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EDUCATION

Ohio State University, PhD, African-American History with secondary in U.S. History and minor in Women's History, August 2013

Dissertation: "In the Shadow of Jim Crow: The Benching and Betrayal of Willis Ward"

Committee: Dr. Hasan Jeffries (chair); Dr. Kevin Boyle; Dr. Judy Tzu-Chun Wu

Eastern Michigan University, Graduate Certificate, African-American Studies, April 2010

Eastern Michigan University, M.A., History, June 2009

Morehouse College, B.A., Sociology, May 2000

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Fellow in African-American History, Carleton College, Fall 2018-

Lecturer, Department of History, University of Michigan, Fall 2013-Winter 2017

Instructor, Department of History, Ohio State University, Spring 2012

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

ARTICLES-JOURNAL

"Lost Opportunity: Willis Ward, the Strike at Willow Run, and the Rise of Civil Rights Unionism in Detroit," *American Studies Journal* (in progress)

"'At the University but Not of the University': The Benching of Willis Ward and the Rise of Northern Racial Liberalism," *American Studies Journal*. Article in progress for special issue on "Sports in the University" (Guest-edited by Noah Cohan, Daniel Gilbert, David Leonard, Theresa Runstedtler, Tyran Steward, and Lucia Trimbur; forthcoming Fall 2016)

"Time Not Ripe: Black Women's Quest for Citizenship and the Battle for Full Inclusion at Ohio State University," *Ohio History* 121 (March 2014)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *May We Forever Stand: A History of the Black National Anthem*, by Imani Perry (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina press, 2018), in *Journal of African American History* (forthcoming)

Review of *Transpacific Antiracism: Afro-Asian Solidarity in 20th-Century Black America, Japan, and Okinawa*, by Yuichiro Onishi, (New York: New York University Press, 2013), in *Journal of African American History* (January 2016)

Review of *Martha's Vineyard Basketball: How a Resort League Defied Notions of Race and Class*, by Bijan C. Bayne (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015), in *Sport in American History*

(August 2015)

Review of *Constructing Black Education at Oberlin College: A Documentary History*, by Roland M. Baumann, (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2010), in *Ohio History* (forthcoming)

Review of *Children of Fire: A History of African Americans*, by Thomas C. Holt, (New York: Hill & Wang, 2010), in *North Carolina Historical Review* (October 2012)

Review of *Grassroots at the Gateway: Class Politics & Black Freedom Struggle in St. Louis, 1936-75*, by Clarence Lang, (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2009), in *Journal of African American History* Vol. 97, No. 3 (Summer 2012)

Review of *In Search of the Talented Tenth: Howard University Public Intellectuals and the Dilemmas of Race, 1926-1970*, by Zachery R. Williams, (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2009), in *North Carolina Historical Review* Vol. 88, No. 4 (October 2011)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“Baseball’s Black Problem,” *Sport in American History Blog*, May 2015

“Jordan Davis, Trayvon Martin, and the Endangered Black Male,” *BKNation*, February 2014

“The Unfinished Struggle: Civil Rights in the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington,” *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, August 2013

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Benching of Willis Ward: The Making of a Black Conservative in the Jim Crow North” (*book*), University of North Carolina Press

“Scarcely Pink: Herbert Miller, Academic Freedom, and the Crucible of Race” (*journal article*)

AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTIONS

‘*Us Is Them*’ Pizzuti Exhibition Interview with Hank Willis Thomas, *Broad and High* (WOSU Public Media, PBS Programming, March 2015)—Historical Commentator and Interviewer

Black and Blue: The Story of Willis Ward, Gerald Ford, and the 1934 Michigan-Georgia Tech Football Game (Stunt3 Media, September 2011)—Historical Commentator and Lead Content Expert

PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

CONFERENCES

“Home on Campus? Centering Sport in the University,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17-20, 2016 (Panel)

“Sport and the Making of Modern Black Conservatism,” Association in the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, September 2015 (Panel; organizer)

“Inside and Outside the Lines: Race, Power, and Sport in 20th Century America,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014 (Panel; co-organizer)

“Black and Blue: Willis Ward, Gerald Ford, and the Ubiquitous Color Line,” North American Society

for Sports History Conference, Berkeley, CA, June 2012

“At the University but Not of the University: Black Athletes Battle Michigan’s Jim Crow,” Tri-University Conference for the Trans/Disciplinary Study of Sport, entitled, “Humanistic Foundations: Historical, Philosophical, and Sociocultural Studies of Sport, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 2012

“To be Good from Day One: The African American Athlete as a Superspade,” National Council for Black Studies 36th National Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2012

“All I Want is Opportunity: Doris Weaver, Wilhelmina Styles, and the Pursuit of a Professional Status,” Thinking Gender Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, February 2012

“Of Jim Crow Clauses and Gentlemen’s Agreements: How the North Imitated the South on Race in Sports,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, October 2011

“Jim Crow in Michigan’s Big House and the Exclusion of Black Performance,” Performing Ethnicities through Sport Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, April 2011

GRADUATE SHOWCASES

“Time Not Ripe: Black Women’s Quest for Citizenship and the Battle to End Jim Crow at The Ohio State University,” Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, March 2011

“The Story of Doris Weaver and a 1933 Ohio Supreme Court Case,” Inaugural Graduate Showcase in Women, Gender, and Sexuality History, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 2011

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Willis Ward and the Myth of a Racial Hero,” Ann Arbor Public Library, November 2016

“Brains, Character, Courage and Heart: The Four Qualities of a Michigan Man,” IMG Academy/University of Michigan, February 2016

“Dancing with the Archives,” Ann Arbor Book Festival, University of Michigan, June 2015

“The Paradoxes of Racial Reform,” Department of English, University of Michigan, December 2014

Discussant, Hatcher Graduate Library Author’s Forum, University of Michigan, September 2014

“Writing History,” Department of History, Ohio State University, January 2013

“Willis Ward, Gerald Ford, and the Value of Interdependence,” Graduate Student Welcome Orientation, Ohio State University, August 2012

“Benching Jim Crow: The Integration of College Football,” Marshall University, April 2012

Discussant, Black and Blue Documentary Screening, Department of History Prospective Graduate Student Visitation Day, Ohio State University, April 2012

Panelist, Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium, University of Michigan, February 2012

“Social Activism in the Age of Obama,” Keynote Speaker, Black History Month Celebration, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, California, February 2010

“Becoming a Successful College Student,” College-Bound Summer Enrichment Program, Wayne State University, June 2007 and 2008.

“Why We Can’t Wait,” Discussant, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Symposium, Eastern Michigan University, January 2007

“Remembering King, Advancing His Dream,” African American Student Symposium, Henry Ford Community College, February 2006

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Presidential Fellowship (Distinguished University Fellowship), Ohio State University, 2012-2013

Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship (alternate), 2012

Research and Writing Fellowship, Ohio State University Department of History, 2011-2012

The Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, Ohio State University, (September) 2011

The Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, Ohio State University, (March) 2011

History Department Excellence Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2010-2013

University Fellowship, Graduate Enrichment, Ohio State University, 2010-2011

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Golden Apple [Teaching] Award (finalist), University of Michigan, March 2015

Exemplary Diversity Scholar, University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity, June 2014

Graduate Teaching Award (finalist), Ohio State University; April 2013

History Department Summer Research Award, Ohio State University Department of History, April 2012

Foster Rhea Dulles Award, Ohio State University Department of History, April 2012

Roberta Park Award (graduate honoraria), North American Society for Sports History, February 2012

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Inductee, November 2011

Candidacy Exams (passed with distinction), October 2011

Second Place, Humanities Division, Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum, March 2011

Dean’s Award, Eastern Michigan University, March 2010

Distinguished Thesis Award, Eastern Michigan University, June 2009

Phi Alpha Theta Historical Honor Society, Inductee, December 2007

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

CARLETON COLLEGE

“North of Jim Crow, Far from Freedom (undergraduate lecture/seminar, Winter 2019)

“African-American History 1 (undergraduate lecture, Spring 2019)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

“Crossing the Color Line” (first-year seminar, Winter 2016)

“Sport and the American University” (first-year seminar, Fall 2014; Winter 2015)

“Sport and the Color Line in 20th Century America” (undergraduate lecture, Fall 2014; Fall 2015)

“Who Owns History? Reimagining Minorities in Modern America” (undergraduate lecture, Winter 2016)

“Black Conservatism in the U.S.” (upper-level seminar, Winter 2015)

“Civil Rights in Detroit” (upper-level seminar, Fall 2015)

“Race, Gender, and Sport in Twentieth-Century America” (upper-level seminar, Winter 2014)

“The Roaring Twenties and the Rough Thirties: America during the Interwar Years” (undergraduate lecture, Winter 2014; Fall 2015)

“Black Power Movement” (upper-level seminar, Fall 2013)

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructor, “American Civilization since 1877” (undergraduate lecture, Spring 2012)

Grader, “African Americans in the Age of Slavery” (undergraduate lecture, Fall 2011)

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Academic Support, University of Michigan Athletic Department, 2015-

Participant, Ann Arbor Writers Conference, University of Michigan, 2015

Participant, Institute for the Humanities’ Author Forum, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, University of Michigan, 2014

Presenter, 5th Annual Historical Lecture Series, Ohio State University, February 2013

Advisory Committee Member, Ohio State University Stand Your Ground Task Force, 2012-2013

K-12 Mentor-Tutor, Center for the Study and Teaching of Writing, Ohio State University, 2011-2013

Participant, Department of History Visitation Orientation Program, Ohio State University, 2012

Graduate Student Host, Department of History Visitation Day Weekend, Ohio State University, 2012

Mentor, Department of History Graduate Buddy Program, 2011-2012

Host, Prospective Graduate Student Week, Ohio State University, 2011

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Director of Football Operations and Player Engagement, University of Michigan, May

2016-May 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association; American Studies Association; Association for the Study of African American Life and History; National Council of Black Studies; North American Society for Sport History; Organization of American Historians; Southern Historical Association