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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Appointment: Professor of History - College of Arts & Sciences
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Tenured: September 1, 1974

DEGREE INFORMATION

1964 B.A., History, University of the South, Sewanee; 1966 M.A., History, Duke University; 1968 Ph.D., History, Duke University

COURSES TAUGHT

Alabama History - HY239
African History - HY262
History of Mobile - HY431
Archival Practice - HY595

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SINCE 1991)

Grant Activity:

1990-91 Consultant, Heart of Dixie Railroad Museum, Calera, Alabama
1991-92 "The Image of Our Times: A Photographic History of Alabama Since 1945," AHF
1991-92 Scholar, "The Civil War: Crossroads of Our Being," Auburn/NEH Grant
1991-92 Scholar, "Reflections on the Black Belt: Our Shared Heritage," Alabama Rural Heritage Center/AHF
1992-93 Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers' Bureau, "Alabama Since 1945"
1993 Summer Institute for Teachers of Alabama History, AHF
1993-94 Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers' Bureau, "Three Turning Points in XXth Century Alabama"
1993-94 Scholar, "World War II: A Time Remembered," Auburn Center for the Arts and Humanities
1994 Summer Institute for Teachers of Alabama History, AHF
1995 Summer Institute for Teachers of Alabama History, AHF
1995-96 Scholar, "Reading Our Lives," Auburn Center for the Arts and Humanities
1996 Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers' Bureau, "The Other Alabama:"

- 1997 Photographs Less Seen”
Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers’ Bureau, “Loving Home: The Photographs of Draffus Hightower”
- 1994-2003 Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers’ Bureau, Various Talks Over the Years
- 2000-2001 Co-Investigator, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, “Preservation Action Determination”
- 2001-2002 Co-Investigator, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, “Implementation of Preservation Assessment”
- 2002 Alabama Humanities Foundation, “Mobile: Alabama’s First City” Exhibit

AWARDS, ACTIVITIES, HONORS

- 1964 Phi Beta Kappa, University of the South
- 1965-66 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
- 1966-67 Shell Overseas Studies Fellowship for Study in Africa
- 1982 Faculty Service and Development Award, University of South Alabama
- 1983 Elizabeth Gould Research Award
- 1985-87 President, Society of Alabama Archivists
- 1989 Faculty Development Award to microfilm USA campus newspapers
- 1990 Finalist, AHF Humanities Scholar
- 1991 Finalist, AHF Humanities Scholar
- 1991 Virginia Hamilton Award, Alabama Historical Association
- 1992 Executive Committee, Alabama Historical Association
- 1993 Finalist, AHF Humanities Scholar
- 1996 Faculty Service and Development Award, University of South Alabama
- 1999-2000 Vice President, Alabama Historical Association
- 2000-01 President, Alabama Historical Association
- 2000-01 President, Gulf South Historical Association
- 2000-02 Trustee, University of South Alabama Foundation
- 2000- President, Senior Faculty Caucus, University of South Alabama

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATION (SINCE 1991)

Papers:

- 1993 “Commercial Photographers in the Gilded Age in Mobile,” Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, Mobile
- 1996 “D. L. Hightower, Clayton Photographer,” Alabama Historical Association, Huntsville
- 2001 “Two Photographers Who Recorded History,” Alabama Historical Association Presidential Address, Huntsville

Articles:

- 1994 “Commercial Photography in the Gilded Age in Mobile,” *History of Photography* (winter 1995) and *Gulf Coast Historical Review* (fall 1994; the Conference Proceedings volume)
- 1997 “D. L. Hightower’s Photographs of a Vanishing World,” *Alabama Heritage* (fall 1997)

2002 "Two Photographers Who Recorded History," *Alabama Review* (July 2002)

Books:

- 1975 *Mobile: American River City* (Easter Publications), Dr. Melton McLaurin, co-author
- 1980 *The Images of Progress: Alabama Photographs, 1871-1917* (University of Alabama Press), Dr. Melton McLaurin, co-author
- 1981 *Mobile: The Life and Times of a Great Southern City* (Windsor Publications), Dr. Melton McLaurin, co-author
- 1985 *Trying Times: Alabama Photographs, 1917-1945* (University of Alabama Press)
- 1987 *Mine, Mill, and Microchip: A Chronicle of Alabama Enterprise* (Windsor Publications), illustrated the book authored by Wayne Flynt
- 1988 *From Fort to Port: An Architectural History of Mobile* (University of Alabama Press), illustrated the book by Elizabeth Gould
- 1993 *Voices from Alabama* (University of Alabama Press), illustrated the book by J. Mack Lofton
- 1997 *To Remember A Vanishing World: D. L. Hightower's Photographs of Bourbour County, Alabama, 1930-1965* (Historic Chattahooche Commission/University of Alabama Press)
- 2001 *Mobile: The New History of Alabama's First City* (University of Alabama Press), editor
- 2001 *Down the Years: Articles on Mobile from the Gulf Coast Historical Review* (Gulf South Historical Review) editor

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1985- Managing Editor, *Gulf Coast Historical Review* (since 1999 the *Gulf South Historical Review*)
- 1986- Editorial Board, *Alabama Heritage*
- 2001- Editorial Board: *Alabama Review*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Alabama Association of Historians
Society of Alabama Archivists
Alabama Historical Association
Friends of the Alabama Humanities
Friends of the University Archives
Gulf South Historical Association