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African American literature and culture; Black literary modernism

Professor Childs received his Ph.D. in English from the University of California, Berkeley and his M.A. in African American Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles. His current book manuscript offers a cultural history of racial capitalist incarceration in the U.S. from the late nineteenth century through the prison industrial complex.

He has received research fellowships from numerous sources including the Hellman Fund, the University of California President's Postdoctoral Program, and the Ford Foundation. His research and teaching areas include African American literature and blues culture, slavery, and prison studies. In 2009, he received the Outstanding Faculty Award from UCSD's Black Student Union.

Articles:

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