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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

2020- Associate Professor of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK)
2014-2020 Assistant Professor of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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, African American Banking History, Southern U. S. History, North Carolina History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Our Good Fortune: A History of Black Banking in the American South (in progress)

John Hervey Wheeler, Black Banking, and the Economic Struggle for Civil Rights, (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2020)

*Winner of the 2020 Lillian Smith Book Award, presented by the Southern Regional Council, University of Georgia Libraries, DeKalb County Public Library, Georgia Center for the Book, and Piedmont College

*Finalist for the 2021 Hagley Prize in Business History, sponsored by the Hagley Museum and Library and the Business History Conference

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“ ‘Large Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You’: The Mechanics & Farmers Bank and Black Banking Networks in the American South (under review) ”

“African American Business Abroad: Black Wall Street, Cold War Diplomacy, and Global Civil Rights, 1937-1969 (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

- Point of Reckoning: The Fight for Racial Justice at Duke University* (2021) by Theodore D. Segal, Review Title: "The 1969 Allen Building Takeover at Duke University," *Black Perspectives*, August 2021
- Represented: The Black Imagemakers Who Reimagined African American Citizenship* (2020) by Brenna W. Greer, *Business History Review* (forthcoming)
- Lucean Arthur Headen: The Making of a Black Inventor and Entrepreneur* (2020) by Jill D. Snider, *Journal of African American History* (forthcoming)
- Robert R. Church Jr. and the African American Political Struggle* (2019) by Darius J. Young, *Journal of East Tennessee History* 92 (2020)
- South Carolina State University: A Black Land-Grant College in Jim Crow America* (2018) by William C. Hine, *Journal of American History* (March 2020)
- Banking on Freedom: Black Women in U.S. Finance Before the New Deal* (2019) by Shennette Garrett-Scott, Review Title: "Black Banking and Women Financial Power Brokers," *Black Perspectives*, February 20, 2020
- The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap* (2017) by Mehrsa Baradaran, *Enterprise & Society* (October 2018)
- Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South* (2015) by Talitha L. LeFlouria, *Agricultural History* 91 (Fall 2017)
- The Cambridge Guide to African American History* (2016) by Raymond Gavins, *North Carolina Historical Review* 94 (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

- "The Durham Sit-Ins: Sixty Years Later," Winhistory24 Blog, February 8, 2020
- "To Be Proud of Being Who We Are: Remembering Leslie Brown," African American Intellectual History Society (AAIHS), August 14, 2016

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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| 2021-2022 | Residential Fellowship, UTK Humanities Center |
| 2020-2021 | Leroy P. Graf Award for Faculty Excellence, Department of History, UTK |
| 2020 | Hardy Liston Jr. Symbol of Hope Award, Commission for Blacks, UTK |
| 2020 | Chancellor's Grant for Faculty Research, UTK Office of Research and Engagement |
| 2019 | Professional and Scholarly Development Award, UTK Office of Research and Engagement |
| 2019 | UTK College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Leadership Award |

- 2019 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Visiting Faculty Travel Award
 2017 Haines-Morris Endowment Grant, UTK College of Arts and Sciences
 2017 Archie K. Davis Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
 2016-2017 Residential Fellowship, UTK Humanities Center
 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

- 2020 West Parrish Street: A Look at the Financial Center of Black Durham and the Survival of Black Banking from the Great Depression to World War II,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History (Virtual)
 2019 “#BlackBanksMatter: Teaching Black Banking History,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, South Carolina
 2019 “African American Banking History,” *Black Communities: A Conference for Collaboration*, Durham, North Carolina
 2019 “ ‘Big Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You’: The Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Durham, North Carolina and the Power of Black Finance in the New South,” North Carolina Association of Historians, Durham, North Carolina
 2018 “African American Business Abroad: John Hervey Wheeler, Diplomacy, and Global Civil Rights, 1959-1969,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
 2017 “A Chance to Bloom”: Black Business, Urban Renewal, and the Prospects of a Free and Open Society, 1958-1962,” Southern Historical Association, Dallas, Texas
 2017 “ ‘That Memorable Morning...Set in Motion’: Black Leadership and the Southern Regional Council in the Postwar New South” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio
 2017 “African American Business Abroad: John Hervey Wheeler, the United States-South Africa Leader Exchange Program, and Global Civil Rights,” Business History Conference, Denver, Colorado
 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

- 2020 UTK Alumni Checkerboard Chat: “Race, Diversity, Ethnicity, and Inclusion” (Virtual)
- 2020 Featured Author, Hine/Horne Roundtable: *John Hervey Wheeler, Black Banking, and the Economic Struggle for Civil Rights*, Association for the Study of African American Life and History (Virtual, Aired on C-Span2 Book TV)
- 2020 UTK College of Arts and Sciences “Cost of Hate Series, Part 1: Anti-Racism”
- 2020 Guest, “The State of Things with Frank Stasio,” North Carolina Public Radio, Durham, North Carolina
- 2019 Featured Author, Roundtable: *Banking on Freedom: Black Women in U.S. Finance Before the New Deal* (2019) by Shennette Garrett-Scott, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, South Carolina
- 2018 “Civil Rights: The Journey Continues,” McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture Family Day, UTK
- 2018 “Teaching Capitalism,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 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

Symposium Speaker

- 2021 “Reimagining the Black Past: The Futures of Black Power,” Milbauer Symposium, University of Florida (Virtual)

Workshops

- 2020 Co-organizer, “New Directions in African American Business History,” Business History Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “John Hervey Wheeler and Black Business Activism in the Mid-Twentieth Century South,” Institute of International Bankers (Virtual)
- 2021 “Black Business Activism in the Mid-Twentieth Century South,” Six@Six Lecture Series, Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky (Virtual)
- 2021 “A Dangerous Age: John Hervey Wheeler and the Search for Freedom of Movement,” 19th Annual Dorothy Perry Thompson Colloquium, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina (Virtual)
- 2021 “‘Large Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You’: The Mechanics & Farmers Bank and Black Financial Networks in the American South,” Black History Month Lecture, Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina (Virtual)
- 2020 Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection (Virtual Book Talk)
- 2020 “‘Take Care of the Community and the Community Will Take Care of You’: Black Business Activism in the Mid-Twentieth Century South” (East Carolina University, Global Financial Markets Center at Duke University Law School, Museum of Durham History, North Carolina Central University)
- 2017 “Owned, Lock Stock and Barrel By Colored People,” Pre-Recorded Guest Lecture, BUS 454-01 Special Topics: Entrepreneurial Strategy, Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2017 “The Historian at Work in the Archives,” Guest Lecture, HIST 2890 Introduction to Public History, NCCU, Durham, North Carolina
- 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 by “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

- 2021 “‘Large Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You’: The Mechanics & Farmers Bank and Black Financial Networks in the American South,” UTK Black Alumni Council (Virtual)
- 2021 “A Dangerous Age: John Hervey Wheeler and the Search for Freedom of Movement,” Conversations and Cocktails Series, UTK Humanities Center (Virtual)
- 2021 “‘Large Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Know You’: The Mechanics & Farmers Bank and Black Financial Networks in the American South,” SoFA Talk (Virtual)
- 2020 “Preserving the Ideals of American Democracy: Black Business Activism in the Postwar New South, 1942-1960,” AfterWars Seminar, Center for the Study of War and Society
- 2020 “African American Banking History,” Fika Talk, UTK Graduate School of Medicine
- 2018 “John Hervey Wheeler: A Black Banker in the Economic Struggle for Civil Rights,” Global Awareness Lecture, Haslam Scholars Program, UTK
- 2018 “John Hervey Wheeler: A Black Banker in the Economic Struggle for Civil Rights,” Faculty Research Colloquium, UTK
- 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

- African American Politics in a New Political Age (Fall 2020)
- United States History, 1877 to the Present (Large Survey, Spring 2019)
- Undergraduate Research Seminar: African American Business History (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)
- U.S. History, 1933 to the Present (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2017)
- The 1960s in America (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2018)
- The African American Experience from the Colonial Period to the Civil War (Fall 2015, Fall 2019)
- The African American Experience from the Civil War to the Present (Spring 2016, Spring 2020)
- Thinking Historically: African American Business History (Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- History of the Civil Rights Movement (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)
- 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)

Graduate Courses

- Graduate Seminar: Classic and Contemporary Readings in African American History (Fall 2018, Spring 2021)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 2021 Co-Chair, Africana Studies Tenure Track Cluster Hire
- 2020-2021 Undergraduate Committee, Department of History
- 2019-2020 Religious/Africana Studies Search Committee Member, Tenure Track Hire
- 2019-2020 Africana Studies Search Committee Member, External Hire for Program Chair
- 2019-2020 Heads Advisory Committee (HAC), Department of History
- 2019-2020 Graduate Committee, Department of History
- 2019 Distinguished Visiting Scholars Project, UTK Humanities Center, Invited Dr. Jerry B. Gershenhorn from North Carolina Central University for Public Lecture (October 28)
- 2017-2018 Graduate Committee, Department of History
- 2017 Distinguished Visiting Scholars Project, UTK Humanities Center, Invited Dr. Robert E. Weems, Jr. from Wichita State University for Public Lecture
- 2016- Speakers Committee, Department of History
- 2015-2016 Graduate Committee, Department of History
- 2015- Co-Founder, #BlackHistoryMatters Film and Discussion Series
- 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 History 299, “Thinking Historically” Planning Workshop Participant
- 2014- Co-Founder, Permanent Endowment for the Annual Fleming-Morrow Lecture Series and Awards in African American History (\$35,495.25 as of July 31, 2020)

Comprehensive Exam Committees: Denise Harris (2015), Matthew Smith (2020)

Master's Thesis Committees:

- Samuel Doss, "Pigs in the Street: Urban Land-Use Regulation in the United States Before Zoning" (November 22, 2019)
- Emma Thompson, "City of Ill Repute: Labor and Sex Work in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1890-1914" (April 20, 2020)
- Kaitlin Simpson, "Appalachia Abroad: The University of Tennessee and Cold War Rural Development Programs in India, 1954-1972" (April 21, 2020)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2018- Manuscript Reviewer, *Business History Review*, *Journal of African American History*, *Journal of Management History*, Rowman & Littlefield, *Journal of East Tennessee History*, *Enterprise & Society*, *Journal of Southern History*
- 2017 Scholarly Advisor, "Walking in the Shoes of Giants: African-American Entrepreneurs in North Carolina from Slavery to Freedom 1800-1900"
- 2017 Scholarly Advisor, "Preserving the Harvey B. Gantt 1996 Senate Campaign Recordings," Digitization Project, UNC-Charlotte (Funded by the Council on Library and Information Resources: \$18,740)
- 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

- 2020 *Truth & Lies* Documentary Series, "Money Episode," Rezolution Pictures
- 2020- Beck Center Cultural Corridor Planning Committee
- 2020- Bijou Historical Working Group
- 2020- NCCU's College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities Advisory Board
- 2019 Planning Committee, Naming Ceremony for the John Hervey Wheeler United States Courthouse
- 2017 Keynote Speaker, MLK Community Breakfast, Town of Mooresville, North Carolina
- 2015 UTK Bridge to AP US History, Austin-East High School, Knoxville
- 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
- 2014-2016 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
- Business History Conference
- North Carolina Association of Historians
- Phi Alpha Theta