

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas**

Ph.D., History, 2019

Dissertation: "Trails of Tears and Freedom: Black Life in Indian Slave Country, 1830-1866."

Doctoral Portfolios: African and African Diaspora Studies, Women's and Gender Studies

#### **State University of New York, New Paltz, New York**

B.A., History, summa cum laude, 2013

#### **Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, New York**

A.A., Liberal Arts and Sciences-Humanities, honors, 2011

### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

College of Social Science Dean's Research Associate (Postdoctoral Fellowship), Michigan State University, Department of History, August 2019-present.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS**

*Trails of Tears and Freedom: Black Life in Indian Slave Country, 1830-1866.*

#### **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

"Bold, Bad Notorious" Hal Geiger: Politics, Violence, and Defiance in Reconstruction Era East Texas," *East Texas Historical Journal*, vol. 57, Issue 1, 2019.

"'Regarded as an Appendage of His Family:' Slavery, Family, and the Law in Indian Territory," *Journal of African American History*, forthcoming, Winter 2021.

#### **REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS/ESSAYS**

"Labor, 1654-1659" in *400 Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*, eds. Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. New York: Random House Publishing, in press.

“‘A Slave State in Embryo:’ Indian Territory, Native Sovereignty, and the Expansion of Slavery’s Empire” in *Making a Republic Imperial*, eds. Michael A. Blaakman and Emily Conroy-Krutz. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, submitted.

“Women and Slavery in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” co-authored with Daina Ramey Berry in *The Oxford Handbook of American Women’s and Gender History*, eds. Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor and Lisa G. Materson. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

## REFEREED ENCYCLOPEDIA ESSAYS

“Black Codes and Slave Codes.” *Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies*. Ed. Gene Jarrett. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780190280024-0083.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Book Review, Kenda T. Field, *Growing up with the Country: Family, Race, and Nation after the Civil War*, *Journal of Family History*, in press.

Book Review, Sarah L. Hyde, *Schooling in the Antebellum South: The Rise of Public Education in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama*, *Louisiana History*. vol. 60, no.2 (Spring 2019): 234-37.

Book Review, Andrew Torget, *Seeds of Empire: Cotton, Slavery, and the Transformation of the Texas Borderlands, 1800-1850*, *Pacific Historical Review* vol. 86, no. 3 (August 2017): 544-46.

## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

[“Citizen Kyrie: Kyrie Irving, the Standing Rock Sioux, and the Politics of Tribal Rolls,”](#) co-authored with Walter L. Sistrunk, *Fourth Part of the World: A Journal of Black and Native History* (February 2019).

[“How U.S. Westward Expansion Breathed New Life into Slavery,”](#) co-authored with Daina Ramey Berry, *History.com* (March 2018).

[“Slavery, Labor, and Resistance in the Choctaw Nation,”](#) Presbyterian Historical Society, (November 2017).

[“Popular Culture in the Classroom,”](#) *Not Even Past* (October 2016).

[“Reforming Prisons in Early-Twentieth Century Texas,”](#) *Not Even Past* (March 2015).

[“The First Texans: An Exhibit in Jester Hall,”](#) *Not Even Past* (February 2015).

[“Confederados: The Texans of Brazil,”](#) *Not Even Past* (January 2015).

[Review of \*Black Slaves, Indian Masters: Slavery, Emancipation, and Citizenship in the Native American South\* by Barbara Krauthamer,](#) *Not Even Past* (March 2014).

## AWARDS//FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

2019 Southern Summit Emerging Scholars Award (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

2018 American Association of University Women Dissertation Completion Fellowship (AAUW)

2018 Black Communities: A Conference for Collaboration Travel Grant, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2018 Organization of American Historians (OAH) Merrill Travel Grant Award

2018 Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement, College of Graduate Studies

2018 Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Dissertation Fellowship, Women's and Gender Studies Department

2018 Professional Development Award, College of Graduate Studies, UT Austin

2018 Travel Research and Conference Grant, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies

2018 Organization of American Historians (OAH) Huggins-Quarles Dissertation Award

2018 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Alternate and Honorable Mention

2017 Mellon Scholars Program in African-American History Dissertation Fellowship at the Library Company in Philadelphia

2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Alternate and Honorable Mention

2017 Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, UT Austin History Department

2016 Western History Association, Sara Jackson Award for Graduate Research

2016 Global South Research Grant, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South (Tulane University)

2016 SHEAR (Society of Historians for the Early American Republic) Graduate Student Travel Grant

2016 Clara Driscoll Scholarship for Research in Texas History, UT Austin History Department

2016 Briscoe Center Graduate Fellowship (Year-Long), UT Austin History Department

2015 C. M. Caldwell Memorial Award for Excellence in Historical Research, "Bold, Bad Notorious" Hal Geiger: Politics, Violence, and Defiance in Reconstruction Era East Texas," Texas State Historical Association

2015 Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship, UT Austin History Department

2015 Travel Research and Conference Grant, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies

2014 Travel Research Grant, UT Austin History Department

2014 Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library Award, State University of New York, New Paltz

2013 Thematic Fellowship, History Department

2013 Outstanding Graduating Student, History Department, State University of New York, New Paltz

2011 JFK Graduate Scholarship, Dutchess Community College

## CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

“No Regard for the Women...Especially if they were of pleasant looks:” Enslaved Women and Sexual Violence in Nineteenth-Century Indian Territory,” *Terrains of Slavery and Sexuality: Enslaved and Free Women Negotiating Coercion, Incest, and Resistance in the U.S. South, Caracas-Venezuela and Indian Territory*, Eighteenth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders, and Sexualities, Baltimore, MD, May 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19).

Roundtable Presentation: “Black Women’s Freedom Claims in Early America,” African American Intellectual History Society, Austin, TX, March 2020.

“Compelled to Do All the Hard Work:” Slavery, Labor, and Resistance in Indian Territory,” *Parallels and Comparisons: Black and Native Involvement in Systems of Captivity and Enslavement*, American Historical Association (AHA), New York City, NY, January 2020.

“Regarded as an Appendage of his Family:” Slavery, Kinship, and the Law in Indian Territory” *Voices on Campus*, American Indian Studies Program and Indigenous Law Center, MSU College of Law, East Lansing, MI, November 2019 (Presenter).

“To Do Something Among Themselves, By Themselves, and For Themselves:” Education Activism by Choctaw and Chickasaw Freedpeople in the Long Nineteenth Century,” *Contested Communities: Rethinking Relations Between African Americans and Native Americans During the 19<sup>th</sup> Century*, ALANA Panel, The Organization of American Historians (OAH), Philadelphia, PA, April 2019 (Presenter).

“Graduate Student Symposium,” *Our Foremothers’ Keepers: The Art and Practice of Black Women’s History*, Association of Black Women Historians (ABWH), Los Angeles, CA, December 2018 (Moderator).

“‘Come out to the Indian Country’: Slavery and Migration in the Antebellum Southwest,” *Consider the Alternative: The Uncertain Fate of the Antebellum West*, The Organization of American Historians (OAH), Sacramento, CA, April 2018 (Presenter).

Workshop, Karl Jacoby, “‘A Picturesque Figure,’ from *The Strange Career of William Ellis: The Texas Slave Who Became a Mexican Millionaire*,” Institute for Historical Studies and the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies, UT Austin, November 2016 (Co-Responder).

“‘Mrs. Paschal desires me to write you about her Negroes’: Native Women and Chattel Slavery in the Nineteenth-Century Southwest,” *Southeastern Indians in Unexpected Places: Native American History in the Nineteenth-Century American South and Southwest*, The Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, November 2016, (Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer).

“On Freedom’s Borders: Black Seminole Migration, Culture and Resistance before the Civil War,” Marronage as a Fractal: Creolization in the United States, Association for African-American Life and History Conference, Richmond, VA, October 2016, (Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer).

“Some of the Indians have stolen some fine horses and some negroes’: Slavery, Captivity, Kinship, and Freedom in the Southwest Borderlands,” The Peculiar Institution in the Native South, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR), New Haven, CT, July 2016, (Presenter and Panel Organizer).

“Go, You are Free’: Slavery, Emancipation, and the Gendering of Native American Slaveholding in Antebellum Oklahoma and Texas,” Claiming Geographies of Freedom: Slavery and Resistance in the Antebellum South and Southwest, Association for the Study of African-American Life and History Centennial Meeting (ASALH), Atlanta, GA, September 2015, (Presenter and Panel Organizer).

“We always go about more disadvantages than anyone else’: Cherokee Women, The Civil War, and Selective Forgetting,” The Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, College of Charleston, June 2015 (Presenter).

“Life Along the Red River: Gender, Slavery, and Emancipation in the Nineteenth-Century Southwest Borderlands,” Cross-Generational Dialogues in Black Women’s History Conference, Michigan State University, March 2015 (Presenter).

“Go, You are Free’: Slavery, Emancipation, and the Gendering of Native American Slaveholding in Antebellum Oklahoma and Texas,” Claiming Geographies of Freedom: Slavery and Resistance in the Antebellum South and Southwest, 22nd Annual Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies Conference, "Feminist Geographies: Mapping Spaces, Nations and States of Being," The University of Texas at Austin, March 2015, (Presenter and Panel Co-Organizer).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

Spring 2020 HIS201: Historical Skills and Methods: Slavery and American Popular Culture, Michigan State University.

Summer 2018 HIS315K: US History, 1492-1865, The University of Texas at Austin.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

“Texas, Slavery, and the West,” HIS315K: US History, 1492-1865, invited by Dr. Robert Olwell, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of History, April 2018.

“Black Life in Native Spaces,” UGS 303: Gender, Slavery, and Freedom, invited by Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, African and African Diaspora Studies, November 2017.

“Native Americans,” St. Francis School, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts/Social Studies, invited by Paige Shehan, Austin, Texas, October 31, 2016.

“Native American Slaveholding in Antebellum America,” HIS 350R: The Domestic Slave Trade, invited by Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, History Department, October 2016.

“Gender and Slavery in the Native South,” UGS 303: Gender, Slavery, and Freedom, invited by Dr. Juliet Hooker, The University of Texas at Austin, African and African Diaspora Studies and the Department of Government, September 2016.

“Trails of Tears and Freedom: Slavery, Migration, and Emancipation in the Southwest Borderlands, 1830-1887,” State University of New York at New Paltz, sponsored by the Department of History, Black Studies Department, and Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, April 2016.

“Trails of Tears and Freedom: Slavery, Migration, and Emancipation in the Southwest Borderlands, 1830-1887,” The University of North Texas Research Fellowship Lecture series, February 2016.

“Say it Loud: Black Power and Popular Culture,” HIS 317L: Introduction to African-American History, invited by Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, History Department, November 2015.

“Native American Slaveholding,” HIS 317L: Introduction to African-American History, invited by Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, History Department, February 2015.

## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, History Department, August 2017-December 2017.

Exam Proctor, UT Austin Law School, May 2017.

Research Assistant, Gregory P. Downs, Associate Professor of History, University of California, Davis, October 2016.

Research Assistant, Thomas Foster, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History, History Department, Howard University, March-April 2016.

Research Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies and the UT Public Fellows/Op-Ed Project, January 2016-August 2016.

Research Assistant, Dr. Daina Ramey Berry, The University of Texas at Austin, History Department and John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, May 2014-August 2015.

## SELECTED PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, & INTERVIEWS

Advisory Board, [Learningplunge.org](http://Learningplunge.org), September 2020-present.

Juneteenth Presentation, Panel Discussant, Flagstar Bank, June 2020.

Interviewee, ["Here's What You Need to Know about Juneteenth & How to Celebrate it This Year,"](#) *Thrillist*, June 2020.

Interviewee, ["Kalamazoo County doctor helped over 1,000 people escape slavery on the Underground Railroad,"](#) WZZM-13, Grand Rapids, June 2020.

Podcast, Invited Guest, [\*Inseparable Separations: Slavery and Indian Removal\*](#), Teaching Hard History: American Slavery, [tolerance.org](http://tolerance.org), March 2020.

Invited Panelist, Bridging History: African American and Indigenous Perspectives, University of Memphis Graduate Association for African American History and the C.H. Nash Museum at Chucalissa, invited by Dr. Brian Kwoba, February 2020.

"A Record of Commendable Usefulness:" Black Women's Activism in Nineteenth-Century Indian Territory," Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence Exhibition, invited by curator Dr. Kate Lemay, April 2019.

Podcast, Invited Guest, [\*Episode 114: Slavery in Indian Territory\*](#), 15 Minute History, [15minutehistory.org](http://15minutehistory.org), December 2018.

Career Day Speaker, Bertha Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy, Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX, December 2018.

Founder and Contributor, Blog, [\*Fourth Part of the World: A Journal of Black and Native History\*](#), November 2018.

"Born Enslaved: The WPA Recordings," Keynote Speaker, Austin Community College, Fall 2018 History Department Symposium, October 2018.

"Juneteenth Chronicles," Panel Discussant, Spectrum Theater Company, Austin, TX, June 2018.

"Juneteenth Panel," WURD-Philadelphia, June 2017.

Researcher & Writer: UT Austin, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis (IUPRA), Texas African-American History Memorial Project, March 2014-August 2014. Final Project: [\*Texas African-American History Memorial\*](#), dedicated on Capitol grounds November 19, 2016.

Consultant, Austin PBS, KLRU-TV, *Juneteenth Jamboree* Series, January 2015-September 2017.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **NATIONAL**

Program Committee, Western History Association Conference (WHA), 2021.

National Graduate Student Representative, Association for Black Women Historians, elected June 2014-December 2016.

### **UNIVERSITY**

Panelist, "Black Fellowship and Scholarship: Highlighting and Training Black Researchers at MSU," Annual Black Research Collaborative, Black Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, March 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19).

Invited Host, Black History Month Film Screening of *Sankofa*, invited by MSU Libraries Diversity Committee, Michigan State University, February 2020.

Coordinator, Ananse Graduate Student Working Group for the Study of the African Diaspora, The John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, January 2016-May 2016.

Planning Committee, "Imagining an Indigenous Future," Native American and Indigenous Collective (NAIC) Annual Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, April 2015.

Graduate Student Representative, Job Search Committee, History Department, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2015.

Planning Committee, "Violence Against Native and Indigenous Identities: Unearthing and Healing Our Communities," Native American and Indigenous Collective (NAIC) Annual Symposium, The University of Texas at Austin, March 2014.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Association for Black Women Historians

Association for the Study of African-American Life and History

Western History Association

Ethnohistory Association

### **LANGUAGES**

French: Reading (Fluent), Speaking (Conversational)