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### I. Education

A.B., Birmingham Southern College, 1968

M. A., University of Georgia, 1970

Ph.D., University of Georgia, 1975

### II. Research and Teaching Interests (Please see below for list of courses)

**Southern History**; 19th and 20th century; Economic and Social Reform; Higher Education; Civil War; Slavery and Race Relations

### III. Work in progress

**Education** [Volume 19 of the *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Scheduled for publication by the University of North Carolina Press in 2009]

**"Learning to be Southern: Higher Education and Regional Identity, 1880-1980"**

Book manuscript in preparation

**"The South and the Politics of Ideas, 1890-1990"**

Major book project in early stages of research

### IV. Positions Held

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1998-present             | Professor and Chair, Department of History,<br>University of South Alabama |
| 1998                     | Professor, Department of History,<br>Tulane University                     |
| 1986-1997                | Associate Professor, Department of History,<br>Tulane University           |
| 1984-1986 &<br>1989-1990 | Associate Chairman, Department of History,<br>Tulane University            |
| 1981-1986                | Assistant Professor, Department of History,<br>Tulane University           |
| 1980-1981                | Editorial Consultant, Encyclopedia of Southern Culture                     |

- 1979-1980                      Planning Project, University of Mississippi  
 Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Southern Culture,  
 University of Mississippi
- 1975-1979                      Editing Fellow, Assistant and Associate Editor, *Frederick  
 Douglass Papers*, Yale University; Lecturer in History and  
 Afro-American Studies, Yale University

V.        Publications

BOOKS AND EDITED WORKS

1. *Through the Eye of Katrina*, Special Issue of the **Journal of American History**  
 94(December, 2007) Co-edited with Lawrence N. Powell

2. *Tulane: The Emergence of a Modern University, 1945-1980* (Baton Rouge:  
 Louisiana State University Press, 2001) Co-authored with Joseph E. Gordon

3. *On the Threshold of Freedom: Masters and Slaves in Civil War Georgia*  
 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2001)

*Winner of the 1987 Avery O. Craven Award  
 from the Organization of American Historians*

*Selected for Inclusion in American Council of Learned Societies History E-Book Project, 2002*

The above work was in print with the University of Georgia Press from 1986-1999. A new paperback edition  
 was published by Louisiana State University Press in 2001

4. *The Frederick Douglass Papers* Series One, *Speeches, Debates, and Interviews,  
 Vol. II, 1847-1854* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1982) Associate  
 Editor.

5. *The Frederick Douglass Papers* Series One, *Speeches, Debates, and  
 Interviews, vol. I, 1841-1846* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press,  
 1979) Assistant Editor.

6. *Frontier and Plantation in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, 1773-1830.*  
 Lexington, GA: Historic Oglethorpe County Inc., 2007 [originally 1970]

CHAPTERS IN ANTHOLOGIES AND REFERENCE WORKS

1. "The Atlanta campaign and the African American Experience in Civil War  
 Georgia," in **Inside the Confederate Nation: Essays in Honor of Emory  
 M. Thomas** edited by Lesley J. Gordon and John C. Inscoe (Baton Rouge:  
 Louisiana State University Press, 2005), pp. 272-294

2. "White Georgians Respond to John Brown's Raid," in *The Complete History of American Slavery* edited by James Miller. (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2001), pp. 518-521
3. "Maintaining Slavery in Wartime Georgia," in *The Complete History of American Slavery* edited by James Miller. (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2001), pp. 523-528
4. "World War II and the Transformation of Southern Higher Education," in *Remaking Dixie: The Impact of World War II on the American South.* edited by Neil R. McMillen (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 1996), pp. 33-55, 166-172
5. "Introduction," in *They Live on the Land: Life in an Open-Country Southern Community* by Paul W. Terry and Verner M. Sims. (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 1993), pp. ix-xlix
6. "Slavery in Georgia," in *Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery* edited by Randall M. Miller and John David Smith. (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1988), pp. 293-302. Paperback Edition, 1997
7. "Slaves and White Churches in Confederate Georgia," in John B. Boles, ed., *Masters and Slaves in the House of the Lord* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1988), pp. 153-172
8. "Black Artisans and Craftsmen: Colonial Era-1900: A Select Historical Bibliography," in William R. Ferris, ed., *Afro-American Folk Art and Crafts* (Boston: G. K. Hall, 1983), pp. 405-418. Revised paperback edition published by University Press of Mississippi, 1986.

#### ARTICLES

1. "Coming Together (and Falling Apart): Tulane University and H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College in the Postwar Decades," **Louisiana History**, 49(Winter, 2008): 53-92
2. "Through the Eye of Katrina," **Organization of American Historians Newsletter** 35(May, 2007): 1, 7
3. "Civil Rights and Social Activism on the Gulf Coast: John LeFlore and the Non-Partisan Voters League." Co-authored with Scotty Kirkland. [This essay accompanies the microfilm publication *Civil Rights and Social Activism in the South. John LeFlore Papers is Part 1,* issued in 2007 by the Thompson Gale Corporation]

4. "Museum of Mobile, Permanent Exhibit," [review essay], **Journal of American History**, 89 (December, 2002): 994-999
5. "Opportunity Squandered: Tulane University and the Issue of Racial Desegregation During the 1950s," **History of Higher Education Annual** 19(1999): 85-120
6. "Schooling, Modernization, and Race: The Continuing Dilemma of The American South," **American Journal of Education**, 106 (May, 1998): 439-450
7. "Slavery and Class Tensions in Confederate Georgia," **Gulf Coast Historical Review**, IV (Spring, 1989), pp. 58-72.
8. "Harrison Berry: A Black Pamphleteer in Georgia During Slavery and Freedom," **Georgia Historical Quarterly** LXVII (Summer, 1983), pp. 189-205.

Winner of the Georgia Historical Society's 1985 E. Merton Coulter Award

9. "Before Sherman: Georgia Blacks and the Union War Effort, 1861-1864," **Journal of Southern History**, XLV (August 1979), pp.331-52.  
  
Reprinted in Michael Perman, ed., Major Problems in the History of the Civil War and Reconstruction (Lexington, Mass.; D. C. Heath, 1991), pp. 376-386.  
  
Also reprinted in Donald G. Nieman, ed., The Day of Jubilee: The Civil War Experience of Black Southerners.( New York: Garland Publishing Inc., 1994 ), pp. 247-268  
  
Also reprinted in Thomas Holt and Elsa Barkley Brown, eds., Major Problems in African-American History. 2 vols. (New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2000), I, pp. 356-367
10. "Southern Blacks in the Civil War: A Century of Historiography," **Journal of Negro History** LIX (April 1974), pp. 177-195.
11. "Slavery in Oglethorpe County, Georgia 1773-1865," **Phylon** XXXIII (Spring 1972), pp. 4-21.  
  
Reprinted in Paul Finkelman, ed., Southern Slavery at the State and Local Level [Vol. VII of Articles on AmericanSlavery 18 vols., (New York: Garland Publishing, 1990)

Also reprinted in Alexa Benson Henderson and Janice Sumler-Edmond, eds., *Freedom's Odyssey: African American History Essays from Phylon*. (Atlanta, GA: Clark Atlanta University Press, 1999), pp. 29-50

12. "Candid Comments from a Mississippi Author," **Mississippi Quarterly**, XXV (Winter 1971), pp. 83-93.

#### BRIEF ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

1. "Harrison Berry" in *Dictionary of Georgia Biography* edited by Kenneth Coleman and Charles Stephen Gurr. 2 vols. (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1983), I, pp. 75-77.
2. "Moses Dallas" and "Harrison Berry" in *Encyclopedia of the Confederacy* (1993)
3. "Rufus Carrollton Harris" in *Dictionary of Louisiana Biography: Ten Year Supplement, 1988-1998*. Carl A. Brasseaux and James D. Wilson, eds., (Lafayette, LA: Center for Louisiana Studies, 1998), p. 106
4. "Black Troops in Civil War Georgia," *New Georgia Encyclopedia* (2003) [Online publication] <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-783>

#### BOOK REVIEWS

I have reviewed books for the American Historical Review, the Journal of American History, the Journal of Southern History, Southern Cultures, the American Journal of Education, the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, the South Carolina Historical Magazine, the Georgia Historical Quarterly, Louisiana History, the Georgia Review, the Alabama Review, the Georgia Librarian, and various newspapers.

#### VI. Grants and Fellowships (postdoctoral)

1. Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities (July-September, 1987, \$3500).
2. Grant-in-Aid, Rockefeller Archives Center, Tarrytown, NY, (Summer, 1986) to support research in the records of the General Education Board, (\$1178).
3. Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (September

1979-August 1980; \$13,500).

4. Grant-in-Aid, American Philosophical Society (Summer, 1978; \$800).  
Granted to support research in the Samuel H. Stout Papers, University of Texas.
5. Fellowship in Advanced Editing, National Historical Publications Commission (September 1975-August 1976; \$11,000; granted to support one year of editorial work with the Frederick Douglass Papers, Yale University).

VII. Papers and Scholarly Meetings (abbreviated list of major conferences)

- SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11, 2008; Chaired paper session on Reconstruction and the American West
- SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Richmond, Virginia, November 1, 2007; Presented a paper on "Learning to be Southern: Higher Education and Regional Identity, 1880-1980"
- SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Birmingham, Alabama, November 16, 2006 Commented on three papers on "A Liberal Tradition: Alabamians in the U. S. Senate from the Great Depression to the Great Society."
- ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS, REGIONAL MEETING, Atlanta, Georgia, July 11, 2004. Chaired paper session on Slavery and the Civil War; Commented on three papers.
- SOUTHERN HISTORY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY, Fairhope, Alabama, March 12, 2004. Presented paper on "An emerging Vision: Tulane University in the 1930s."
- THIRD BIENNIAL ALLEN MORRIS CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF FLORIDA AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD. Tallahassee, Florida, February 14, 2004. Participated in panel on "Meet the Presses: A Publishing Workshop for Graduate Students"
- ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF HISTORIANS, Enterprise, Alabama, February 7, 2004. Participated in Panel on "Protecting Academic Freedom Beyond the Academy."
- SOUTHERN MEMORIES OF THE GOOD WAR: THE IMPACT OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR ON THE AMERICAN SOUTH, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15, 2003. Chaired panel of historians including Charles Roland, Arvah Strickland, and Ann Firor Scott giving personal accounts of war experiences
- SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Houston, Texas, November 6-9, 2003. Attended SHA Executive Council and participated in panel on Museum of Mobile
- GULF SOUTH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Pensacola, Florida, October 17, 2003  
Commented on three papers on the implications of emancipation in the U. S. South
- SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S HISTORY, Athens, Georgia, June 7, 2003. Participated in panel on scholarly article publication
- ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS, Memphis, Tennessee, April 5, 2003. Commented on three scholarly papers on the G. I. Bill and postwar higher education.
- AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, New Orleans, LA, April, 2002

Participated in symposium on "The idea of the university in the American South: Making sense of Institutional Biographies for Regional Portraiture.

ALLEN MORRIS CONFERENCE ON ATLANTIC WORLD WORK, CULTURE, AND CLASS. Tallahassee, Florida, February 13, 2000. Commented on three scholarly papers on desegregation in southern universities and public school faculties.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Fort Worth, TX, November 5, 1999, Commentator for Session on "Carpetbaggers and Outside Agitators: New Perspectives on Southerners and Outsiders"

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK, Kennesaw, GA, October 18, 1999, Presented an invited paper on "The African-American Experience and the Atlanta Campaign."

TULANE-CAMBRIDGE ATLANTIC WORLD STUDIES GROUP, INAUGURAL CONFERENCE, New Orleans, LA, November 21-22, 1996, Chaired session on "Emancipation and the Atlantic World. Papers by Rebecca Scott, University of Michigan, Julie Saville, University of Chicago, and Bridget Brereton, University of the West Indies.

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, New Orleans, LA, November, 1995, Session Chair and commentator for panel on " Southern College and University Desegregation, 1947 to the Present."

SYMPOSIUM ON WORLD WAR II AND THE AMERICAN SOUTH, University of Southern Mississippi, October, 1995. Presented an invited paper on World War II and the Transformation of Southern Higher Education."

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Atlanta, GA, November, 1992 Presented paper on "Conceptions of Educational Equality in the Work of Verner Martin Sims"

CHANCELLOR'S SYMPOSIUM ON SOUTHERN HISTORY, University of Mississippi, October, 1992 Presented an invited paper on "Southern Higher Education Since World War II"

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, New York, December, 1990. Chaired session on "Public Women in the Civil War Years: Perspectives North and South"

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Lexington, KY, November, 1989. Presented paper on "Schooling, Modernization and Collective Identity: The Dilemmas of Educational Reform in Louisiana, 1900-1930"

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS, St. Louis, April, 1989. Chaired session on "Race and Religion in the Old Southwest"

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, New York, December, 1985. Presented paper on "Georgia Slavery During the American Revolution and the Civil War: A Comparison Across Time"

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Louisville, KY, November, 1984.

Presented a paper on "Slavery and Class Tensions in Civil War Georgia"

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, Charleston, SC, November 12,  
1983. Chaired session on "Southern Community Life During the Civil War"

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, New Orleans, LA, November 10, 1977  
Presented paper on "Before Sherman: Georgia Blacks and the Union War Effort,  
1861-1864"

VIII. Service on Editorial Boards, Professional Committees, and Research Projects

1. SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS  
Member of SACS Visiting Committee, University Of Georgia,  
February 25-28, 2001 (Chair of Subcommittee on Undergraduate  
Education)
2. Alabama Historical Association  
Executive Committee, 1999-2001  
Program Committee Chair, 2000-200  
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3. Board of Editors, Alabama Review, 2001-2004
4. Board of Editors, Journal of Southern History, 1992-1996
5. Board of Editors, Georgia Historical Quarterly, 1988-92
6. **Southern Historical Association**
  - (a) Program Committee, 1986-87
  - (b) Green-Ramsdell Award selection committee, 1988-89
  - (c) Nominating Committee, 1989-1990
  - (d) Chair of Nominating Committee, 1990-91
  - (e) Chair, William F. Holmes Prize Committee, 2000-2001
  - (f) Member of Executive Council, 2002-2005
  - (g) Member of Fundraising Committee for John W. Blassingame Prize 2005--
7. NEH review panel, Division of General Programs, Museums and  
Historical Organizations, July, 1995
8. NEH review panel, Division of General Programs, Museums and  
Historical Organizations, January, 1989.
9. NEH review panel, Division of General Programs, Museums and  
Historical Organizations, January, 1987.
10. Faculty Seminars and Summer Institutes (Externally Funded)
  - (a) Participant/Guest Lecturer: "Comparative History of the Americas," Tulane  
University July, 1994—Summer Institute funded by the Louisiana Endowment for the  
Humanities
  - (b) Outside Evaluator: Photography and American History, Loyola

University, 1995—Summer Institute funded by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

(c) Outside Evaluator, “Picturing America: Photography and the Study of American Culture,” NEH Humanities Focus Project, Loyola University, Spring, 1999

(d) Outside Evaluator, “Urban Explorers: Photographers in the American City,” Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Teacher Institute for Advanced Study, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA, July 6-30, 2004

11. Member of Scholarly Resource Group for "History of New Orleans Public Schools Project" 1988-91. Funded by Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.  
IX. Committee Service and Academic Citizenship

**A UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA**

**COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Chair of Search Committee, Chair of Department of English (2007-08)

Chair of Search Committee, Chair of Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (2007-08)

Promotion Committee, Department of English [External member] (2006)

Chair of Search Committee, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (2003)

Chair of Search Committee, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (2001)

Search Committee, Chair of Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 2001 (Chair)

Undergraduate Student Retention Committee (1999-2000)

Executive Editor, Gulf South Historical Review (1999-2006)

Search Committee, Director of University Libraries (1998-1999)

**MEETINGS ATTENDED: State and Local (1998-)**

Alabama Historical Commission, Fort Morgan, Alabama, May 16, 2003

Alabama Association of Historians, Mobile, Alabama, April, 2002

Gulf South Historical Association, Mobile, AL, October, 2001

Alabama Association of Historians, Florence, Alabama, February, 2001

NEH Regional Humanities Center Planning Group, Hattiesburg, MS, October, 2000

Gulf South Historical Association, Pensacola Beach, FL, September, 2000

Alabama Historical Association Executive Committee, Birmingham, Alabama, May 2, 2000

Alabama Association of Historians, Orange Beach, Alabama, February, 2000

History of Education Society, Atlanta, Georgia, October 15-16, 1999

Alabama Historical Association, Montgomery, Alabama, April, 1999

Alabama Association of Historians, Birmingham, Alabama, February, 1999

Gulf South Historical Association, Hammond, Louisiana, October, 1998

Alabama Historical Association Executive Committee, Birmingham, Alabama, September, 1998

### TALKS TO LOCAL GROUPS (1998-)

March 18, 2008                      Spring Hill College

Spoke to the History Round Table on “What Historians Do—and Why They Do It”

February 18, 2008                      University of Southern Mississippi

Spoke to Professor Pamela Tyler’s graduate seminar on “Historians Behind the Curve”

November 29, 2007                      Center for the Study of the Gulf South, Hattiesburg, MS

Presented a one hour graduate colloquium on regional identity and higher learning

May 9, 2005                              Leadership Alabama Regional Meeting, Mobile, AL

Informational presentation on the proposed on-line *Encyclopedia of Alabama*

March 25, 2003:                      Mobile Historic Preservation Leadership Class

Delivered a 90 minute talk entitled “What is Heritage?”

April 19, 2002:                      Alabama Association of Historians

Welcoming and Introductory Remarks for Afternoon Program at Museum of Mobile

March 1, 2002:                      USA Archives Seminar

Presentation on the use of oral testimony in the history of colleges and universities

February 13, 2001:                      Pensacola, Florida Civil War Round Table

Talk on the African-American Experience in the Atlanta Campaign

April 30, 2000:                      Friends of the Archives (University of South Alabama)

Talk on recent developments and future plans for historical study at the University of South Alabama

December 8, 1999:                      Mobile United Race Relations Committee

Talk on the future of race relations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

January 28, 1999: Introductory Remarks for Public History Day

Panel discussion sponsored by USA History department for majors and interested undergraduates and graduate students

October 13, 1998:            Phi Alpha Theta Fall Initiation

Lecture on “The Higher Learning in the Modern South”

September 29, 1998:        Public Forum Event, USA Campus

Participated in Scholarly Panel Discussing “The Historical Legacy of George C. Wallace”

## **B        TULANE UNIVERSITY**

1. Ad Hoc Grievance Committee -- Acting in lieu of the University Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, Tenure, and Responsibility (1992)
2. Ad Hoc Committee on the Professional Preparation of Teachers (1989/90)  
Appointed by the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences to consider possible changes in staffing and institutional configuration for the Department of Education
3. Graduate Council (3 year term 1987-1990)  
A faculty advisory body that met monthly with the Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.
4. Master of Liberal Arts Advisory Committee (University College)  
Monitors the content and quality of a special degree program for returning adult students. (1988-1998)
5. Newcomb Center for Research on Women, Faculty Advisory Committee, (1988-89)
6. Joint Newcomb College - College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Admissions Committee (1986-88)  
This was a special body created to coordinate admissions procedures prior to and during the unification of Tulane's two major faculties.
7. John T. Monroe Fellowship Selection Committee (1986-89)  
A \$10,000 dissertation year fellowship given annually to a Ph.D. candidate in history, political science, anthropology or economics for research on the American South.
8. Student-Faculty Honor Board (1983-86)
9. During the 1980s and 1990s I served on all standing committees of the Tulane history department, usually for a period of two years per committee. In addition to these assignments, I also served two years as **Coordinator of Graduate Studies**.



- Malone  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
Max Heller, 1860-1898" (M.A. thesis, 1990)
- "Max Heller: Reform Rabbi and Zionist in the Deep South" (Ph.D. dissertation , 1994)
- Published as Rabbi Max Heller: Reformer, Zionist, Southerner, 1860-1929. (Tuscaloosa and London: University of Alabama Press, 1997)**
- Gunga Sen-Gupta  
"Evangelicals and Entrepreneurs: Varieties of American Antislavery in Kansas, 1850-1860" (Ph.D. dissertation, 1991)
- Published as For God and Mammon: Evangelicals and Entrepreneurs, Masters and Slaves, in Territorial Kansas, 1854-1860. (Athens and London: University of Georgia Press, 1996)**
- Amy Kirschke  
"Aaron Douglas and the Harlem Renaissance" (Ph.D. dissertation, 1991)
- Published as Aaron Douglas: Art, Race, and the Harlem Renaissance. (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi , 1996)**
- Leslie Parr  
" 'A Will of Her Own' : Sarah Towles Reed and the Pursuit of Democracy in Southern Public Education" (Ph.D. dissertation, 1994)
- Published as 'A Will of Her Own' : Sarah Towles Reed and the Pursuit of Democracy in Southern Public Education. (Athens and London: University of Georgia Press, 1996)**
- Edith R. Ambrose  
"'A Revolution of Hope:' New Orleans Workers and their Unions 1923-1939," (Ph.D. Dissertation 1998)
- Jeffrey Turner  
"Conscience and Conflict: Patterns in the History of Student Activism on Southern College Campuses, 1960-1970" (Ph. D. Dissertation, 2000)
- Michelle Haberland  
"Women's Work: The Apparel Industry in the United States South, 1937-1980" (Ph. D. Dissertation, 2001)
- Kahne Parsons  
"The Limits of Community: Conservatism in Transition, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, 1933-1948" (Ph.D. dissertation 2001)

Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1995-96  
Contemporary Authors  
Directory of American Scholars