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EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)
2007 M.A. (*Cum Laude*), Department of History, North Carolina Central University (NCCU)
2005 B.A. (*Magna Cum Laude*), Department of History, North Carolina Central University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014- Assistant Professor of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK)
2013-2014 Lecturer, Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Twentieth Century American History, African American History, Civil Rights History, African American Business History, Southern U. S. History, North Carolina History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

New South Prosperity: John Hervey Wheeler, Black Banking, and the Economic Struggle for Civil Rights (manuscript in progress)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"African American Business Abroad: John Hervey Wheeler, the United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program, and Global Civil Rights, 1959-1969" (manuscript in progress)

"'The Bright Sunshine of a New Day': John Hervey Wheeler, Black Business, and Civil Rights in North Carolina, 1929-1964," *North Carolina Historical Review* 93 (July 2016)

Book Reviews

Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South (2016) by Talitha L. LeFlouria, *Agricultural History* (in progress)

Black Power in the Bluff City: African American Youth and Student Activism in Memphis, 1965-1975 (2015) by Shirletta J. Kinchen, *Journal of African American History* (in progress)

The Cambridge Guide to African American History (2016) by Raymond Gavins, *North Carolina Historical Review* (forthcoming, January 2017)

Civil Rights in the Texas Borderlands: Dr. Lawrence A. Nixon and Black Activism (2015) by Will Guzmán, *Journal of Southern History* 82 (August 2016)

Upbuilding Black Durham: Gender, Class, and Black Community Development in the Jim Crow South (2008) by Leslie Brown, *North Carolina Historical Review* 87 (April 2010)

Blog Entries

"To Be Proud of Being Who We Are: Remembering Leslie Brown," African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), August 14, 2016

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2016-2017 Residential Fellowship, UTK Humanities Center
2015 Distinguished Visiting Scholars Project, UTK Humanities Center, Invited Dr. Juliet E. K. Walker from the University of Texas at Austin for Public Lecture
2015 John Hope Franklin Research Center for African and African American History and Culture Travel Award, Duke University
2015 Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library Research Travel Award
2010 Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum, Austin, TX
2009 Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC
2009 Mowry Dissertation Grant, Department of History, UNC
2007-2008 Minority Presence Fellowship, School of Graduate Studies, UNC
2006 H.F. Boehl Internship, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY
2006 Session Winner, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, East Carolina University
2006 NCCU Soaring Eagles Award
2005 Carter G. Woodson Essay Contest Winner, Association for the Study of African American Life and History

CONFERENCES

Papers Presented

2016 "African American Business Abroad: John Hervey Wheeler, Diplomacy, and Global Civil Rights, 1959-1969," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia
2015 "'The Bright Sunshine of a New Day': John Hervey Wheeler, Black Business, and Equal Employment Opportunity in North Carolina, 1929-1964," Business History Conference, Miami, Florida
2013 "'The Bright Sunshine of a New Day': John Hervey Wheeler and the Battle for Equal Employment Opportunity in North Carolina, 1961-1964," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida
2010 "A Black Moderate in the South: John Hervey Wheeler and the Southern Regional Council, 1942-1962," Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, North Carolina
2007 "'Like Building a Ladder Step by Step': The Durham Committee On Negro Affairs, Gaining Prominence through Voting and Education, 1943-1953," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina
2007 "The Struggle for Freedom Begins Every Morning": The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs and the Early Civil Rights Movement in Durham, North Carolina, 1957-1963" New Perspectives on the Black South, UNC
2006 "Luther P. Jackson: A Wheel Horse for the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History," 8th Annual Graduate Conference on African-American History, University of Memphis

Roundtable Participant

- 2016 "Unearthing African American Memory: Collaborative Efforts between Historians and Archivists," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia
- 2015 "What Influences You: The Impact of Media Outlets on Values, Beliefs, and Opinions of American Citizens," Black Law Student Association and the American Constitution Society, UTK
- 2008 Guest, "The State of Things" with Frank Stasio, North Carolina Public Radio, Durham, North Carolina

Panel Chair/Commentator

- 2016 Chair, "Black Time Travel: History Telling in Virtual Space, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia
- 2016 Chair, "Discipline and Punish," Meeting of the Society of Appalachian Historians, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2014 Chair, "Black Intellectuals and the Long Civil Rights Movement," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Memphis, Tennessee

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 "'America's No. 1 Opportunity': John Hervey Wheeler, Black Business, and Civil Rights in North Carolina, 1945-1968," Black History Month Lecture Series, NCCU, Durham, North Carolina
- 2015 "'I Started Off Life Even': The Wheeler Family from Slavery to Middle Class Respectability, 1865-1929," Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2008 "Beyond Hayti: Durham in *Black and White*" book signing of *Black and White* (2008) by Lewis Shiner, Regulator Book Store, Durham, North Carolina

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2011 "'Such Fertile Ground for Litigation': John Hervey Wheeler and the Battle for Educational Equality in Durham, North Carolina, 1942-1954," Department Research Colloquium, UNC
- 2009 "Examining the Long Civil Rights Movement through Biography: John Hervey Wheeler and the Brokering of the Civil Rights Movement," Long Civil Rights Movement Conference, UNC
- 2009 "Brokering the Civil Rights Movement: John Hervey Wheeler and the Southern Regional Council, 1942-1969," Southern Research Circle, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2012 Instructor/Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant, UNC
- 2005-2007 Instructor/Teaching Assistant/Graduate Assistant, NCCU

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses

- U.S. History, 1933 to the Present (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016)
- The 1960s in America (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

The African American Experience from the Colonial Period to the Civil War (Fall 2015)
The African American Experience from the Civil War to the Present (Spring 2016)
Thinking Historically: African American Business History (Expected Fall 2017)
History of the Civil Rights Movement (Expected Spring 2018)
North Carolina History Before 1865 (Summer 2011, Summer 2012)
Native Americans in the Eastern United States (Fall 2011)
U.S. History Since 1865 (Spring 2007)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2016-2017 Speakers Committee, Department of History, UTK
2015-2016 Graduate Committee, Department of History, UTK
2015- Co-Founder, #BlackHistoryMatters Film and Discussion Series, UTK
2015 History 299, "Thinking Historically" Planning Workshop Participant, UTK
2014- Co-Founder, Permanent Endowment for the Annual Fleming-Morrow Lecture Series and Awards in African American History (\$100,000 fundraising goal), UTK

Comprehensive Exam Committee: Denise Harris

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2014 Nominated NCCU's Department of History for the American Historical Association's Equity Award (Presented to NCCU at the 2015 Meeting)
2011-2013 Triangle African American History Colloquium Conference Planning Committee, UNC
2006-2007 President, E. E. Thorpe Historical Society, NCCU
2005-2007 Graduate Students' Association Executive Council and Chair of Graduate Research Day Planning Committee (NCCU)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2016- Consultant, "Close to Our Hearts: the Rise, Survival, and Legacy of Knoxville College, An Oral History Project"
2015 Eighth of August Planning Committee, Beck Cultural Exchange Center
2015 Consultant and Interviewer for the East Tennessee PBS Documentary "8th of August" (aired on August 8, 2016)
2015 Consultant and Interviewee for the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People 80th Anniversary Short Documentary
2015 East Tennessee History Day Judge
2014- Consultant for the Fuller Street "Freedom Gardens" Project and "Building Knoxville Anew: African American Churches and Reconstruction, 1845-1915," Beck Cultural Exchange Center
2010 National History Day Judge, North Carolina Museum of History
2008-2009 Board Member, Historic Stagville Foundation

OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2006- Consultant for the John H. Wheeler Collection, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta, Georgia
2011 Southern Oral History Program Researcher (Oral History Project with the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture)
2006 H.F. Boehl Intern, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY
2005-2006 Interpreter/Guide, Stagville State Historic Site, Durham, NC

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Southern Historical Association
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians
National Council on Public History
African American Intellectual History Society
Association of Black Women Historians
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REFERENCES

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