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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2000 Ph.D. in United States history, minor in European history,
Dissertation: "Melville J. Herskovits and the Racial Politics of
Knowledge."

North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina

1991 M.A. in History, summa cum laude,
Thesis: "The Life and Writings of Earlie Endris Thorpe."
Teacher Certification, Secondary School Social Studies

State University of New York at Binghamton, Binghamton, New York

1977 B.A. in Economics
B.S. in Accounting

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Julius L. Chambers Endowed Professorship.
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

2011-Present Professor of History, Graduate Faculty Member
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

2005-2011 Associate Professor of History, Graduate Faculty Member
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

2000-2005 Assistant Professor of History, Graduate Faculty Member
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

1999-2000
1991-1997 Visiting Lecturer in History
North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC.

1998-1999 Adjunct Instructor in History
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

1998-1999
1996-1997 Visiting Lecturer in History, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical
State University, Greensboro, NC

1997 Adjunct Instructor in History, Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh, NC

1992-1993 Instructor in History, Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro, NC

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Undergraduate Courses Taught

World Societies
 United States History to 1865
 United States History since 1865
 Historical Writing and Literature
 American Labor History
 American Urban History
 Topics in American History
 History of North Carolina
 Seminar in American History
 Seminar in African American History
 Methods and Materials in Social Science
 Directed Teaching in Social Science

Graduate Courses Taught

Black Americans in the 20th Century
 Historical Method and Bibliography
 History of North Carolina
 United States History Since 1900
 United States History: Age of Jackson to 1900
 Seminar in American History
 American Women's History
 American Labor History
 Independent Readings in American History

MASTER'S THESIS DIRECTOR/SUPERVISOR

Ethan Roy, "Slavery in Microcosm: Pitt County, North Carolina, 1775-1865," 2016.

Leonard Cicero, "The Rock of History: Music and Activism of the Vietnam Era, 1962-1973," 2015.

Darin T. Steele, "Louis Austin and the Political Struggles of African Americans in North Carolina, 1945-1971," 2014.

Bridgette Robinson, "They Labeled Me 'Feeble': Examining Race, Class, and Gender in the Midst of North Carolina's Eugenics Program, 1929-1974," 2012.

Monet Phillips, "The Educational and Political Activism of Elna Bridgeforth Spaulding, 1968-1984," 2011.

Robert Yoder, "Performance: Walter Howard Loving, 1872-1945," 2011.

Christopher Stott, "Hard Bop: Soundtrack to the Civil Rights Movement," 2011.

Brian McDonald, "'Not the End, But the Beginning': The Impact of Race and Class on the History of Jordan High School, 1963-1988," 2011.

Brian Robinson, "Student Power: The History of Student Protest at North Carolina Central University, 1930-1975," 2011.

Kesa C. Jessup, "Education Integration in Forsyth County, North Carolina: An Examination of Carver High School," 2011.

LaKesha Laster, "Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, Educator, 1919-1989," 2009.

Lanita R. Holsey, "The Life of Bishop Lucius H. Holsey: From Paternalism to Separatism," 2009.

Kimberly Malloy, "A Time of Expansion and Growth: North Carolina College During the World War II Era," 2008.

Marcus Allen, "Impossible Radicalism: The Origins of the Revolutionary Action Movement, 1961-1964," 2007.

Brandon Winford, "The Struggle Begins Every Morning: The Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, 1935-1978," 2007.

Terry Mosley, "Wilbur Hobby and the Labor Movement in North Carolina," 2006.

Thomas Robinson, "The Rise and Fall of the Homestead Grays," 2006.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

R.D.W Connor Award from the Historical Society of North Carolina for the outstanding article in the 2009-10 *North Carolina Historical Review* for "A Courageous Voice for Black Freedom: Louis Austin and the *Carolina Times* in Depression-Era North Carolina."

Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, North Carolina Central University, 2010.

Six Month Research Fellowship from the Scholars-in-Residence Program of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City, Awarded March 2008, In residence, January to June 2009.

Fellowship and Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, North Carolina Central University, 2009.

Exemplary Teaching and Scholarship Award, College of Liberal Arts, North Carolina Central University, 2008.

North Carolina Central University Award for Teaching Excellence, May 2007.

Scholarly Achievement Award, Faculty Senate, North Carolina Central University, 2007.

North Carolina Central University Faculty Scholarly Productivity Initiative Grant, received December 2006.

Service Award, College of Arts and Sciences, North Carolina Central University, 2006.

Rockefeller Archive Center (Pocantico Hills, North Tarrytown, New York) Research Grant received March 1998.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Constructing Race: The Science of Bodies and Cultures in American Anthropology*, by Tracy Teslow. *American Historical Review* 120 (October 2015): 1502-1503.

Review of *Selected Writings and Speeches of James E. Shepard, 1896-1946*, edited by Lenwood G. Davis, with assistance of Janie Miller. *North Carolina Historical Review* 91 (July 2014): 357-358.

Review of *Greater Than Equal: African American Struggles for Schools and Citizenship in North Carolina, 1919-1965*, by Sarah Caroline Thuesen. *North Carolina Historical Review* 91 (April 2014): 231-233.

“St. Clair Drake, Pan-Africanism, African Studies, and the Politics of Knowledge, 1945-1965.” *Journal of African American History* 98 (Summer 2013): 422-433.

“Melville Herskovits.” In *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia, Volume One*, ed. R. Jon McGee and Richard L. Warms, 392-396. New York: Sage, 2013.

Review of *In Search of the Talented Tenth: Howard University Public Intellectuals and the Dilemmas of Race, 1926-1970*, by Zachery R. Williams. *Journal of Southern History* 77 (August 2011): 763-764.

"Earlie Thorpe and the Struggle for Black History, 1949-1989." *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society* 12 (October-December 2010): 376-397.

“Melville J. Herskovits.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Thought*, Vol. 1, ed. F. Abiola Irele and Biodun Jeyifo, 443-445. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

“A Courageous Voice for Black Freedom: Louis Austin and the *Carolina Times* in Depression-Era North Carolina.” *North Carolina Historical Review* 87 (January 2010): 57-92.

“‘Not An Academic Affair’: African American Scholars and the Development of African Studies Programs in the United States, 1942-1960.” *Journal of African American History* 94 (Winter 2009): 44-68.

Review of *Higher Education and the Civil Rights Movement: White Supremacy, Black Southerners, and College Campuses*. Edited by Peter Wallenstein. *North Carolina Historical Review* 85 (July 2008): 371-372.

“Louis Ernest Austin.” *African American National Biography*, Eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Vol. 1, 202-203. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Alfonso Elder.” *African American National Biography*, Eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Vol. 3, 163-165. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Conrad Odell Pearson.” *African American National Biography*, Eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Vol. 5, 292-294. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Earlie Endris Thorpe.” *African American National Biography*, Eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Vol. 7, 593-594. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Review of *Nathan B. Young and the Struggle over Black Higher Education*, by Antonio F. Holland. *Journal of Southern History* 74 (February 2008): 223-224.

Review of *A Class of Their Own: Black Teachers in the Segregated South*, by Adam Fairclough. *North Carolina Historical Review* 84 (October 2007): 442-443.

Review of *In Search of Nella Larsen: A Biography of the Color Line*, by George Hutchinson. *American Historical Review* 112 (April 2007): 523-524.

“Double V in North Carolina: The *Carolina Times* and the Struggle for Racial Equality During World War II.” *Journalism History* 32 (Fall 2006): 156-167.

“Stalling Integration: The Ruse, Rise, and Demise of North Carolina College’s Doctoral Program in Education, 1951-1962.” *North Carolina Historical Review* 82 (April 2005): 156-192.

Melville J. Herskovits and the Racial Politics of Knowledge. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

Review of *The Color of Work: The Struggle for Civil Rights in the Southern Paper Industry, 1945-1980*, by Timothy J. Minchin. *North Carolina Historical Review* 79 (July 2002): 400-401.

“*Hocutt v. Wilson* and Race Relations in Durham, North Carolina, During the 1930s.” *North Carolina Historical Review* 78 (July 2001): 275-308.

“The Encyclopedia of the Negro Project and the Racial Politics of Knowledge.” In *NAAAS: Teamwork! Together We Can Achieve the Extraordinary: Proceedings of the 1998 Conference of the National Association of African-American Studies, Volume 2*, ed. Lemuel Berry, Jr., 621-642. Memphis: NAAAS, 1999.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

“Defying Brown, Defying Pearsall: African Americans and the Struggle for Public School Integration in North Carolina, 1954-1971.” In *New Voyages to Carolina: Toward a Reinterpretation of North Carolina History*, eds. Larry E. Tise and Jeffrey J. Crow. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Chair, “The Black Struggle for Public Education in North Carolina, 1865-1970,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, VA, October 2016.

Chair, Commentator, “Black Youth and Campus Activism in the Twentieth Century,” first annual conference of the African American Intellectual History Society, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2016.

“Louis Austin, the *Carolina Times*, and the Black Freedom Struggle in North Carolina, 1954-1971,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2015.

- “The Editor and the Educator: The Freedom Struggles of Louis Austin and James Shepard,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Memphis, Tennessee, September 2014.
- “Black Wall Street, Black Politics, and the Long Black Freedom Struggle in Durham, North Carolina, 1930-1970,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Jacksonville, Florida, October 2013.
- “Defying *Brown*, Defying the Pearsall Plan,” invited paper at New Voyages to Carolina: Defining the Contours of the Old North State, A Conference to Chart Recent and Future Scholarship on North Carolina, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, October 2012.
- “After *Brown*: African Americans and the Desegregation of Public Schools in North Carolina, 1954-1971,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2012.
- Chair, Commentator, “Reinterpreting Black Politics,” Sixth Annual Conference of the Triangle African American History Colloquium, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, February 24, 2012.
- “St. Clair Drake, Pan-Africanism, African Studies, and the Politics of Knowledge, 1945-1963,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Richmond, Virginia, October 2011.
- Invited Panelist, “Pauli Murray v. UNC: Wrestling With Change in the Jim Crow South: A Panel Discussion in Association with the Pauli Murray Centennial Celebration,” Wilson Special Collections Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, November 3, 2010.
- “African American Scholars, African Nationalism, and Cold War Politics, 1945-1963,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2010.
- Chair, “Reappraising Melville J. Herskovits: Scholarship at the Heart of Blackness,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2010.
- Chair, “From the Progressive Era to the Civil Rights Movement,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2010.
- Moderator, “Power in the Profession—In Honor of John Hope Franklin.” Power and Place in African American History: Fourth Annual New Perspectives on African American History and Culture Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 2010.
- “‘I have grown up in the Pan African orbit’: St. Clair Drake, African Studies, and the Struggle of the Committed Black Scholar-Activist, 1945-1965.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2009.
- Chair, “Thin Line Between Race, Identity, and Citizenship,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2009.

- “A Courageous Voice for Black Freedom: Louis Austin and the *Carolina Times* in Depression-Era North Carolina.” Paper delivered at the Spring meeting of the Historical Society of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, April 3, 2009.
- “‘The Truth Unbridled’: *The Carolina Times* and the Black Freedom Struggle, 1945-1954.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, Alabama, October 2008.
- Chair, “Historical Models of Black Business: Concepts and Applications,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, Alabama, October 2008.
- “‘The Truth Unbridled’: The *Carolina Times* and the Black Freedom Struggle, 1927-1939.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2007.
- Chair, Commentator, “From Slavery to Freedom: Exploring Themes of Education, Labor, and Womanism in African American History,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 2007.
- Commentator, “The Long Civil Rights Movement,” New Perspectives on the Black South Symposium, Center for the Study of the American South, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 23, 2007.
- “Black Scholars and the Development of African Studies Programs in the United States, 1942-1960.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, California, November 2006.
- “‘Can’t Get the Money’: The Marginalization of African Studies Programs at Historically Black Colleges, 1942-1960.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2006.
- “Earlie Thorpe and the Struggle for Black History.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Buffalo, New York, October 2005.
- Moderator, “All Race Relations are Local,” Triangle Area Graduate Student Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 26, 2005.
- “Melville J. Herskovits’s Research in Physical and Cultural Anthropology, 1923-1942.” Paper delivered at the 2004 Annual Conference of the African Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2004.
- “‘The Truth Unbridled’: Louis Austin and the Struggle for Black Freedom in North Carolina, 1927-1971.” Paper delivered at the 2004 Southern Regional Conference of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, GA, July 2004.
- “Stalling Integration: The Ruse, Rise, and Demise of North Carolina College’s Doctoral Program in Education, 1951-1962.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Milwaukee, WI, September 2003.

“Melville J. Herskovits and the Development of African Studies Programs in the United States.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Washington, DC, September 2001.

“The Encyclopedia of the Negro Project and the Racial Politics of Knowledge.” Paper delivered at the annual conference of the National Association of African-American Studies, Houston, Texas, February 1998.

PUBLIC HISTORY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Board of Directors, Museum of Durham History, Summer 2015 to present.

“Segregation Protests and the Integration of Restaurants in Durham.” *Triangle Downtowner Magazine*, Issue 110 (June 2015): 26.

“Black Protest and the Integration of Restaurants in Durham.” *The Durham News* (April 12, 2015).

Keynote Speaker, Durham Technical Community College’s 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration and Luncheon, Durham, NC, January 16, 2015.

“Young Black Freedom Fighters and the Struggle for Integrated Schools in Durham.” *Triangle Downtowner Magazine*, Volume 10, Issue 7 (November 2014): 26.

Panelist, “The Story of the Long Civil Rights Movement in Durham, North Carolina.” South Regional Library, Durham, NC, October 18, 2014.

“Courageous Black Students Integrated Durham Schools.” *The Durham News* (September 14, 2014): 5A.

Member, History Advisory Committee, Museum of Durham History, Fall 2012 to present.

“Louis Austin: A Courageous Voice for Black Freedom.” *Triangle Downtowner Magazine*, Volume 9, Issue 7 (July 2013): 22.

“Louis Austin: Courageous Voice for Black Freedom.” *The Durham News* (July 14, 2013): 5A.

“Black Wall Street, Black Politics, and the Black Freedom Struggle,” Invited Panelist, “Black Wall Street,” International Civil Rights Museum, Greensboro, NC, February 16, 2013.

“Conflict and Cooperation: Africans and Native Americans in the Colonial Southeast.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 5, 2013.

“Black-Indian Relations in the Southeast in the Colonial Era.” Guilford County Schools Building Bridges Colloquium, Old Salem Museums and Gardens, Winston-Salem, NC, October 20, 2012.

“Louis Austin and the Long Black Freedom Struggle in North Carolina, 1927-1971.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 23, 2012.

“Louis Austin, the *Carolina Times*, and the Long Black Freedom Struggle, 1927-1971.” Public Lecture at Durham County Library, Durham, NC, August 21, 2011.

Invited Discussant, Screening of *Herskovits At The Heart Of Blackness* (Vital Pictures, 2009), Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, February 21, 2011.

- “St. Clair Drake at 100: African Studies, Cold War Politics, and the Struggles of Black Scholar-Activists.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 10, 2011.
- Invited Discussant, Screening of *Herskovits At The Heart Of Blackness* (Vital Pictures, 2009), 2010 African Diaspora Studies Symposium, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, March 20, 2010.
- “‘Segregation Must and Will Be Destroyed’: Louis Austin, the *Carolina Times*, and the Long Civil Rights Movement, 1927-1971.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 2010.
- Invited Discussant, Screening of *Herskovits At The Heart Of Blackness* (Vital Pictures, 2009), Margaret Mead Film Festival, American Museum of Natural History, New York, New York, November 15, 2009.
- On-Screen Contributor and Consultant, *Herskovits At The Heart Of Blackness*. (Vital Pictures, 2009).
- “‘The Truth Unbridled’: The *Carolina Times* and the Black Freedom Struggle, 1927-1939.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 2008.
- “St. Clair Drake and the Development of African Studies Programs in the United States in the Postwar Era.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 2007.
- Board member, Historic Stagville Foundation, Durham, NC, June 2006-May 2012.
- History Consultant, Project Teach, a three-year U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant, to help public school teachers formulate social studies and history curriculum, April 2006-September 2008.
- Panelist, discussed *Melville J. Herskovits and the Racial Politics of Knowledge*, David W. Bishop Lecture Series at North Carolina Central University, Durham NC, April 2006.
- “‘Can’t Get the Money’: The Marginalization of African Studies Programs at Black Colleges, 1942-1960.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 2006.
- Panelist, “Reflections On a Teacher, Scholar and Community Advocate,” 14th Annual Earlie E. Thorpe Lecture,” Historic Stagville, Durham, NC, October 23, 2005.
- “Earlie Thorpe and the Struggle for Black History.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February, 2005.
- “The Legacy of Dr. Earlie E. Thorpe,” 13th Annual Earlie E. Thorpe Lecture, Historic Stagville, Durham, North Carolina, October 19, 2004.
- “Double V in North Carolina: The *Carolina Times* and the Struggle for Equality During World War II.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February, 2004.
- "The End of Slavery: Who Freed the Slaves?" A videotaped lecture delivered in March 2003 for a module in the U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant, Learn More - Teach More, administered by the North Carolina School of Science and

Mathematics. Script and streaming video may be accessed at <http://www.dlt.ncssm.edu/lmtm/>

“The Rise and Fall of Fusion Politics in North Carolina, 1880-1900,” A videotaped lecture delivered in April 2003 for a module in the U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant, Learn More - Teach More, administered by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Script may be accessed at <http://www.dlt.ncssm.edu/lmtm/>

“Stalling Integration: The Ruse, Rise, and Demise of North Carolina College’s Doctoral Program in Education, 1951-1962.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February, 2003.

"The Hocutt Case and Race Relations in Durham, North Carolina During the 1920s and 1930s." Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February, 1997.

"The Social Science Debate over Black Culture During the Early Twentieth Century." Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 1996.

“The Hocutt Case: An Early Attempt to Desegregate the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.” Black History Month Lecture at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, February 1994.

INTERVIEWS

Interview on Melville J. Herskovits, Interviewed by Michael Barker, May 2010, *Swans Commentary*, transcript available online, <http://www.swans.com/library/art16/barker55.html>.

Interview on Melville J. Herskovits, Interviewed by Jim Dingeman, November 2009, *Framework: The Journal of Cinema and Media*, podcast available online, <http://www.frameworkonline.com/audio/heartofblackness.html>.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewed book manuscript for the University of North Carolina Press, July 2014, January 2016.

Reviewed article submission for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, January 2014.

Project Co-Collaborator, “Eyewitnesses to the Movement: Black, White, and Multiracial Media in Civil Rights Era North Carolina,” NEH Grant, 2012-2014.

Reviewed article submissions for the *Journal of American History*, October to November 2012, November 2013.

Member, Executive Board, North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, November 2010 to present.

Served as outside reviewer of tenure application by Kevin Kern, University of Akron, September 2006.

Reviewed article submissions for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, October 2005, February 2006.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American history; African-American history
American Labor history, American Urban history; American Intellectual history;
World Civilizations; Western Civilizations; European history
History of the American South; North Carolina history

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Organization of American Historians
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Southern Historical Association
North Carolina Literary and Historical Association
Historical Society of North Carolina