

**Curriculum Vitae
Douglas Bristol, Jr.**

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Fields of Study: African American history, business history, and the history of war and society

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, University of Southern Mississippi, 2009 to present
Assistant Professor, University of Southern Mississippi, 2003-2009
Lecturer, Coppin State College, 2000-2002

Education

Ph.D. in Africa-American History, University of Maryland, College Park. December, 2002.
Degree granted with distinction. Dissertation Advisor: Ira Berlin
M.A. in History, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Dec. 1992. Major field: United States History; Special field: African-American History. Master's Thesis Advisor: Loren Schwenger.
B.A. in History. University of North Carolina, Greensboro. May 1988.

Publications

Book

Co-editor with Heather Marie Stur, *Integrating the U.S. Military: Race, Gender, and Sexuality since World War II*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, May 2017.

Knights of the Razor: Black Barbers in Slavery and Freedom. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, October, 2009. Reissued in paperback, October, 2015. Reviewed in the *American Historical Review*, the *Journal of American History*, the *Journal of African American History*, the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Business History Review*, *Labor History*, and the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/content/knights-razor>

Academic Articles & Book Chapters

Co-Author with Kamden Strunk and William Takewell, "Queering South Mississippi: Simple and Seemingly Impossible Work." In *Educators Queering Academia: Critical Memoirs*, edited by S.J. Miller and Nelson Rodriguez. New York: Peter Lang, 2016.

Douglas Bristol and Andrew Ross, "Introduction to Hunting the Homosexuals at Southern Miss: From the Journal of William D. McCain, 1955-1965." *OutHistory.Org* (Dec. 2015)
<http://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/southern-miss-docs/intro>

"Regional Identity, Black Barbers, and the African American Tradition of Enterprise." *The Southern Quarterly* 43 (Winter 2005).

"From Outposts to Enclaves: A Social History of Black Barbers from 1750 to 1915." *Enterprise and Society: The International Journal of Business History* 5 (Dec. 2004).

“The Victory of Black Barbers Over Reform in Ohio, 1902-1913.” *Essays in Economic and Business History* 16 (1998).

“Black Enterprise between Reconstruction and the Great Depression.” In *African Americans in Business: The Path Towards Empowerment*, edited by Larry L. Martin. Washington, D.C.: Associated Publishers, 1998.

Book Reviews & Reference Works

Review of Reginald K. Ellis, *Between Washington and DuBois: The Racial Politics of James Edward Shepard*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2017. *Journal of Southern History*, vol. 85, no. 2 (May 2019): 496-97 .

Review of Kelly Fanto Deetz, *Bound to the Fire: How Virginia's Enslaved Cooks Helped Invent American Cuisine*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2017. *Journal of American History* vol. (March 2019): 57.

Review of Emma Vickers, *Queen and Country: Same-Sex Desire in the British Armed Forces, 1939–45*. Gender in History Series. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2013. *Journal of British Studies*, 57(1), (2018): 211-213.

Review of *Seeing Race in Modern America*, By Matthew Pratt Guterl, *Journal of Southern History* 81 (Feb. 2015): 255-257.

Review of *The Black Officer Corps: A History of Black Military Advancement from Integration through Vietnam*, By Isaac Hampton II, *Armed Forces and Society* No. 1-3 (2014)

Review of *Cutting along the Color Line: Black Barbers and Barber Shops in America*, By Quincy Mills, *American Historical Review* (Dec. 2014), 1701-1702.

Review of *Crafting Lives: African American Artisans in New Bern, North Carolina, 1770-1900*, By Catherine W. Bishir, *Journal of American History* (Sept. 2014), 582-583.

Review of *After Freedom Summer: How Race Realigned Mississippi Politics, 1965-1986*, By Chris Danielson, *Journal of American Ethnic History* Vol. 33, No. 1 (Fall 2013).

Review of *Beauty Shop Politics: African American Women's Activism in the Beauty Industry*, By Tiffany Gill, *American Historical Review* (Dec., 2011).

Review of *The History of Black Business in America: Capitalism, Race, Entrepreneurship, Volume One, to 1865*, 2nd ed., by Juliet E.K. Walker *Business History* 52 (August, 2010).

“Understanding the Lives of Ordinary African Americans in the Nineteenth Century, review of Salvatore, Nick, *We All Got History: The Memory Books of Amos Webber* and VanderVelde, Lea, *Mrs. Dred Scott: A Life on Slavery's Frontier* and Yellin, Jean Fagan, ed., *The Harriet Jacobs Family Papers. H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews*. January, 2010.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=25311>

Review of *Joining Places: Slave Neighborhoods in the Old South*, Anthony E. Kaye, *Journal of Mississippi History* LXX (Spring 2008).

“Barbers,” *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working Class History*, edited by Eric Arnesen. New York: Routledge, 2006.

“Barbers.” *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*, edited by Steven A. Reich. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006.

Blogs, Newspaper Articles, & Podcast Interviews

Interviewed for an article, “The Military’s Discrimination Problem Was So Bad in the 1960s, Kennedy Formed a Committee,” *The New York Times*, July 16, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/16/us/the-militarys-discrimination-problem-was-so-bad-in-the-1960s-kennedy-formed-a-committee.html?action=click&module=RelatedLinks&pgtype=Article>

War & Memory Podcast, interviewed about book, *Integrating the U.S. Military*, Center for the Study of War & Memory, Nov. 1, 2017, <http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/research/warandmemory/news/news030.html>

Op-ed piece, “Soldiers know inclusiveness creates a better fighting force. Donald Trump should listen to them.” Made by History column, *Washington Post*, August 29, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/08/29/soldiers-know-inclusiveness-creates-a-better-fighting-force-donald-trump-should-listen-to-them/?utm_term=.7d662c847c60

Co-written with Heather Marie Stur, “Who Gets to Be a Soldier?” May 2017 post for the Dale Center for the Study of War and Society blog, <https://dalecentersouthernmiss.wordpress.com/2017/05/23/who-gets-to-be-a-soldier/>

“Recovering the Experiences of the Black Greatest Generation,” January 2017 post for the Dale Center for the Study of War and Society blog, <https://dalecentersouthernmiss.wordpress.com/2017/01/17/recovering-the-experiences-of-the-black-greatest-generation/>

“The Short and Long-Term Impact of World War II on the Lives of Black GIs,” June 2015 post for the Dale Center for the Study of War and Society blog, <https://dalecentersouthernmiss.wordpress.com/2015/06/24/the-short-and-long-term-impacts-of-world-war-ii-on-the-lives-of-black-gis/>

Work in Progress

Khaki Globe Trotters: Black GIs and Their Quest for Security during World War II, Monograph in progress.

Reviewer

“A Shave and a Haircut: Narrative Constructions of African American Male Identity through Hair Care.” Manuscript submitted for publication in *Men and Masculinities* (Jan. 2019)

“‘The Bill-Poster’s Dream’: Billposters in American Life and Popular Imagination, 1860-1940.” Manuscript submitted for publication in the *Journal of American History* (Nov. 2015) and when resubmitted (Sept. 2016)

“Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Mississippi Plan” Manuscript submitted for publication to the *Journal of Mississippi History* (Oct. 2015)

History of the U.S. South, book manuscript submitted to the Oxford University Press.

“*Been Through Some Hard Times*”: *Race, History, and Memory in Western Kentucky*, book manuscript submitted to the University of Michigan Press

“Antebellum Ohio’s Black Barbers in the Political Vanguard.” *Ohio History*

“Coase Conquers Consumer-Side Discrimination: Garrett Morgan and Firm-level Evidence from the Age of Segregation.” *Business History Review*

“We Cut Heads: The Black Barbershop as a Public Sphere” *Journal of Southern Cultures*

Awards, Grants, & Fellowships

National Endowment for the Humanities, University of Southern Mississippi’s Nominee for the Summer Stipend, 2019.

The Aubrey Keith Lucas and Ella Ginn Lucas Endowment for Faculty Excellence Award, 2018

Project Director, Spaces to Live Oral History Project, funded by the Mississippi Humanities Council, 2016-2017.

Margaret Boone Dale Women and War Fund Research Grant, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, Spring 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities, University of Southern Mississippi’s Nominee for the Summer Stipend, 2013.

Sabbatical Leave, University of Southern Mississippi, Fall, 2012

Summer Research Award, College of Arts & Letters, University of Southern Mississippi, 2012

Fellow, Academic Mentoring Program, Academic Dean for the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, Fall, 2011.

Mississippi Humanities Council Grant, March, 2011. Wrote a successful grant application funded an honorarium and travel expenses for Dr. Robert Weems, University of Missouri, Columbia, to give the lecture: “Putting 1970s ‘Blaxploitation’ Films in Perspective” for the screening of movie “Super Fly” for the Southern Miss Gulf Coast campus film series.

Gulf Coast Faculty Development Grant, Academic Dean for the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, Spring, 2011.

Research Travel Grant Recipient, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Spring, 2010

College of Arts & Letters Excellence in Research Award, University of Southern Mississippi, 2010

Faculty Service Learning Fellow, University of Southern Mississippi, Spring, 2006.

John Hope Franklin Fellow, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, Summer 2005

Mississippi Humanities Council Grant, October, 2004. Wrote the successful grant application that funded honorarium and travel costs for key speakers at conference that I organized with my colleague Dr. Tom Lansford, "Managing Globalization: The Role of Business and the State."

Postdoctoral Fellow, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., Summer 2004.

Finalist, One of four finalists for the 2004 Kroos Dissertation Award of the Business History Conference.

Outstanding Advisor Award. Division of Student Life, Coppin State College, May 2002.

Distinguished Teaching Assistant. Center for Teaching Excellence & Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Dean for Undergraduate Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, 1997-1998

Hearst Travel and Research Grant. History Department, University of Maryland, College Park, 1997 & 1998

Research and Travel Grant. Committee on Africa and the Americas, University of Maryland, College Park, 1997.

Externally Funded Research

Researcher, Mississippi Research Consortium Economic Impact Assessment Team for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Funding Agency: Mississippi Development Authority, Jan. through Dec. 2011.

- Conducted oral history interviews and literature reviews to prepare the following reports: "Lessons from the Comparative Studies of Disasters: The Impact on Tourism"; "Understanding the Impact of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster on Employment along the Mississippi Gulf Coast"; "'Tipped Casino Employees Denied': Uncompensated Income Losses Caused by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster"; "Subsistence Fishing Claims"
- Wrote the introductions to the 3rd Quarter & Final Research Consortium Reports

Professional Conferences & Invited Presentations

"Biloxi Blues Too: Black GIs Come of Age at Keesler Air Field in World War II," Annual Meeting of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Oct. 18, 2019, Pensacola, Fl.

"Race Relations in Combat Zones and Vanquished Nations: Black GIs and Europeans during World War II," Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, Columbus, OH, United States. (May 11, 2019).

"Civilians and Soldiers: Fighting Racial Discrimination in the War Effort on the Gulf Coast during World War II" Annual Meeting of the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, October 5, 2018, Baton Rouge, La.

“World War Civil Rights: African American Soldiers and U.S. Foreign Relations during World War II,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June 22, 2018, Philadelphia, Pa

“An American Dilemma: The Deployment of Black Troops Overseas and the Image of American Democracy during World War II,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Military Historians, April 7, 2018, Louisville, Ky.

“‘More Likely to be Attacked Than Honored’”: Changing the Way We Remember Black Soldiers,” invited lecture, Center for the Study of War and Memory, University of South Alabama, Nov. 1, 2017.

“Success Secrets of Nineteenth-Century Black Barbers,” invited lecture, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Sept. 27, 2017.

“Analyzing the Journals of William D. McCain, 1955-1965,” paper for the panel, “Gay Purges, the University, and the South: Queer History and the Archives,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, April 8, 2017, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair/Discussant, Panel: “The Wounded World: African American Military Experiences in War and Peace in the Long Twentieth Century,” Waging Peace: A Conference Studying the Challenges of Postwar Peace, Sept. 9, 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Chair/Discussant, Panel: “Service Industries and Small-Scale Capitalism,” Business History Conference, April 1, 2016, Portland, Oregon

“Mass Incarceration in the Military: The Treatment of African American Service Personnel by the U.S. Military Justice System during World War II,” paper presented at the 34th Annual Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Oct 14, 2016, Mobile, Alabama.

“The Civil War in Mississippi: The Vickburg Campaigns,” lecture for the American Civil War Literacy Forum, Bay-Waveland Middle School, Oct. 16, 2015

“Military Service as a Migratory Experience: World War II and the Third Great Migration,” paper presented at the Slavery, Freedom, and the Remaking of American History: A Conference in Honor of Ira Berlin, April 9-10, 2015, University of Maryland, College Park

“How African American War Correspondents Shaped Our Understanding of World War II,” presentation for Dale Center for the Study of War and Society panel at the Mississippi Museum of Art, Feb. 2015

“Dear Senator Bilbo: Letters from African Americans during and after World War II,” paper presented at the 33rd Annual Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Oct. 1, 2015, Natchez, Mississippi.

Commentator, Panel: “There’s a Place for Us . . . Somewhere a Place for Us.” 32nd Annual Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 11, 2014, Galveston, Texas.

“The Court-Martial at Fort Devens, Massachusetts: African American Women and Racial Discrimination in the Military during World War II.” Invited presentation for Black History Month. Authors and Characters lecture series, Bay St. Louis Public Library, Feb. 18, 2014.

Chair/Discussant, Panel: "To Serve and How to Serve" Biennial Meeting of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26, 2013.

"Understanding Black Militancy during World War II." Annual Meeting of the Society for Military History, New Orleans, La., March 14-17, 2013

Knight of the Razor: Black Barbers in Slavery and Freedom. Invited presentation on book, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, N.C., April 15, 2012.

"Exported Racism": African-American Consumerism, Black Sailors & the Cold War in Greece, 1972-74." Conference on the Globalization of African-American Business and Consumer Culture, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., February 24-25, 2012

"Ending Don't Ask, Don't Tell: Lessons Learned from Integrating Minorities & Women in the U.S. Military." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6, 2012.

Commentator, "Southern Women and the Selling of Unpopular Politics, 1919-1925." Court House, State House, Her House: A Conference on Southern Women and Politics, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulfport, Mississippi, March 31, 2011.

"'Coloring' Between the Lines: Disciplinary Perspectives on Race and Racial Identities" Panel Discussion in Recognition of Black History Month, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS, Feb. 16, 2011.

"African American Consumers in the Military Labor Market: The Case of the All-Volunteer Army." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, Mass., Jan. 7, 2011.

"From Barbershops to Boardrooms: Black Barbers & the Meaning of Enterprise." Invited paper presented at the Department of History, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Nov. 3, 2010

"Re-Envisioning History through the Lens of Black Barbers." Invited paper presented for the Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, March 24, 2009

"Japanese Soul Brothers? The Afro Meets the U.S. Military in Japan, 1970." Joint Annual Meeting of the European Business History Association and the Business History Conference, Milan, Italy, June 2009.

Discussant. "Cultural Authority in the Workplace." Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference, Sacramento, California, April 2008.

"The Bush Doctor Cometh: Putting the Soul in the Soul Market." Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, May 2007.

"'Big Labor Can Dominate the Little Shop Owner': Defending Small Business as the Battle Cry of Free Enterprise." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Portland, Oregon, November 2005.

“Regional Identity, Black Barbers, and the African American Tradition of Enterprise.” Invited paper presented at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Festival, February 2005.

“A Heritage of Success: The History of Black Barbers in America.” Black History Month Speech, Louisiana Tech University, February 2005.

“From Barbershops to Boardrooms: Transforming African American Enterprises for Urban Enclaves in the Twentieth Century.” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, Illinois, November 2004.

“Black Barbers and the African American Tradition of Enterprise.” Invited paper presented the colloquium of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute, June 29, 2004.

“From Outposts to Enclaves: A Social History of Black Barbers from 1750 to 1915.” Kroos Dissertation Prize Panel, Annual Meeting of the Business History Conference, LeCreusot, France, June 2004.

“Empowering Beauty: Female Entrepreneurs, Women's Culture and the Emergence of the Cosmetics Industry.” Women's History Month Lecture, Georgian Court College, Lakewood, New Jersey, March 15, 2004.

“Uncivil Rights: Understanding the Paradox of Desegregating Black-Owned Businesses.” Race and Place, Annual Conference at the University of Alabama, March 2004.

“A Black Outpost in a White Downtown: Black Barbers and the History of First-Class Barbershops in the Nineteenth Century” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 2003.

“Breaking the Barbershop Habit: Shaving and the Packaging of Scientific Expertise.” Ambiguities of Work Conference, Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware, November 2003.

“Breaking the Barbershop Habit: Shaving and the Packaging of Science.” Invited paper presented to the colloquium of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute, April 15, 2003.

“From Downtown to Our Side of Town: The Impact of Jim Crow on Black Barbers in Mobile, Alabama.” 85th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, October 2000.

“African-American Men & Their Different Strategies for Exploiting the Barbering Trade in Antebellum America.” 84th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, October 1999

“Whose Job Opportunities Were Declining? Free Black Barbers in Baltimore, 1850-1860.” 23rd Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 1998.

“George Myers and the Struggle Against Licensing Laws in Ohio, 1902-1913.” 22nd Annual Conference of the Economic and Business History Society, April 1997.

Public History

Director. 100 Man Hall Oral History Project, Bay St. Louis, MS, Jan. to May, 2009.
This project documented the history of a historic landmark, the 100 Man Hall, which housed an African American Benevolent association. The hall was also a part of the Chitlin' Club Circuit, where black performers entertained black audiences before the end of segregation. I trained the students in my African American History course to conduct oral history interviews, which they conducted at an oral history BBQ held at the 100 Man Hall. The students conducted research and made Moviemaker presentations featuring clips from their oral history interviews and their research. Their findings were posted on a project website:
<http://www.usm.edu/gc/100-men-hall/index.php>

Teaching

Mentor of Eagle SPUR research fund competition winner Jamie Henton, Dec. 2015

Letter of Commendation

2018, Dr. Rodney Bennett, President, University of Southern Mississippi
2016, Dr. Rodney Bennett, President, University of Southern Mississippi
2015, Dr. Rodney Bennett, President, University of Southern Mississippi
2012, Dr. Martha Saunders, President, University of Southern Mississippi, expressed her appreciation when I was identified by December graduates in exit interviews for being especially helpful to them.

Undergraduate Courses

World History to 1500
Survey of United States History up to 1877 (HIS 201)
Survey of United States History Since 1877 (HIS 202)
Research Methods Seminar (HIS 300)
Mississippi History (HIS 370)
African American History Survey, 1619-1890 (HIS 373)
African American History Survey, Since 1890 (HIS 374)
History of Blacks in American Cities (Coppin State College)
Economic History of the United States (HIS 375)
Senior History Seminar (HIS 400)
World War II (HIS 416)
The Vietnam War (HIS 417/517)
The Gilded Age & Progressive Era, 1877-1919 (HIS 464/564)
Prosperity, Depression, and World War II, 1919-1945 (HIS 465)
The Old South (HIS 468/568)
The U.S. Since 1945 (HIS466/566)
The New South (HIS 469/569)
Topics in African American History (478/578)
History of American Beauty Culture (492/592)

Graduate Courses

Philosophy and Methods of History (HIS 710)
Research Seminar in American History (HIS 711)
Interpretations & Themes in American History to 1865 (HIS 725)
Interpretations & Themes in American History Since 1865 (HIS 726)
Seminar in African American History (HIS 773)
Seminar in U.S. History Since 1877 (HIS 772)
United States History Since 1945 (HIS 566)

Ph.D. Committees

- John Mangipano, April 2017
- Eve Wade, present
- Ann Pond, “The Ritualized Construction of Status: The Men Who Made Mardi Gras, 1830-1900.” April 2006.

Masters Committees Chaired

- Brennan Kuehl, current
- Tina Tostino, April 2016
- Julia Speed, April, 2015
- David Miller, Oct. 2010
- Stephen Cole, Jan. 2010

Masters Committees

- Lisa Maher, August 2015
- Lamenda Hase, April 2015
- Crystal Ladner, May 2010
- David Ball, May 2010

Senior Honor Theses Chaired

- Brittany Carey, present
- Alexandra Boursage, May, 2015
- Whit Meeks. “Reexamining the Harrison County Evacuation for Hurricane Camille.” December 2008.
- Damon Westfaul, “The Republic of West Florida: A Nation Formed Out of a Need for Self-Preservation.” Defended March 2005.

Eagle SPUR Mentor

- Jamie Henton, won top prize at the 2016 Undergraduate Symposium for her paper, “To Stay in the South”

Professional Service

Historical Profession

- Secretary, Gulf South Historical Association Board of Directors (elected 2018)
- Chair, Kroos Dissertation Prize Committee, Business History Conference (three-year term, being the chair the second year), 2015-2017.

University, College, Departmental

- Member, IHL Black History Month Educator of the Year Award Committee, 2020
- Member, Search Committee for a Visiting Professor of Modern European History, 2019
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, Gulf Park chapter, present
- Member, Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, 2017-18.
- Co-Director, Center for the Study of the Gulf South, 2014-present
- Chair, Institutional Diversity Committee, 2016-2017.
- Member, Search Committee for the Affirmative Action Officer, spring 2016.
- Fellow, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, 2016-present
- Vice-Chair, Institutional Diversity Committee, 2015-2016

- Faculty Adviser, The Alliance for Equality, 2013 to 2017
- Member, History Department Graduate Committee, 2014-2018
- Chair, Search Committee for a Historian of Modern Europe, 2013-2014
- Member, Search Committee for a Historian of African American History, 2012-2013
- Member, Search Committee for a Historian of U.S. Foreign Relations, 2011-2012
- Chair, Search Committee for a Visiting Professor of African American History, 2011
- Member, Summer Grants for Improvement of Instruction Committee, Fall, 2011
- Organizer, Graduate School Forum, March, 2011.
- Member, Suggs Junior Faculty Excellence Award Committee, 2011-2012
- Member, Faculty Senate, 2008-2011
- Member, USM Change Management Task Force, 2009 to present
- Member, Gulf Coast Faculty Council, 2008-2011
- Member, Academic Council, 2008-2009
- Chair, Steering Committee, Gulf Coast Service Learning Initiative, 2008-2009
- Chair, Steering Committee, Associate Provost's Twenty-First Century Professor Initiative, 2006-2009.
- Member, Selection Committee for the Summer Grants for the Improvement of Instruction, 2007-2008
- Member, Search Committee for a Pre-Modern European historian, 2007-2008
- Member, Nominating Committee for *Who's Who in American Colleges & University Students*, 2007-2015
- Member, Search Committee for a Nineteenth-Century Southern historian, 2006-2007
- Member, Space Allocation Committee, 2006-2007
- President, Gulf Coast Faculty Council, 2006-2007
- Member, Search Committee for a Southern historian, 2005-2006
- Chair, "The Nature of Persecution," Session at the Phi Alpha Theta Mississippi Regional Conference, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2, 2005
- Member, Gulf Coast Faculty Council, 2004-2006
- Member, Search Committee for a U.S. Cultural historian, 2004-2005
- Member, Graduate Committee, History Department, 2004-present
- Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society, 2004-2013

Community of Southern Mississippi

- University sponsor for "Law Enforcement and the Transgender Community" Co-sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Justice Community Relations Service, the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Mississippi, the Mississippi Attorney General's Office, and the Alliance for Equality at Southern Miss Gulf Park, Nov. 17, 2015 (Arranged for the workshop to be held at the university and welcomed the participants. Also interviewed on WLOX)
- Member, Bay St. Louis Historic Commission, 2008-2009.
- Member, Bay St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, 2004-2008.
- Mentor, Career Day, Long Beach Middle School, March 31, 2004