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Academic Positions:

Associate Professor, Departments of Afroamerican and African Studies, American Culture, and History, University of Michigan, 2005-present

Chair, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2018-

Faculty Director, Arts of Citizenship Program, University of Michigan, 2007-2016

Assistant Professor, Departments of History and American Culture, University of Michigan, 1998-2005

Research Fellow & Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Program in American Culture, and Center for Afro-American and African Studies, University of Michigan, 1995-1998

Honors & Awards:

John H. D'Arms Faculty Award for Distinguished Graduate Mentoring in the Humanities, University of Michigan, 2016

Michigan Humanities Award, 2016

Associate Professor Research Support Fund, University of Michigan, 2012

Charles Warren Center Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-09

Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, University of Michigan, 2008

Liberty Legacy Foundation Award for best book in civil rights history, Organization of American Historians, 2006

Faculty Career Development Award, University of Michigan, 2000

Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan, 1999

Education:

Ph.D., History, 1999, Duke University, Durham, NC.

M.A., History, 1992, Duke University, Durham, NC.

B.A., History, 1986, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Publications:

- Countryman, Matthew J., *Up South: Civil Rights and Black Power in Philadelphia*, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), 2006
- Countryman, Matthew J., and Timothy K. Eatman, "Connecting Civil Rights and Community Engagement: Intergenerational Dimensions of Resonating Movements," in Corey Dolgon, Tania D. Mitchell, and Timothy K. Eatman, eds., *The Cambridge Handbook of Service Learning and Community Engagement*, (New York: Cambridge University Press), 2017
- Countryman, Matthew J., "Of Little Rocks and Levittowns: The Northern Racial Landscape and the Origins of 1960s Student Activism," in Howard Brick and Gregory Parker, eds., *A New Insurgency: The Port Huron Statement and its Times*, (Ann Arbor, MI: Michigan Publishing) 2015, 153-166.
- Countryman, Matthew, J. "Diversity and Democratic Engagement: Civic Education and the Challenge of Inclusivity," in Don Harward, ed., *Civic Provocations*, (Washington D.C.: Bringing Theory to Practice, 2012), 47-50.
- Countryman, Matthew J., "Race and Politics Since 1933," in Michael Kazin, ed., *The Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History*, vol. 2, (Princeton: Princeton University Press), 2010, 634-652.
- Countryman, Matthew J., "Questions of Class, Gender and Politics in Philadelphia's Black Power Movement," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 130-4 (Oct. 2006).
- Countryman, Matthew J., "'From Protest to Politics': Community Control and the Emergence of Independent Black Politics in Philadelphia, 1965-1981," *Journal of Urban History* 32-6 (Sept. 2006)

Public History

- Countryman, Matthew J., "2020 uprisings, unprecedented in scope, join a long river of struggle in America," *The Conversation*, June 7, 2020, <https://theconversation.com/2020-uprisings-unprecedented-in-scope-join-a-long-river-of-struggle-in-america-139853>
- Countryman, Matthew J., "Attica and its Aftermath: Heather Thompson talks with Matthew Countryman," *Democratic Left*, Spring 2017, 5-7
- "Matthew Countryman," *History Corps*, <http://thestudio.uiowa.edu/historycorps/items/show/210>, 2014
- Countryman, Matthew, J., "Why Philadelphia?: The Meaning and Legacy of Philadelphia's Role in the National Campaign for Civil Rights," *Civil Rights in a Northern City: Philadelphia*, <http://northerncity.library.temple.edu/content/historical-perspective/why-philadelphia>

Book Reviews

- Countryman, Matthew, J., "Black Public History in Chicago: Civil Rights Activism from World War II into the Cold War by Ian Rocksborough-Smith," *American Historical Review*, (Dec. 2019)
- Countryman, Matthew, J., "Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets, by Leah Platt Boustan" *Journal of American History*, Volume 104, Issue 3, 1 December 2017, Pages 802–803
- Countryman, Matthew, J., "Black Urban Life Outside the Northern Ghetto: Review of Randal Maurice Jelks, *African-Americans in the Furniture City: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Grand Rapids*," H-Urban@h-net.msu.edu, November 2006.
- Countryman, Matthew, J., "Review of Matthew Whitaker, *Race Work: The Rise of Civil Rights in the Urban West*," *History: Review of New Books* 34-2 (Winter 2006), 44

Historical Exhibits

Consulting Historian, "Remembering Students Missing After Proposal 2," *Stumbling Blocks: The Future University Community*, University of Michigan, 2017

Consulting Historian, *Civil Rights in a Northern City: Philadelphia*, <http://northerncity.library.temple.edu/exhibits/show/civil-rights-in-a-northern-city>, Temple University Library, 2011

Opinion

Matthew J. Countryman, "Disrupting White Supremacy," *Michigan Daily News*, Feb. 20, 2018

Matthew J. Countryman, "The Missing Students of Color and the Rest of Us," *Michigan Daily News*, April 2, 2017

Matthew J. Countryman, "Divestment: Then and Now," *Yale Daily News*, Feb. 8, 2017

Selected Invited Presentations:

NEW: Solutions for Non-Profits, "Walking Tour of Black Ann Arbor," Nov. 16, 2019

University of Iowa, Obermann Humanities Center, "Public Scholarship and Graduate Education: A Co-Curricular Approach," Sept. 13, 2019.

Greenhills School, "Student Activism for Racial Justice, Past and Present," Feb. 7, 2019

Philadelphia Afro-American History Museum. "50th Anniversary of the 1967 High School Student Walkout," Nov. 21, 2017

Temple University, "50th Anniversary of the Urban Archives," Oct. 14, 2017

Eastern Michigan University, "Social Movements as Laboratories of Education", Nov. 21, 2014

Cliveden, Inc., "Germantown as an Idea: How One Community Has Shaped the Careers of Two Civil Rights Path Breakers", Sept. 17, 2014

LaSalle University, "Up South: Freedom Summer in Philadelphia" Sept. 16, 2014

University of Iowa, Obermann Humanities Center, "What is "public" scholarship? How are humanities centers preparing graduate students for public sector careers?", Mar. 10, 2014

University of Delaware, Teaching American History Workshop, Newark, DE, Feb. 22-23, 2013

Northwestern University Center for African-American History, "South Meets North: The Shaping of a New Narrative of the Civil Rights Movement," May 5-6, 2011

Brandeis University, Afro-American and African Studies Dept., Waltham, MA, Mar. 15, 2011

University of Delaware, Teaching American History Workshop, Newark, DE, Mar. 11-12, 2011

Duke University Law School, Center for Race and Politics, Durham, N.C., Apr. 8, 2010

Pennsylvania Heritage Society & Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, PA, June 25, 2009

Princeton University, American Political History Seminar, History Department, Princeton, N.J., April 23, 2009

University of Mary Washington, Department of History and American Studies, Fredericksburg, VA, Feb. 16, 2009

Drexel University, Great Works Program, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 22, 2009

University of Delaware, Teaching American History Workshop, Newark, DE, Feb. 7-8, 2008

University of Connecticut, Institute for African-American Research, Storrs, CT, Apr. 4, 2007

Carnegie Mellon University, Center for African-American Urban Studies & Economy, Pittsburgh, PA, Mar. 2, 2007

University of Delaware, History Department, Newark, DE, Nov. 10, 2006

Swarthmore University, History Department, Swarthmore PA, Nov. 9, 2006

Philadelphia Public School Notebook, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 8, 2006

Temple University, Institute of Public Affairs, Philadelphia, PA, Apr. 11, 2006

University Service:

Advisory Committee, Mellon Program in Engaged Humanities, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, 2018-
Selection Committee, Rackham School of Graduate Studies Mentoring Awards, University of Michigan, 2017-20
Chair, Tenure Panel, Departments of History and Women's Studies, University of Michigan, 2018-19
Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee, University of Michigan, 2017-19
Chair, Equity & Inclusion Committee," Department of History, University of Michigan, 2017-2019
Chair, Tenure Panel, Department of History, University of Michigan, 2016-17
Graduate Committee, Dept. of History, University of Michigan, 2015-16
Selection Committee, Harold R. Johnson Diversity Service Award, Office of the Provost, University of Michigan, 2015
Chair, Working Group on African-American History, University of Michigan, 2015
Faculty Liaison, African-Americanist Caucus, Dept. of American Culture, 2014-2016
Chair, Joint Tenure Panel, History and American Culture Depts., University of Michigan, 2014
Co-Coordinator, Engaged Pedagogy Initiative, University of Michigan, 2014-2016
Executive Committee, Dept. of American Culture, University of Michigan, 2017-18, 2010-2016, 2006-2008
Diversity Ally, Dept. of History, University of Michigan, 2010-2015
Coordinator, Job Skills Workshop, History Department, University of Michigan, 2013-2015
Asian/Pacific Islander Search Committee, Dept. of American Culture, University of Michigan, 2013-14
Joint Tenure Panel, Depts. of Afroamerican and African Studies & American Culture, 2012-13
Manuscript Workshop Respondent, Depts. of American Culture & History, 2012
Joint 3rd Year Review Committee, History Department & Program in American Culture, 2012
Museum Studies Executive Committee, University of Michigan, 2011-2013
Mary Malcom Raphaelson Fellowship Committee, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, 2011-12
Chair, Joint Tenure Panel, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies and the Residential College, University of Michigan, 2010-11
Graduate Admissions Committee, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, 1999-2001, 2002-2003, 2004-2005, 2009-10
Public Goods Council, University of Michigan, 2007-2008, 2009-2010
Rackham Merit Fellowship Review Committee, University of Michigan, 2010-2011
Lecturer Review Committee, Department of History and Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2009-2010
Chair, African-American History Search Committee, Department of History and Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2007-08
Conference Planning Committee, *Crossing Boundaries Conference*, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, 2007-08
Joint Tenure Panel, Department of History and Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, 2007
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, 2005-2007
Joint Tenure Committee, Department of History and Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2006
Joint, Third-Year Review Committee, Program in American Culture and Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, 2006

Joint Hiring Committee, Residential College and Center for African-American and African Studies, University of Michigan, 2006
Graduate Committee, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, 2005-2006
Undergraduate Advisor, History Department, University of Michigan, 1999-2000, 2003-2004
African-American Urban Community Studies Search Committee, Residential College and Center for African and African-American Studies, University of Michigan, 2001-2002
Faculty Advisor, Underground Railroad Research Collective, Arts of Citizenship Program, University of Michigan, 1999-2001
Executive Committee, Arts of Citizenship Program, University of Michigan, 1998-2000
Faculty Committee, First-Year Intergroup Relations Seminars (FIGS), University of Michigan, 1998-2000
M.L. King Holiday Committee, Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, 1998-2000
African-American History Search Committee, Department of History, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan, 1998-1999

Professional Service:

Organization of American Historians, Conference Planning Committee, 2013
National Advisory Board, *Imagining America: Scholars and Artist in Public Life*, 2009-2015
Chair, Third-Year Review Panel, *Imagining America* & Syracuse University, 2010
Conference Planning Committee, *Imagining America National Conference*, 2008, 2010
Editorial Board, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 2008-2010

Reviews

External Letter-writer for Promotions & Tenure, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Connecticut College, University of Louisville
Reviewed manuscripts for University of Chicago Press, University of California Press, Temple University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Cornell University Press, University of Michigan Press, University of North Carolina Press, University Press of Florida, *The Journal of American History*, *The Journal of Urban History*, *Business History Review*, *The Journal of Policy History*, *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, and *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

Professional Affiliations:

American Historical Association, Member
Organization of American Historians, Member