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Research and teaching interests:

20th century U.S. urban history and urban geography, particularly housing and anti-poverty movements and housing segregation

Academic appointments:

Associate Professor of History and American Studies
July 2007 to present
Associate Professor of History
July 2006 to July 2007
Assistant Professor of History
August 2001 to June 2006

Administrative appointments

Interim Director, MA in American Studies
May 2009 to June 2010
Associate Coordinator, American Studies Program
July 2006 to May 2009
Coordinator, Public History Program
August 2001 to January 2006

Education:

Ph.D., School of History, Technology, and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2001
M.A., History, Florida Atlantic University, 1995
B.S.E., Materials Science and Engineering (Metallurgy), University of Florida, 1991

Awards:

- KSU Foundation Distinguished Service Award, 2011; CHSS Distinguished Service Award, Kennesaw State University, 2011
- KSU Foundation Prize for Publication (for *The Culture of Property: Race, Class and Housing Landscapes in Atlanta, 1880-1950*), 2010
- KSU Alumni Foundation Betty L. Siegel Faculty Member of the Year, 2010
- Georgia Board of Regents' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award (Department/Program -- Summer Hill Project), 2006
- Finalist, University Distinguished Teaching Award, Kennesaw State University, 2006; CHSS Distinguished Teaching Award, Kennesaw State University, 2004-05

- CHSS Seizing the Momentum Award (in recognition of the Summer Hill Project), Kennesaw State University, 2005
- Public History Program, Kennesaw State University's nominee for the KSU Board of Regents' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award (Department/Program), 2003-04
- Public History Program, Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society Award, 2003

Scholarship, publications, and presentations:

Books (refereed):

Anti-Poverty Movements in the Urban South, 1964 to 1980 (tentative title), in preparation.

The Culture of Property: Race, Class, and Housing Landscapes in Atlanta, 1880-1950. Athens: University of Georgia Press, November 2009.

Reviewed by Allison Dorsey in *Journal of American History* 97 (September 2010): 541-42.

Reviewed by Margaret Garb in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 41 (Spring 2011): 664-66.

Reviewed by James D. Engstrom in *Journal of Cultural Geography* 28 (February 2011): 230-32.

Reviewed by James Hanlon in *Social and Cultural Geography* 12 (February 2011): 100-02.

Reviewed by Harvey K. Newman in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 95 (Summer 2011): 301-03.

Reviewed by D.P. Dixon in *Cultural Geographies* 18 (October 2011): 559-60.

Reviewed by Peter Eisenstadt in *American Historical Review* 116 (October 2011): 1141.

"A City Divided," excerpted to *Southern Spaces*, 20 December 2009,

<http://www.southernspaces.org/2009/city-divided>.¹

Papers and book chapters (refereed):

"Anti-Poverty Pressure Groups in a Deep South Legislature," in preparation.

"Be a Patriot, Buy a Home: Re-imagining Home Owners and Home Ownership in Early 20th Century Atlanta." *Journal of Social History* 41 (Summer 2008): 943-965.²

"A City too Busy to . . . Reflect? Public History, Controversy, and Civic Engagement," *Writing America: Classroom Literacy and Public Engagement*. Sarah Robbins and Mimi Dyer, eds. New York: Columbia University/Teachers College Press, October 2004.

"A Reprehensible and Unfriendly Act: Homeowners, Renters, and the Bid for Residential Segregation in Atlanta, 1900-1917." *Journal of Planning History* 3 (May 2004): 83-115.

"Speculators Attention!": Workers and Rental Housing Development in Atlanta, 1880-1910," *Journal of Urban History* 28 (July 2002): 546-572.

¹ Since posting and as of 8/31/2013, "A City Divided" has had 1504 views and 1319 unique readers.

² For 2008 the *Journal of Social History* ranked 11th among history journals worldwide for impact and influence in the field as measured by the JCR impact factor (0.282) in 2008. *Thompson-Reuters Journal Citation Reports: Social Science* (2008). JSH had a 5-year impact factor of 0.317 in 2012. *Thompson-Reuters Journal Citation Reports: Social Science* (2012).

Public Scholarship:

- “The Peoplestown Project.” 2009-11. A web-based oral history, primary resource, and interpretive project created in partnership with Emmaus House, Auburn Avenue Research Library, Peoplestown Revitalization Corporation, and Atlanta History Center. <http://www.thepeoplestownproject.com>
- “Taking Place: South Rome.” 2006-07. A collection of seven radio documentaries about an historically black neighborhood within South Rome, Georgia. Aired on WRGA-Rome, 2007. Funded by the Georgia Humanities Council and the KSU Dept of History and Philosophy. <http://www.taking-place.org/rome.html>. The series was externally reviewed at the PI’s request by writer and radio essayist Laretta Hannon.
- [with Melissa Massey] Summer Hill Museum. 2004-05. Curation of museum, archives, and development of curricular materials for the Summer Hill Complex. www.summer-hill.org. Exhibit text and interpretive plan was externally reviewed at PI’s request by historians Constance Curry and Thomas Hanchett.

Grants, Contracts, and Competitive Internal Funding Awards

- “Poor People’s Movements in the Urban South.” CETL Tenured Faculty Enhancement Leave Program. One semester sabbatical. Fall 2013.
- “Poor People’s Movements in the Urban South.” CHSS Summer Research Award. \$10,000. Summer 2013.
- “MYPEOPLESTOWN.” American Studies Association Community Partnership Grant. \$2000. FY2011.
- “Peoplestown Documentation Project.” CHSS Faculty Scholarship Program. \$5000. FY2011.
- “Peoplestown Project.” CETL Faculty Incentive Award. \$8000. FY2011.
- “Housing Metro Atlanta (2008).” CETL Creative Activities and Research Experiences for Teams. \$7500. July 2008 to December 2008.
- “White Flight, Black Flight: Housing Suburban Atlanta, 1965 to 1990.” Burruss Fellow, Burruss Institute of Public Service, Kennesaw State University. \$4100. July 2008 to June 2009.
- “Landscapes of Power.” KSU CETL Tenured Faculty Scholarship/Creative Activity Enhancement Funding Award. \$14,450. July 2007 to June 2009.
- “Visual Cues and Discourses of Property in the Atlanta Metro Area.” Burruss Fellow, Burruss Institute of Public Service, Kennesaw State University. 1 January 2007 to 30 June 2007.
- “Taking Place I: A Community Examination of its Place.” Georgia Humanities Council. \$8500. 15 July 2006 to 31 May 2007. www.taking-place.org
- Summer Hill Project. Documentation and preservation of an historically African American community and creation of an archives and museum for the Summer Hill Complex. For the Summer Hill Foundation. \$15,000. 15 September 2003 to 15 August 2004. www.summer-hill.org

Presentations:

- “Poor People’s Movements and Economic Inequality in the Urban South,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting (November 2014). Toronto, Ontario, CA.
- “Lobbying for the Poor in the 1970s Deep South,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (April 2014). Tampa, FL.
- Keynote speaker, Atlanta Studies Symposium (April 2014). Atlanta, GA.

- [Invited, on Citizen Alum/Imagining America nexus], American Association of Colleges & Universities (January 2014). Washington, D.C.
- “The Revolution Continues: Institutionalizing Public Scholarship and Civic Engagement at Kennesaw State University,” Organization of American Historians/National Council on Public History Annual Meeting (April 2012). Milwaukee, WI.
- “Poor People’s Campaigns in the Deep South,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (February 2012). New York, NY.
- “Student Participation in Cross-Cultural Public Humanities Projects: What Do Students Gain?” Oral History Association (Fall 2010). Atlanta, GA.
- “Rights Talk and Rules Talk: Tenant Organizing in Atlanta in the 1960s and 1970s,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (April 2010). Washington, D.C.
- “Strategies and Tactics of Tenant Movements in the 1960s and 1970s,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting (November 2009). Washington, D.C.
- “Southern housing rights movements in the 1960s and 1970s,” Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (March 2009). Las Vegas Nevada.
- [with Melissa Massey] “The Summer Hill Project.” National Council on Public History National Conference (April 2005). Kansas City, Missouri.
- “Using Community History in Diversity Education.” Stepping Up to the Plate in Diversity Education: Building an Intercultural Campus (19 March 2005). Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Museums: Developing Communities in the Arts.” Invited workshop leader, American Humanities Management Institute (7 January 2004). Atlanta, Georgia.
- [with Steve Jones and Gerri Hajduk] “Listening to Old Voices,” invited workshop leader, “Words Into the Body: Drama Across the Curriculum.” KMWP Fall Continuity Workshop (5 October 2004). Marietta, Georgia.
- “Documenting Neglected Communities.” Invited workshop leader, Educating for Leadership Revisited, Keeping and Creating American Communities, a division of the National Writing Project (6 February 2003). Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Slumlords: Atlanta’s Rental Housing Owners and their Investments, 1900-1917,” presented at the Urban History Association’s 2002 National Conference, Pittsburgh (September 2002).

Panel Participation

- Invited roundtable participant, “Citizen Alum: Alumni as Doers, Not (Just) Donors,” Imagining America Annual Meeting (October 2012). New York, New York.
- Invited roundtable participant, “Introducing Citizen Alum: Alumni as Doers, Not (Just) Donors,” American Democracy Project (June 2012). San Antonio, TX.
- Chair, Facing new technologies: a roundtable exploring new challenges for AS programs and centers, American Studies Association (November 2010). San Antonio, TX.
- Chair, *Urban Geographies*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (April 2010). Washington, DC.
- Chair, *Historical Geographies of the American South*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (March 2009). Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Roundtable participant. *Modeling University-Community Partnerships*. American Association of State and Local History conference (September 2007). Atlanta.
- Chair. *Constructing Urban Spaces: Conflict, Control and Citizenship*. American Studies Association National Conference (November 2004). Atlanta.

Chair. *Mapping Landscapes, Memory and Languages in African and the Caribbean*. National Council on Public History National Conference (April 2004). Victoria, British Columbia.
Chair. *Using Multimedia Technology to Come Face to Face with History*. Southeastern Museums Conference (October 2003). Mobile, Alabama.
Roundtable participant, *Whose Georgia is it Anyway? Interpreting Georgia's Social, Cultural, and Geographic Identity*, National Council on Public History National Conference (April 2003), Houston, Texas.

Current and recent teaching:

AMST1102 American Identities
AMST4490 Housing and Homelessness in American Culture
AMST7200 American Cultural Movements (Social Justice Movements, post-1945)
HIST2112 U.S. since 1890
HIST2270 Intro to Themes in History (U.S. Urban and Suburban History, U.S. Civil Rights Movements), face-to-face and online
HIST4499 Senior Seminar (U.S. Civil Rights Movements)

Professional memberships:

Association of American Geographers
American Association of University Professors
American Studies Association (Programs and Centers Committee, 2008-10; Chair, 2009-10)
Council on Undergraduate Research (Board of Councilors, Arts and Humanities, 2009-12)
Imagining America (KSU representative to IA, 2008-present)
Organization of American Historians
Society for American City and Regional Planning History
Southeastern Division, Association of American Geographers
Urban History Association (Board of Directors, 2006-09)