, The First Lady of Negro America* Lecture, February 2014, Halifax Historical Museum, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 2014 Event Guest Speaker “The Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Legacy Experience,” Turie T. Small Elementary School Academic Achievement Program, January 2013, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach, Florida
- 2013 “Fighting Abroad For Freedom: African American Women’s International Activism” Paper Presentation, October 2013, 98th Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2013 “Mary McLeod Bethune and National Council of Negro Women’s Redefining of Black Women’s Agency,” Paper Presentation, October 2013, 7th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, Dominican Republic
- 2013 Leveraging Partnership Power: Joining Forces in Collective Memory “From Civil War to Civil Rights” in Public Institutions, Panel Discussion, October 2013, 98th Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2013 Event Guest Speaker, “The Life and Times of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,” Bethune-Cookman Universities 109th Founders Day, October 2013, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona Beach Florida
- 2013 Event Guest Speaker, “Faces of Pride, Then and Now,” August 2013, South Ormond Neighborhood Center, City of Ormond Beach, Ormond Beach, Florida
- 2013 “Black History, Our History,” February 2013, Howard University, Golden Key Club Honor Society
- 2013 “The First Lady of the Negro Race”: the Political Activism of Mary McLeod Bethune, January 2013, National Museum of American History Tuesday Colloquium
- 2012 *African Resistance: From Slavery to Hip Hop* Lecture, September 2012, Howard University, United States History to 1877 Hist 009 Section 06
- 2012 *Black Women’s Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement* Lecture, September 2012, Bethel Dukes Chapter of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

- 2012 “The National Council of Negro Women’s Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement” Paper Presentation, September 2012, 97th Annual Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- 2012 *Examining First Freed and Emancipation in the District of Columbia*, April 2012, Public History Program of Howard University Lecture Series, Mary McLeod Bethune Council House, Washington, DC
- 2012 *Mary McLeod Bethune’s Vision and Formation of the National Council of Negro Women and its Involvement in the Civil Rights Movement*, March 2012, DC Public Library Women’s History Month Lecture Series, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, DC
- 2012 *Mary McLeod Bethune’s Internationalism*, February 2012, Department of Interior Park Ranger Speaker Series, Department of Interior Library, Washington, DC
- 2011 *Preserving Every Aspect and Era of the Civil Rights Movement at the National Archives for Black Women’s History*, July 2011 National Park Service Civil Rights Preservation Forum, Howard University
- 2011 *The Mary McLeod Bethune Council House*, July 2011 Department of Interior Park Ranger Speaker Series, Department of Interior Library Washington, DC
- 2011 *Claudia Jones: Using All The Weapons of Her Arsenal*, April 2011 Women As Change Agents Research Symposium, Howard University
- 2009 *A Critical Examination of Cheikh Anta Diop’s Two Cradle Theory*, April 2009 AYA Conference, Temple University

TEACHING

Member of Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Phillip Warfield (Howard University) "'I Will Never Again Yield...' The Long Black Campus Movement in Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education, 1889 - 1975'". Defended April 2026.

Kendra Woodfolk Anthony (Howard University) ""Attending the Crossing: The Spirituality of African American Midwives 1877-1955"." Defended April 2025.

*Served as Committee Chair

Antonio Austin (Howard University) ""...A White Man Can Do What He Pleases with a Colored Man or Woman...": Black North Carolinians' Experience with the Law from 1790-1860." Defended April 2025.

Cheryl Hawkins (Howard University) "The Enduring Legacy of Parker-Gray: A Twentieth Century History of the African American Community in Alexandria, Virginia and Their Struggle for Public Education." Defended April 2025.

Tomiko Meeks (Howard University) "Silent Resistance: Enslaved Girls, Poison and the Politics of Survival, 1820-1860." Defended April 2025.

Shafantae Desinord "The Score: Haitian Refugees, Survival and the Dream 1957-1986." Defended March 2025.

*Served as Committee Chair

Laura Hargrove (Howard University) "The Scholarship and Ministry of Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. Within the Context of African Diaspora History, 1972-2008" Defended November 2024.

Sharon Jesse Edwards (Howard University) "Educated, Christian and Colored: The Importance of Legacy Institutions and Education in the South" Defended May 2024.

Samantha Averett (Howard University): "Dreams Deferred or Actualized: Examining the Great Migration Through the Lens of Educating the First and Second Generational Chicagoans" Defended April 2022.

Vedet R. Coleman-Robinson (Howard University): "Slighted Stories in Presentation: African American History and Culture within the National Park Service, 1916-2020" Defended April 2022.

Ariel Lewis (George Washington University): "Looking Back, Moving Forward: A Phenomenological Investigation of African American Millennials' Views on Historical Trauma" Defended March 2020.

Nerissa Snyder (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University): "What does it mean to be a Black in the United States of America?" Defended December 2018.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the Council of Advisors for the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation (2022-Present)

Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Review Panelist (2022-Present)

Program Committee Member for the National Council on Public History (2024-Present)

Pauli Murray Book Prize Committee Member for the African American Intellectual History Society (2024-Present)

Memberships

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Association of African American Museums

Association of Black Women Historians

National Council on Public History

Organization of American Historians