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Bio Sketch:

I am a historian of the 20th Century United States, with a particular interest in race, class and work. I have written books on African American industrial workers in the Jim Crow South and the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963. I am currently writing a book on public employees and the transformation of the U.S. economy after the Second World War.

Research Interests:

Social and Political, 20th Century US, Labor and Working Class, African American, Civil Rights.

Selected Publications:

- The March on Washington: Jobs, Freedom and the Forgotten History of Civil Rights (W.W. Norton & Co., 2013)
- The Tribe of Black Ulysses: African American Lumber Workers in the Jim Crow South (University of Illinois Press, 2005)
- "The Unknown Origins of the March on Washington: Civil Rights Politics and the Black Working Class," *Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas* 7:3 (Fall, 2010), 33-52
- "How Black 'Folk' Survived in the Modern South: Industrialization, Popular Culture, and the Transformation of Black Working-Class Leisure in the Jim Crow South," in Ken Warren and Adolph Reed, Jr., eds., *Renewing Black Intellectual History: The Ideological and Material Foundations of African American Thought* (Boulder: Paradigm Publishers, 2009), 53-79
- "Nothing Special to Offer the Negro": Revisiting the "Debsian View" of the Negro Question," *International Labor and Working Class History* 74 (Fall 2008), 212-224

Awards:

- Best Article Award, *Labor*, 2010-2011
- Institute for Research in the Humanities, Resident Fellowship, 2010
- Vilas Associate Award, UW Madison, 2009-2011
- Faculty Development Grant, UW Madison, 2009-2010
- American Council of Learned Societies, Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, NEH/Newhouse Fellowship, 2005-2006
- H.L. Mitchell Award, Southern Historical Association, 2006
- Wentworth Illinois History Book Award, 2005

Courses Taught:

Lecture Courses:

- History 102 - The United States Since 1865 - [Syllabus 2014 \(pdf\)](#)
- History 398 - The United States Since 1945 - [Syllabus 2011 \(pdf\)](#)

Undergraduate Seminars:

- History 600 - Advanced Seminar in History - Topics: "Long Civil Rights Movement" - [Syllabus 2014 \(pdf\)](#)

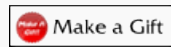
Graduate Seminars:

- [History 929 - Labor and Working Class History in the United States - Syllabus 2009 \(pdf\)](#)
- [History 945 – The United States Since 1929 - Syllabus 2013 \(pdf\)](#)

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