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### **Education**

Doctoral Candidate, United States History | United States Slavery | Comps Exam: May 29, 2018.

### **Publications**

“Love in the Time of Texas Slavery.” *A Journal of Black and Native History I, no. 2*. Online Journal. (Feb. 2019): <https://fourthpartoftheworld.wordpress.com/2019/02/26/love-in-the-time-of-texas-slavery/>

“Thanksgiving Reconsidered: A Brief History of an Early American Tradition.” *A Journal of Black and Native History I, no. 1*, Online Journal. (December 2018): <https://fourthpartoftheworld.wordpress.com/>

“Textbooks, Texas, and Discontent: The Fight Against Inadequate Educational Resources.” *Not Even Past*. (November 14, 2016): <http://notevenpast.org/textbooks-texas-and-discontent-the-fight-against-inadequate-educational-resources/>

“A Brief History of Mass Shootings.” Behind the Tower: New Histories of the UT Tower Shooting. Public History Project. The University of Texas at Austin. (July 2016): [Behindthetower.org](http://Behindthetower.org)

“The Illegal Slave Trade in Texas, 1808-1865.” *Not Even Past*. (February 17, 2016): <https://notevenpast.org/the-illegal-slave-trade-in-texas-1808-1865/>

### **External Fellowships & Awards**

Fulbright Research Fellowship. 2019-20.

P.E.O International Fellowship. Spring 2019.

Ford Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship. Alternate & Honorable Mention. Spring 2019.

The Texas State Historical Association. The John H. Jenkins Fellowship, Spring 2019.

The Fulbright-National Geographic Storytelling Fellowship. Finalist, April 12, 2019.

The Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture. Lapidus Predoctoral Fellowship, Spring 2019.

The American Historical Association’s Council Travel Grant. Spring 2019.

Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching (HILT). Workshop Registration & Travel Award. Summer 2018.

The American Historical Association. The Albert J. Beveridge Research Grant. 2018.

UNC’s Black Communities Conference & Collaboration. Travel Grant. April 2018.

The Bullock Texas State History Museum. Archive Research Summer Grant. 2016.

The Library Company of Philadelphia. Mellon Scholars’ Workshop Fellowship. Summer 2014.

Phi Alpha Theta. Best Graduate Research Paper Award. Elizabeth City State University. April 2014.

Phi Alpha Theta. Graduate Panel Presentation First Place Award. Elizabeth City State University. April 2014.

Ledonia Wright Cultural Center. Women’s History Month Essay Competition. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Feb 2013.

Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Merit Award. April 2012.

### **Internal Fellowships & Awards**

John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies. Professional Development Grant. Fall 2018

The University of Texas at Austin. Graduate School. Professional Development Grant. Fall 2018.

The Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. Research Fellowship. 2018-19.

John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies. Travel Grant. Spring 2018.

The University of Texas at Austin. Department of History. Summer Research Fellowship. 2017.

The University of Texas at Austin. Department of History. Travel Grant. April 2017.

John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies. Travel Grant. December 2016.

The University of Texas at Austin. Department of History. Recruitment Fellowship. 2015-16.

East Carolina University. Research & Creative Achievement Research Poster Competition. First Place Award in the Social Sciences. March 2014.

East Carolina University. Department of History. Lawrence F. Brewster Fellowship. 2012-13.

East Carolina University. Department of History. William Hamlin & Mary Quaife Tuttle Fellowship. 2012-13.

East Carolina University. Department of History. Undergrad Honors Research Award. May 2012.

East Carolina University. Department of History. Outstanding Senior Award. May 2012.

East Carolina University. Center for Student Leadership & Engagement. Parent's Council Scholarship. 2011-12.

East Carolina University. Department of History. Miller Moore Scholarship. (x2) 2010-11 & 2011-12.

### **Conferences & Symposia**

“She Obligates and Binds Herself Faithfully to Serve, as a Servant and Laborer”: Enslaved Women, Removal Contracts, and Freedom Pathways on the Texas Borderlands, 1821-1866. Texas State Historical Association's Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, Texas. February 1, 2019.

“From Slave to Servant in the War for Freedom: How Black Women Fought Bondage on the Texas Frontier 1829-1865.” ASALH Annual Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana. October 6, 2018.

“Knowledge Production: Activism, Struggle, and Preventing Historical Erasure in Education.” IUPLR Sixth Biennial Siglo XXI Conference, Mapping Latino Research. The University of Texas at San Antonio. May 2017.

“Empowering Mexican American Voices through Education: The Importance of Knowledge Production in the Prevention of Historical Erasures of the Mexican American Past.” NACCS Tejas-Foco Conference. Texas A&M University. Feb 2017.

“Border Contraband: The Illegal Slave Trade Across the Porous Texas Frontier, 1817-1865.” ASALH Annual Conference. Richmond, Virginia. Oct 2016.

“Across Porous Frontiers: Hidden Histories of Slavery in Nineteenth Century Mexico, United States, and the Caribbean.” PAT Conference. Elizabeth City State University. April 2014.

“The Mystic Triangle: Hidden Histories of Slavery, & Freedom.” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week. East Carolina University. April 2014.

“The Mystic Triangle: The Hidden History of the Illegal Interaction, Movement, and Exchange of People of African (and Native American) Descent in the nineteenth century U.S. South, Mexico and the Caribbean.” SERSAS Annual Conference. East Carolina University. Sep 2013.

“Mexico's Lost Decade: The Peculiar Consequences of NAFTA.” Poster Presentation. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Research & Creative Achievement Week. East Carolina University. April 2013.

“The Cartels: A Mexico in Chaos.” PAT Conference. Queens College. March 2012.

“Cocaine Wars: Mexico & its Discontents.” Poster Presentation. State of North Carolina Research & Creativity Symposium. East Carolina University. November 2011.

### **Lectures & Presentations**

Invited Presenter. “Archives & Collections in Austin.” The Austin Archives Bazaar. October 2018.

Invited Lecturer. Professor Nakia Parker. History 315K - Pre-1865 U.S: “Gone To Texas: From Colonization to Statehood, 1821-1845. August 2018.

Invited Lecturer. Dr. Diana Ramey Berry, UGS-History 303: “Safe Havens, South of Slavery: Abolition, Slave Flight, & Railroads to Freedom Across the Nineteenth Century Mexico-US Borderlands.” The University of Texas at Austin, Nov 2017.

Guest Instructor. Dr. Nicholas Roland, History 320R: “Texas History: From Statehood to Reconstruction.” The University of Texas at Austin, Sep 2017.

Guest Instructor. Dr. Nicholas Roland, History 320R: “Texas Through Time: Prehistory to the Republic of Texas.” The University of Texas at Austin, Sep 2017.

Invited Presenter. Roundtable. “El *Otro* Ferrocarril Subterráneo: Historias Ocultas de Esclavitud y Libertad en las fronteras porosas de México, Estados Unidos, y el Caribe en el Siglo XIX.” Universidad Veracruzana. Xalapa, Veracruz. June 2017.

Invited Lecturer. Dr. Robert Olwell, History 315K - Pre-1865 U.S.: “Gone to Texas: Texas Colonization, Slavery, & Annexation 1821-1846.” The University of Texas at Austin. Nov 2016.

Invited Lecturer. Dr. Daina R. Berry, History 350R: Domestic Slave Trade: “The Other Underground Railroad: Runaway Slaves, from the United States, who sought freedom in Mexico.” The University of Texas at Austin. Oct 2016.

Invited Presenter. Brown-Bag Workshop: “Border Exchanges: Histories, Accounts and Other Stories that Connected Mexico and the Old South.” East Carolina University, Feb 2014.

Invited Presenter. Dr. Angela T. Thompson, History 5130: “The Other Side of the Underground Railroad: Mexico as a Safe-Haven for runaway slaves from the US South.” East Carolina University. Sep 2014.

### **Pedagogical Experience**

Teaching Methods Course. HIST 398T. Department of History. The University of Texas at Austin. Spring 2018.

Methods of Teaching American History Workshop, Led by Eric Foner & W.W. Norton, January 2017.

TA. History 320R. Texas History: 1914-Present. Fall 2017.

TA. History 315K. Pre-1865. Dr. Robert Olwell. The University of Texas at Austin. Fall 2016; Spring 2018.

Education Programs Intern. Texas State Historical Association. Fall 2015-Spring 2017.

Spanish Instructor. Beginner Spanish Language Course. UT Austin Division of Housing. January-May 2016.

Research Assistant. College STAR. East Carolina University. Aug 2013-July 2015.

Research Assistant. Sociology Department. East Carolina University. Jan 2013- May 2013.

### **Public & Digital History**

Public Talk. “South of Slavery: Black Routes to Mexico 1793-1868.” Dolph Briscoe Center for American History. March 7, 2019.

Public Talk. “South of Slavery: Reconsidering the Underground Railroad to Mexico.” Texas Slavery Symposium. African American Museum at Dallas. January 19, 2019.

Collaborator. “Just A Ferry Ride to Freedom” Documentary Film. Part of the War and Peace on the Rio Grande 1846-1876 Traveling Exhibit. Produced by Nick Taylor, Ed.D. in Collaboration with the CHAPS Program and the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Fall 2018. Debuted at the RTRGV Performing Arts Festival, February 20, 2019.

Podcast. “Finding Freedom South of the Border with Maria Hammack.” *The Hour of History* (HoH) Podcast - Episode 57: <https://www.hourofhistory.com/finding-freedom-south-of-the-border-with-maria-hammack-hoh-podcast-ep-57/>

Translator. Conference Exhibition. “Refusing to Forget: Border Violence 1914-1918” A centennial of the 1919 Canales Investigation exhibition. Spring 2019. Link to digitized & translated exhibition entitled *Negándonos a Olvidar: Violencia Fronteriza 1914-1918*: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/reshaping-identity/negandonos-a-olvidar>

Founding Member, Writer, & Collaborator. *Fourth Part of The World: A Journal of Black and Native History*. Fall 2018-Present: <https://fourthpartoftheworld.wordpress.com/>

Spanish Translator of Exhibitions. The Bullock Texas State History Museum. Fall 2018-Present.

Public Talk. Co-Keynote Speaker. “To Never Return to Their Masters”: WPA Texas Narratives of Enslaved People Who Fled to Mexico.” Austin Community College History Symposium. October 18, 2018. Honorarium provided by Austin Community College.

Panelist. “Afro-Native History, Culture, and Language Retention in the United States.” Black Communities: Conference and Collaboration Roundtable. UNC Institute of African American Research. April 2018.

Research Assistant. Documentary Series: Women Who Changed America. Enlight Productions, Inc. Spring 2018.

Curator Assistant: Frank Cordes, Curator. Upcoming 2019 “Becoming Texas” exhibition. The Bullock Texas State History Museum. 2017- Present.

Public Talk. Keynote Speaker. “The Hard Numbers: Funding Black & Brown Education.” Inaugural AMEXCAN Scholarship Fund Gala. Greenville, North Carolina. October 14, 2017.

Public Workshop. Co-Organizer & Co-Keynote Speaker. “Finding Your Roots Workshop.” The Bullock Texas State History Museum. Austin, Texas. May 13, 2017. Honorarium provided by the Historic New Orleans Collection: <https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/calendar/workshop-finding-your-roots-20170513>

Graduate Student Reviewer. Ad Hoc Textbook Review Committee. Assessment Report of the Mexican American Heritage Textbook. Fall 2016. The University of Texas at Austin.

[http://masfortexas.org/Nov15Report\\_updated.pdf](http://masfortexas.org/Nov15Report_updated.pdf)

Panelist: “Doing Public History: Three Projects,” *Methods Series*. [www.behindthetower.org](http://www.behindthetower.org). Institute for Historical Studies. University of Texas at Austin. October 24, 2016.

<https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/historicalstudies/events/41339>

Curator Assistant: Margaret Koch, Curator. 2018 “Sam Houston-Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna” Exhibit. The Bullock Texas State History Museum. Summer 2016.

Podcast: “Behind the Tower: New Histories of the UT Tower Shooting.” *Fifteen Minute History*. The University of Texas at Austin. August 1, 2016. <http://15minutehistory.org/2016/08/01/episode-84-behind-the-tower-new-histories-of-the-ut-tower-shooting/>

Researcher & Writer: Neuberger, Joan, Public & Digital History Project, Behind the Tower: New Histories of the UT Tower Shooting. Public History Project. The University of Texas at Austin. January 2016- July 2016.

Final Product: [Behindthetower.org](http://Behindthetower.org)

Researcher & Writer: Berry, D.R. & Winston, R. (PI). “Mapping Texas Slave Trade Routes,” Humanities Media Grant, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin, 2015-2016. Final Product: <https://txdst.la.utexas.edu/>

Workshop Leader. “Strengthening Latino Leadership in North Carolina.” Representing the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina. Hispanic Leadership Summit. Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Asheboro, North Carolina. April 2015.

Master of Ceremonies & Organizer. “Empowering Minority Women through Education & Access to Resources in North Carolina.” International Women’s Day Panel, Association of Mexican in North Carolina. Greenville, North Carolina. March 2015.

### **Digital Humanities Training**

AHA. Workshop Training on Getting Started in Digital History (DH). January 3, 2019.

Humanities Intensive Learning & Teaching (HILT). Spaces & Stories: Black Digital Humanities. June 2018.

AHA. Workshop Training on Data Visualization. January 4, 2018.

### **Social Media Experience**

Director of Social Media. *The Journal of African American History*. Spring 2019-Present | @JAAHistory

Director of Social Media. Making History Hers. Fall 2018-Present | @Makinghistoryhers

Director of Social Media. History Department. The University of Texas at Austin. May 2016-May 2018|

@UT\_HistDept & @uthistory

Social Media Manager. *Latinx Studies Graduate Students*. Student Organization. The University of Texas at Austin. Fall 2017- Fall 2018 | @LSGS

PR Organizer & Social Media Manager. *Young Democrat of Pitt County*. North Carolina. Fall 2014-Spring 2016 | @PittYoungDems

### **Service: Academic & Community**

Graduate Student Representative. Association of Black Women Historians. 2018-2019.

Conference Advisory Board. Black Communities. 2018-2019.  
Black Matters Conference. Volunteer. University of Texas at Austin. Sep 2016.  
Assistant Editor. *Undergraduate Journal of Black Business History*. Spring 2016.  
Appointed Grad-Student Rep. Dean's Student Advisory Council. University of Texas at Austin. 2016-2017.  
History Representative. Graduate Student Assembly. University of Texas at Austin. Sep 2015- May 2017.  
Disaster Action Team Lead. American Red Cross. Pitt County, NC. May 2005- July 2015.

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Historical Association (AHA)  
Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH)  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)  
Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (AMEXCAN)  
South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)  
Southern Historical Association (SHA)  
Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)  
Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture (OIEAHC)  
Western History Association (WHA)

### **Language Skills**

Spanish: Native Speaker  
English: Fluent  
French: Basic reading  
Russian: Basic Reading