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Education

Ph.D. in History, University of Georgia, 1996.
M.S. in Social Science Education, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1972.
Graduate Student, Temple University Intern Teaching Program, Philadelphia, PA, 1970-1971.
B.A. in History, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, 1969.

Awards

The Amanda and Greg Gregory Civil War Era Faculty Research Award, History Department, UGA 2010.
UGA Willson Center for Humanities and Arts Research Fellowship, 2007-2008.
Most Valuable Professor Award from the Institute for African American Studies, UGA, April, 2006.
Distinguished Book Award from the Conference on the History of Women Religious, Sixth Triennial Conference for *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860*, Atchison, KS, June, 2004.
Special Recognition: The journal *U. S. Catholic Historian* 22, Number 1 (Winter, 2004): 147-61, featured *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860* in its Review Symposium.
Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Publication Prize for the Best Book on Black Women's History, 2002 from the Association of Black Women Historians, for *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860*.
UGA Center for Humanities and Arts Research Fellowship, 2001-2002.
Phi Kappa Phi, November 1995.
Inducted into *Cum Laude* Society, Webb School of Knoxville, 1974.
Thomas J. Watson Traveling Fellowship Award, 1969-70.
Phi Beta Kappa, June 1969.

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of History and African American Studies with Tenure, University of Georgia, April, 2003 - .
Assistant Professor of History and African American Studies, University of Georgia, September 1996 - 2003.
Instructor in the Institute for African American Studies, University of Georgia, January - June 1996.
Lecturer in History, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, 1993-94.
Instructor, joint appointment with Afro-American Studies Program and History Department, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1980-89.
Ninth through Twelfth Grade Social Studies Teacher, Webb School of Knoxville, September 1973- November 1974, September 1976-June 1977.
Ninth Grade Social Studies Teacher, Swarthmore-Rutledge Union School District, 1970-71.

Publications

BOOKS:

Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860 (Chapel Hill and London: The University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

ARTICLES:

“‘Righteous Discontent’: Black Catholic Protest in the United States of America,” in *The Journal Of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium* (BCTS) IV (2010): 81-96.

“‘To My Darlings, the Oblates, Every Blessing’: The Reverend John T. Gillard, S.S.J. and the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” in *U.S. Catholic Historian* 28 Number 1 (Winter 2010): 1-26.

“‘The Difficulty of Our Situation’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum Society,” in *Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics*, eds. Albert Raboteau, Shawn Copeland, and LaReine Mosely, 26-46. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009).

“Embracing the Religious Profession: The Antebellum Mission of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” in *Diasporic Africa: A Reader*, ed. Michael A. Gomez, 105 -22. (New York and London: New York University Press, 2006).

“Black Catholic Women Religious” in *Black Women in America*, Second Edition, 1: 116-21. (Oxford University Press, 2005).

“Faith and Frugality in Antebellum Baltimore: The Economic Credo of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” in *Neither Lady Nor Slave: Working Women of the Old South*, eds. Susanna Delfino and Michele Gillespie, 221-45. (Chapel Hill and London: The University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

“Francophone Residents of Antebellum Baltimore and the Origins of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” in *Slavery in the Caribbean Francophone World: Distant Voices, Forgotten Acts, Forged Identities*, ed. Doris Kadish, 122-39. (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2000).

“‘Our Convent’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence and the Antebellum Black Community.” in *Dealing with the Powers That Be: Negotiating the Boundaries of Southern Womanhood*, ed. Janet Coryell et al, 27-47. (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2000).

“‘In the Larger Black Community’: Roman Catholicism in *Black Women in America*,” in *U.S. Catholic Historian* 18, Number 2 (Spring 2000): 69-78.

“‘Outsiders Within: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1830s Church and Society.’” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 15 no. 2 (Spring 1997): 35-54.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Bryan N. Massingale, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* in *U. S. Catholic Historian* 29 no. 2 (Spring 2011): 61- 4.

Amy Koehlinger, *The New Nuns: Racial Justice and Religious Reform in the 1960s* in *The Catholic Historical Review* XCIV, No. 3 (July 2008): 611-12.

Emily Clark, *Masterless Mistresses: The New Orleans Ursulines and the Development of a New World Society, 1727-1834* in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 105, No. 4 (Autumn 2007): 692-94.

- Maureen Fitzgerald, *Habits of Compassion: Irish Catholic Nuns and the Origins of New York's Welfare System, 1830-1920* in *The Catholic Historical Review* XCII, No. 4 (October 2007): 993-94.
- Chanta M. Haywood, *Prophesying Daughters: Black Women Preachers and the Word, 1823-1913* in *Journal of American Studies* 38, No. 3 (December, 2004): 521-22.
- James O'Toole, *Passing for White: Race, Religion, and the Healy Family, 1820-1920* in *The Journal of Southern History* LXX, No. 4 (February, 2004): 137-38.
- Mary A. Ward, *A Mission for Justice: The History of the First African American Catholic Church in Newark, New Jersey* in *The Journal of Religion* 84, No. 1 (January, 2004): 113-15.
- Sister Mary Bernard Deggs, *No Cross, No Crown: Black Nuns in Nineteenth-Century New Orleans*, edited by Virginia Meacham Gould and Charles E. Nolan in *The Catholic Historical Review* LXXXIX, No. 1 (January 2003): 121-23; and in *History of Women Religious News and Notes* 15, No. 3, (October 2002): 2-3.
- Hannah Crafts, *The Bondwoman's Narrative*, edited by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. in *The North Carolina Historical Review*, LXXX, No. 1 (January 2003): 99-100.
- Dwight A. McBride, *Impossible Witnesses: Truth, Abolitionism, and Slave Testimony* in *The Journal of American History* 89, No. 3 (December 2002): 1032.
- Morris J. MacGregor, *The Emergence of a Black Catholic Community: St. Augustine's in Washington* in *Washington History* 13, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2001): 78-79.
- Farah Jasmine Griffin, *Beloved Sisters and Loving Friends* in *The Journal of Southern History*, LXVII, No. 1 (February 2001): 175-76.
- Paul Goodman, *Of One Blood: Abolitionism and the Origins of Racial Equality* in *The Journal of Southern History* LXVI, No. 2 (May 2000): 404-05.
- Stephen Ochs, *A Black Patriot and a White Priest: André Cailloux and Claude Paschal Maistre in Civil War New Orleans* in *The Journal of Mississippi History*, LXII, No. 4 (Winter 2000): 375-77.
- Virginia Meacham Gould, *Chained to the Rock of Adversity: To Be Free, Black, & Female in the Old South*, in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* LXXXII, no. 4 (Winter 1998): 890-92.
- Kimberly S. Hanger, *Bounded Lives, Bounded Places: Free Black Society in Colonial New Orleans, 1769-1803*, in *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* LXXXII, no. 1 (Spring 1998): 176-78.

Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

- Invited Lecturer, Cushwa Center Lecture, "The Experience of the Oblate Sisters of Providence During the Civil War Era," The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, November 4, 2011.
- Invited Commentator on dissertation chapter from "Black Nuns and the Struggle to Desegregate Catholic Sisterhoods after World War II" by Shannen Dee Williams for the American Catholic Studies Seminar, The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, The University of Notre Dame, November 3, 2011.
- "Owing to the Disturbed State of the City as Martial Law was Declared': The Oblate Sisters of Providence During the Civil War Era," for the panel BALTIMORE'S CIVIL WAR WOMEN: In Celebration of the Sesquicentennial, at the Seventy-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, MD, October 28, 2011.
- Panelist, *The Hemingses of Monticello, An American Family*: A Panel Discussion with Annette Gordon-Reed, at the Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association,

- Louisville, KY, November 7, 2009.
- Invited Lecturer, “Black Women of Virtue: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum America,” Fifth in the Rita Cassella Jones Annual Lecture Series, the Curran Center, Fordham University, New York, NY, October 19, 2009.
- “What the Negro Wants”: A Historical Examination of the Priorities and Concerns of Black Roman Catholics in the United States of America,” at the 2009 Meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Atlanta, GA, October 8-11, 2009.
- Invited Lecturer, “Catholic Dialogues on Race and Feminism: From the Past to the Future,” as part of The Catholic Intellectual Series’ Dialogues on the Future of Catholicism, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia, PA, September 24, 2007.
- Invited Commentator on Jon F. Sensbach’s *Rebecca’s Revival: Creating Black Christianity in the Atlantic World* (London and Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005), for the Seminar in American Religion, The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, The University of Notre Dame, February 24-25, 2006.
- “Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality in the Early Experiences of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” at the 120th Meeting of the American Historical Association in Philadelphia, PA, January 5-8, 2006.
- Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, “‘The Holy Habit Which We Have the Honor to Wear’: The Identity of the Early Oblate Sisters of Providence as Women of Virtue,” for the First Annual Father Joseph M. Davis, S.M. Black Catholic History Month Observance, University of Dayton, Ohio, November 9, 2005.
- “The Oblate Sisters of Providence and the Politics of Respectability” at the Thirteenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Scripps College, Claremont, California, June 2-5, 2005.
- Invited to deliver the Inaugural SANKOFA Lecture on Black Catholic History: “‘A Religious Society of Coloured Women’: The Early History of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” Sponsored by the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2004.
- Invited Commentator for Session “Practices of Agency and Autonomy” at the Women and Religion in the African Diaspora Final Public Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 22-24, 2004.
- Invited Lecture, “‘The Difficulty of Our Situation’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum Society,” for the Conference “Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics” at the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 11-14, 2004.
- Invited Lecture, “The Holy Habit Which We Have the Honor to Wear,” for the Atlanta Historical Society’s Symposium, “Women on a Pedestal? Race, Class, Dress, and Popular Icons,” at the Atlanta History Center, January 24, 2004.
- “The Souls of Black Folk as Interpreted by White Folk: A Critical Appraisal of Recent Scholarship in Black Catholic History,” at the Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Atlanta University Center, Atlanta, GA, October 9-12, 2003.
- Invited Lecture, “The Centrality of Race in the Antebellum Experience of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” Sponsored by The Center for the Humanities, Theology and History Departments of Loyola College in Maryland, March 11, 2003.
- “Reflections on Race, Religion, and the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” in the Friday Speaker Series, UGA Women’s Studies Program, February 14, 2003.
- Invited Lecture on *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860* and Book Signing at the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, November 7, 2002.

- “Reflections on Race in the Antebellum Oblate Experience,” at The Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington, October 10-13, 2002.
- “Women of Virtue: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum Baltimore,” at The Black Catholic Theological Symposium, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, October 18-21, 2001.
- “Race, Culture, and Ethnicity in The Early Experience of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” at the Fifth Triennial Meeting of the Conference on the History of Women Religious, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 17-20, 2001.
- “Embracing the Religious Profession: The Antebellum Mission of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” at Crossing Boundaries: The African Diaspora in the New Millenium Conference, sponsored by the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and New York University, New York City, September 20-23, 2000.
- “‘To Contribute All the Means in Their Power for the Glory of God and the Religious Education of Girls of their Race’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence as Evangelizers, 1828-1860,” at the Joint Spring Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association and the American Society of Church History in Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 28-30, 2000.
- “‘The Respect Which is Due to the State We Have Embraced’: The Call and Response of the Antebellum Oblate Sisters of Providence,” at the American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 10-12, 2000.
- “‘Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time’: The Antebellum Mission of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” Inaugural Guest Lecture of the History Field Colloquium, Union Theological Seminary, New York City: November 17-18, 1999.
- Organized Panel, Call and Response: Roman Catholic Sisterhoods in the Antebellum South; presented as a panelist “‘A Religious Society of Coloured Women’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum Baltimore,” at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Fort Worth, TX, November 3-6, 1999.
- Organized Panel, Faith and Identity: Women of African Descent and the Roman Catholic Church; presented as a panelist “‘African American Women and the Roman Catholic Church: Self-Definition and Activism in the Nineteenth Century,’” at the Eleventh Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, June 4-6, 1999.
- Organized Panel, Faith and Identity: Religion and Peoples of the African Diaspora; presented as a panelist “‘Faith and Cultural Adaptation in the Antebellum Experience of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,’” at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 8, 1999.
- “The Community Identity and Mission of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1839,” at the Fourth Triennial Meeting of the Conference on the History of Women Religious, Loyola University, Chicago, June 21-24, 1998.
- “The Economic Experience of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, 1828-1860,” at the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Thirteenth Annual Conference, Loyola University, New Orleans, April 17-18, 1998.
- “The Oblate Sisters of Providence in Antebellum Baltimore,” at the University of Houston’s Second Annual Black History Workshop: The Black Urban Experience, March 12-14, 1998.
- “Variations on a French Theme: Three Francophone Residents of Antebellum Baltimore,” at “Slavery in the Francophone World” Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, October 15-16, 1997.
- “‘Our Convent’: The Oblate Sisters of Providence and Women in the Antebellum Black Community,” at the Fourth Southern Conference on Women’s History, Charleston, South Carolina, June 12-14, 1997.

Panelist, Graduate Student Session on “Race, Gender, and Violence: The Case of *Celia, A Slave*,” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California, April 17, 1993.

Other Professional Experience

- Participant in Roundtable Symposium on American Catholic Women, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, November 4, 2011.
- Reader of 3 Article Manuscripts for publication in *U. S. Catholic Historian*, 2011.
- Reader of Book Manuscript for University of Notre Dame Press, 2011.
- Reader of Article Manuscript for publication in *U. S. Catholic Historian*, 2007.
- Participant in Faculty Seminar, “Crossing Genres: Reading/Writing Memoir,” funded by the Willson Center for the Humanities and the Arts, UGA, Fall, 2007.
- Lecturer at the Oblate/ tri-Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters’ Workshop, Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, Baltimore, Maryland, July 18, 2007.
- Member of the Program Committee for the Seventh Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, “Challenge and Mission in the History of Women Religious,” University of Notre Dame, June 24-27, 2007.
- Chair for Session “ Sisters of Mercy and People of Color” at the Seventh Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, University of Notre Dame, June 24-27, 2007.
- Reader of Book Manuscript for the University of Arkansas Press, 2007.
- Invited Lecturer, “African American Catholics in Baltimore: A Proud Historical Tradition,” for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of St. Ignatius Church, Baltimore, MD, May 21, 2007.
- Authored book chapter of “Positio,” for the Vatican promoting the Cause of Oblate Co-founder Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange for Beatification, February, 2007.
- Consultant for Charette: Catholic Sisters in America, Orlando, Florida, February 26-28, 2007.
- Reader of Book Manuscript for the University of Arkansas Press, 2006.
- Reader of Book Manuscript for the University of North Carolina Press, 2006.
- Chair, Committee on Women in the Southern Historical Association, 2006.
- Presider, Workshop I, “Have We Come a Long Way, Baby?: The Status of Women in the Historical Profession,” at the Southern Historical Association Meeting, Birmingham Alabama, November 16, 2006.
- Advisor to Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) Project: **Pioneers, Poets and Prophets: Catholic Sisters in America**, 2006-.
- Panelist on “Surviving and Publishing At a Research I University” Session for the Black Issues in Higher Education Conference: Creating a Legacy for Future Scholars, College of Education, UGA, February 3, 2006.
- Guest Speaker, Initiation Ceremony of the University of Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, December 9, 2005.
- “The Oblate Sisters of Providence: A [Her]story of Women of Faith” at Unity Explosion: Houston, for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, TX, July 21-24, 2005.
- Guest Lecturer, Seventeenth Annual Cum Laude Society Lecture and Induction Ceremony: “Crafting Lives with Honor, Lives of Service: Some Lessons from History,” Athens Academy, Athens, Georgia, April 13, 2005.
- Reader of Article Manuscript for publication in *U. S. Catholic Historian*, 2005.
- Member, Southern Historical Association’s Committee on Women, 2005-2007.
- Outside Reviewer for Candidate for Hire as Associate Professor by the Center for Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2005.

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- Reviewed Book Manuscript for the University of Missouri Press, 2004.
- Reviewed Book Manuscript for The University of Arkansas Press, 2004.
- Outside Reviewer for Candidate for Promotion and Tenure, College of Education, The University of Iowa, 2004.
- Reviewed Book Manuscript Prospectus for Rutgers University Press, 2004.
- Reviewed Article Manuscript for the *Journal of Women's History*, 2004 .
- “Teaching Slave Documents” on the Slavery Through Documents Panel, Southern Regional Conference of the Organization of American Historians, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, July 8-11, 2004.
- Member of the Program Committee for the Sixth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, *Crossing Boundaries: Comparative Perspectives on the History of Women Religious*, at the Atchison (Kansas) Heritage Conference Center, June 27-30, 2004.
- Chair/Commentator for Session “Sisterhood in Black and White” for the Sixth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, Atchison, KS, June 27-30, 2004.
- Invited Lecture, “Mary Lange and the History of the Oblate Sisters of Providence,” for the Mary Lange: Bold Legacy to Freedom Symposium in Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, May 22, 2004.
- Panelist, Workshop III - Job Interviewing, at the Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Houston, Texas, November 8, 2003.
- Expert Witness before the Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Baltimore testifying for the Cause of Oblate Co-founder Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange for Beatification, September 25, 2003.
- Reviewed Book Manuscript for the Naval Historical Center of the Department of the Navy, 2003.
- Member, Editorial Board of the University of Georgia Press, 2003-2006.
- Member, Local Arrangements Committee of the Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History, University of Georgia, June 5-7, 2003.
- “Healing Racism's Wounds,” for the Oblate/ tri-Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters' Retreat, Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, Baltimore, Maryland, June 28-July 3, 2003.
- “The Life of the Mind: My Intellectual Odyssey,” for the UNCF/Mellon Summer Institute, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, June 13, 2003.
- Chaired Panel, “African Americans and Catholicism in 20th Century Urban America: New York, Chicago, and Detroit,” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, April 3-6, 2003.
- Advisor on content to Channel Thirteen/WNET New York's “African American World,” a new web site chronicling the African American experience for all ages and communities, January-May, 2002.
- Member, Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program, Secondary Social Sciences Curriculum Team with the College of Education, UGA, 2001-03.
- Commentator for Panel, “Women Religious and Social Action,” at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association in Boston, Massachusetts, January 4-7, 2001.
- Chaired Panel, “Evangelizing and Empowering Free Women of Color in New Orleans, 1727-1862,” at the 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, Washington, D.C., January 9, 1999.
- Member, Advisory Board of the UNCF/Mellon Program to identify and mentor students who attend historically black institutions and commit to college teaching as a career, 1997-2006.
- Social Science Content Specialist, UTK College of Education Admission Review Board, 1985-89.
- Faculty, UTK Pilot Project for enrichment of superior students at Austin East, Knoxville's predominantly black high school, 1986-87.

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Interim Director, Afro-American Studies Program, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 1985 - June 1987.

Consultant, Southeast Sex Desegregation Assistance Center Workshop on Sex and Racial Bias in History Texts for Social Studies Teachers, May 1984.

Consultant, Mid-South Association of Independent Schools Workshop on "Minority Teacher and Student Recruitment and Retention," Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA, January 26-28, 1977.