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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Columbia University, 1993
M.Phil. History, Columbia University, 1981
M.A. History, University of Akron, 1978
B.A. Political Science, University of Delaware, 1975

TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Teaching Professor Interdisciplinary Social Science	Florida State University	2019-Present
Professor Emeritus of History	Rhode Island College	2019-Present
Professor of History/Secondary Education	Rhode Island College	2008-2019
Interim Department Chair/ Department of Educational Studies	Rhode Island College	Spring 2016
Chair/History	Rhode Island College	2008-2014
Associate Professor of History/ Secondary Education	Rhode Island College	2002-2008
Assistant Chair/History		2002-2008
Interim Associate Dean/ Feinstein School of Education	Rhode Island College	2000-2002
Assistant Professor of History/ Secondary Education	Rhode Island College	1993-2000
Assistant Professor of History	Rhode Island College	1990-1993

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Faculty Athletic Representative Rhode Island College 2012-2019

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Consultant/Co-Curator

Rhode Island College. Exhibit Curator for "The Providence Steamroller: Providence's Football Tradition," October 1-31, 2018, Adams Library, Providence, Rhode Island.

Rhode Island PBS. Writer/Consultant for WSBE production on race, community, and sports in Rhode Island, 2015-present.

Providence City Archives. Contributed text and images for an exhibit at Providence City Hall titled "Baseball in Providence," May 2015.

Museum of African American History. Co-Curator and Principal Scholar for an exhibit titled "The Color of Baseball: The History of Black Teams, the Players, and a Sporting Community," Boston, Massachusetts, May 10-October 31, 2012.

New York Yankees. Contributed text and images and edited final manuscript for an exhibit at Yankee Stadium titled “Reaching the Pinnacle: Yankee Stadium and Negro League Baseball.” January 2009.

Pawtucket Red Sox. Organized and conducted the organization’s annual commemoration of local African American ballplayers. For information on the event along with text and images provided see

http://www.milb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20130727&content_id=54944402&fext=.jsp&vkey=news_t533.

Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee. Newark Eagles Committee.

Contributed text and images for the renaming of several Newark city streets and planned and participated in the commemorative event honoring African American ballplayers who played for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League. September 2010

COURSES TAUGHT

AMH 2020: U.S. History Since 1865

AMH 3310: American Social History

AMH 4270: U. S. History Since 1945

HIS 4086: Historic Preservation

HIS 4930: Topics: Race and Sport in Modern America

HIS 4930: Topics: Sport in Modern America

HIS 4930: Topics: History of Bay County

ISS 4304: Contemporary Social Problems

LDR 2213: Leadership for Social Justice

SSE 5615: Problems in Elementary School Social Science

WOH 1030: The Modern World Since 1815

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Boston’s Black Athletes: Essays on Identity, Culture, and Representation (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023) with Douglas Stark.

African Americans in Boston Sports: Essays on History, Race, and Representation (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2022) with Douglas Stark.

Black Grays and Colored Giants: Race, Identity, and Sport in New England (Howarth: St. Johann Press, 2022) with the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Negro Baseball...Before Integration (Howarth: St. Johann Press, 2006). Editor. Originally published by Effa Manley and Leon Hardwick, 1976)

Baseball in Newark (Charleston: Arcadia Press, 2003)

The Black Worker: A Documentary History from Colonial Times to the Present, Volume VIII: The Era Since the AFL-CIO Merger, 1955-1980 (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1984) with Philip Foner and Ronald Lewis.

Book Chapters:

“An American Dilemma: Contextualizing the Modern Civil Rights Movement, 1948-1976,” in Whitney Blankenship, *Teaching the Struggle for Civil Rights, 1948-1976* (New York: Peter Lang, 2018).

“Effa Manley, Jackie Robinson and the Integration of Professional Baseball” in Edward Reilly, *Baseball in the Classroom: Essays on Teaching the National Pastime* (Jefferson: McFarland Press, 2006)

Articles:

“The Price of Admission: Daddy Black, Big Dan Whitehead, and the Money Game,” *Rhode Island History*, Volume 77, Number 2, (Winter/Spring 2020).

“Clamdiggers, Gold Bugs, and Threadmen: Professional Soccer in Rhode Island During the 1920s,” *Rhode Island History*, Volume 77, Number 1, (Summer/Fall 2019).

“Touching Base: Race, Sport, and Community in Newport,” *Newport History*, Volume 85 (Spring 2016).

“The Color of Baseball: Race and Boston’s Sporting Community,” *Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal*, Volume 6 (Winter 2013).

“Who Killed Daddy Black?” *Providence Phoenix*, March 28, 2012.

“American Foreign Policy at an Impasse: Teaching about Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement” *AHA Perspectives*, (May 2010).

“Black Sportswriters and the (Re)construction of Negro League Baseball” in William Simons, ed., *The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2003-2004* (Jefferson: McFarland, 2005).

“Redefining the Narrative: The Collision of American Foreign and Domestic Policy in 1965” *International Journal of the Humanities* (Spring, 2005)

“Joe Black: Ain’t Nobody Better than You” *Rotunda* (Fall, 2002).

“Your Bears to Our Bears: Race, Memory, and Baseball in Newark, New Jersey” in William Simons, ed., *The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2001* (Jefferson: McFarland, 2001).

“Hidden History: African-American Contributions to the Bible Cause” in *African-American Jubilee Bible* (New York: American Bible Society, 1999).

“I Know Something Awful is Going to Happen: Abortion in Early Twentieth Century Alabama,” *Southern Studies* (Summer, 1985).

“Financing the Dream: The African Civilization Society and White Support,” *Afro-Americans in New York Life and History* (January, 1981).

Commentary:

Economics and States’ Rights Factored In, But Slavery Drove the Civil War,” *Panama City News Herald*, August 16, 2020.

“Pastimes: Sports Matters,” *Providence American*, February 20, 2016

“Providence’s Summer of ‘49”: Integrating Baseball Its Way,” *Providence Journal*, July 18, 2010.

“Jimmie Lewis and Black Baseball in Rhode Island,” *Providence Journal*, June 7, 2008.

Curriculum Guides

“Baseball in the Classroom: The Pawtucket Red Sox Curriculum Guide” with Ben Lombardo, Robin Auld, and Kerry Tunnicliffe, located at:

Web.minorleaguebaseball.com/.../Pawtucket_Red_Sox_and_RIC_Curriculum_language.pdf.

“The United States on the World Stage: Teaching Post World War II History in the Secondary Classroom” with Karl Benziger, located at www.ric.edu/worldstage/.

Contributor, *Justice for All: Exploring the Judicial System* (Providence: National Broadcasting Company, 2001).

Contributor, *Sports and Recreation: A Teacher’s Guide to Health, Activities, and Recreation* (Providence: National Broadcasting Company, 1998).

Contributor, *Rain or Shine: Curriculum Guide Created by Rhode Island College and NBC 10* (Providence: National Broadcasting Company, 1997).

Contributor, *We the People, Electing Our Leaders: A Curriculum Guide Created by Rhode Island College and WJAR* (Providence: National Broadcasting Company, 1996).

Encyclopedia Entries:

“National Brotherhood Workers of America,” “National Association for the Promotion of trade Unionism Among Negroes,” and the “Coalition of Black trade Unionists” in Charles Lowry and John Marszalek, eds., *Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1992) updated and expanded for revised edition, 2003.

Conference Reports:

"Reports and Correspondence: New England Labor History Conference," *International Labor and Working Class History* (Spring 1994).

"Reports and Correspondence: Links on the Chain: Labor at Century's End," *International Labor and Working Class History* (Fall, 1993).

GRANTS:

Humanities Scholar, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, 2020 Major Grant for Public Projects titled *In Your Court: Black Tennis and Social Justice Then and Now*. In partnership with the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island.

Recipient, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, 2019 Major Grant for Documentary Film/Media titled *The Missing Season: Race, Baseball, and Notorious Providence*. In partnership with Rhode Island Public Broadcast System, WSBE, Channel 36.

Recipient, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, 2018 Major Grant for Documentary Film/Media titled *The Missing Season: Race, Baseball, and Notorious Providence*. In partnership with Rhode Island Public Broadcast System, WSBE, Channel 36.

Recipient, Rhode Island Council for the Humanities 2007 Independent Scholars Grant. \$3000 for the projects Black Grays and Colored Giants: Black Baseball in RI, 1886-1949 and And Now to Our Local Boys on the Diamond: RI Black Baseball in the Age of Integration, 1946-1955. The recipient collected oral histories, created a traveling exhibit, and hosted a panel discussion on the relationship between black baseball, historical commemoration, and African American fraternal organizations in Rhode Island. In addition, the recipient developed a public lecture on how integration of baseball in local communities relates to race formation, identity, and cultural expression.

Coordinator/Participant, RITER Grant, “Baseball, Community, and Historical Memory”, 2006-2007, with Karl Benziger and Ron Dufour.

Co-Recipient, Eisenhower Grant, “The United States on the World Stage: Teaching Post World War II History in the Secondary Classroom”, 2001-2002, with Karl Benziger and Ron Dufour.

Recipient, “Teaching with Technology” Fellowship, 1999.

Recipient, Rhode Island Department of Labor Grant that led to the development and implementation of a course entitled "Labor Problems: Occupational Safety and Health." Spring, 1995.

Participant, Rhode Island Committee for the Humanities Research Grant on industrialization in Rhode Island. 1993-94

PAPER RESENTATIONS

National Baseball Hall of Fame

In support of the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s traveling exhibit titled “Pride and Passion: the African American Baseball Experience,” I presented a program “It Don’t Mean a Thing If It Ain’t Got That Swing: Baseball, Music, and Black Cultural Expression” in several cities including, but not limited to the following: New York, Baltimore, Cleveland St. Louis, Houston, Newark, Tampa, Pueblo, Poughkeepsie.

International Conferences

“Redefining the Narrative: The Collision of Foreign and Domestic Policy in 1965, Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement” The Second International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Monash University, July 20-23, 2004, Prato, Italy with Karl Benziger.

“The Funeral of Emmett Till: Black Power Studies Confronts the 1950’s” Hungarian Association of American Studies Conference, March 6-7, 2003, Budapest, Hungary.

“From Selma to Saigon” Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary and University of Szged, Szged, Hungary, March 2001 with Karl Benziger.

National Conferences

“Rac-nets in the Vanguard: Black Tennis in Rhode Island.” International Tennis Hall of Fame Black History Month Series on Breaking Barriers, February 17, 2020, International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island.

“Race Men, Baseball Men: “Daddy” Black, “Big Dan” Whitehead and the Money Game”.

Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, May 31, 2019, Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York.

“Integrating Black Baseball into the Curriculum,” Society for American Baseball Research, Jerry Molloy Conference, June 13, 2013, Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey.

“Baseball in the Classroom,” Plenary Session of the Twenty-Four Annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, May 30, 2012, Cooperstown, New York.

“It Ain’t Hip to Play Baseball: Race, Sport, and the City,” Association of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Annual Convention, February 27-March 1, 2008, Newport, Rhode Island (paper accepted).

“Sol White’s Child: Robert Peterson and the Oblivion Myth,” Eighteenth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, June 6-7, 2006, Cooperstown, New York

“Between Memory and History”: Black Sportswriters and the (re)Construction of Negro League Baseball”, Sixteenth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, June 2-4, 2004, Cooperstown, New York.

“America on the Worldstage: Teaching Post 1945 American History in the Secondary Classroom” Innovations in Collaboration: A School-University Model to Enhance History Teaching, K-16 Conference, June 26-28, 2003, Alexandria, Virginia with Karl Benziger.

“1965, Turning Point: The American War in Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement” Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, April 13, 2002, Washington D.C. with Karl Benziger.

“Your Bears to Our Bears” Thirteenth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, June 6-8, 2001, Cooperstown, New York.

“One Dies get Another: Occupational Safety and Health in Alabama’s Convict Coal Mines”, presented at the North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 1993.

Regional/Local Conferences

“Black Tennis in Rhode Island,” Tennis Hall of Fame Black History Lecture Series, February 10, 2021, Newport, Rhode Island.

“Kinsley Park: Sacred Ground for Black Baseball,” Preservation, Recreation, and Sport at the Rhode Island 34th Annual Statewide Historical Preservation Conference, April 6, East Providence, Rhode Island.

Presentation, “Kareem Abdul Jabbar and the Revolt of the Black Athlete,” Rhode Island College History Department Symposium, October 25, 2018, Providence, Rhode Island.

Opening Address/Presentation for the traveling exhibit “Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American” November 9, 2017, Dwares Jewish Community Center, Providence Rhode Island.

Paper Presentation and Workshop, “Knocked Out of Time: Contested Identities and Historical Fiction,” Florida State University’s Fall Festival of Readers and Writers Conference, October. 5, 2017, Bland Conference Center, Florida State University, Panama City, Florida.

“Rhode Island Immigration: New Approaches for Historians,” April 19, 2017, Rehoboth Historical Society, Carpenter Museum, Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

Co-Organized (with Robin Kirkwood Auld) National Girls and Women in Sports Day Program titled “The Transition Game: Title IX with the Assist,” February 1, 2017, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island.

“Newport’s Black Giants: Race, Sport, and Community,” February 18, 2016, Newport Historical Society, Newport, Rhode Island

“Keynote Address: Black Baseball and Art,” SPORT:ART Exhibit, January 26, 2012, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island.

“Black Baseball in Rhode Island,” Barrington Public Library, Barrington, Rhode Island, April 24, 2012.

“Black Baseball in Rhode Island,” Middletown Public Library, February 13, 2011, Middletown, Rhode Island.

“Cannonball Jackman, the Boston Tigers, and the Providence Colored Giants,” Suffolk University Symposium on Sports and Race in Boston, February 3, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Contested History: The Life and Death of “Daddy” Black,” Tenth Annual Promising Practices Conference, November 3, 2007, Rhode Island College.

“And Now to Our Local Boys on the Diamond: Rhode Island Black Baseball in the Age of Integration” at Cranston Public Library, October 11, 2007.

“Baseball and the Black Community” at Bristol Community College, March 7, 2006.

“Effa Manly, Sport, and Race, at Rhode Island College, February 7, 2006.

“Race and Sport in a Global Context” at the Ninth Annual Promising Practices Conference, November 4, 2006, Rhode Island College.

“Effa Manley: Race, Sport, and Community” at the New Jersey Historical Society, October 18, 2006.

“Out of the Shadows: Black Baseball in New Jersey” Atlantic City Library, Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 20, 2006

“The Games People Play: The Impact of Sport, Games, and Leisure” at the Annual Roger P. Sullivan History Conference, Smithtown High School, May 24, 2006.

“Documenting Race: The Cold War and Vietnam” at the Eighth Annual Promising Practices Conference, Rhode Island College, November 3, 2005 with Michaela Keegan.

“Effa Manley: First Lady of Black Baseball,” at the Richard Stockton College Sports Symposium on Women: Changing the Face of Sport in America, Stockton College, September 30, 2005.

“Cold War, Civil Rights: Internationalizing *Brown v. Board of Education* and Its Legacy” at the Seventh Annual Promising Practices Conference, November 6, 2004, Rhode Island College.

Presenter/discussion leader at the Providence premiere of the documentary film “Home of the Brave” based on the life of civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo sponsored by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, September 21, 2004, Cable Car Cinema, Providence

“The Lynching of Emmett Till,” at the opening of the Within Our Gates: Human Sacrifice in the American Landscape art exhibit, April 8, 2004, Bannister Gallery, Rhode Island College.

“Jackie Robinson, Moral Courage, and the Integration of Major League Baseball” at the Springbook Elementary School, March 2004, Westerly, Rhode Island.

“1965, The Turning Point: The American War in Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement”, presented at Promising Practices: A Multi-Cultural Media Fair and Workshop, Rhode Island College, November 2000.

“Race, Labor, and the Historical Imagination”, presented at Promising Practices: A Multi-Cultural Media Fair and Workshop, Rhode Island College, November 1998.

“Quantum Leap: Writing and Learning Across the Curriculum”, presented at the New England Association of Teachers of English Annual Fall Conference, October 1998.

“The Rosenberg Trial: An Alternative Writing Assignment and Portfolio Assessment”, presented at the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership Conference on Courts, Laws, and Schools, July 1998.

“The Syllabus, Critical Thinking, and the Writing Assignment”, presented at Continuing the Conversation: More about General Education, Critical Thinking, and Writing, Rhode Island College, January 1998.

“Refugees in World History”, presented at Writing in General Education and Beyond..., Rhode Island College, May 1997

“Progressivism, Public Health, and Prison Reform: Thomas Dukes Parke and the Coalburg Affair”, presented at the Annual History Colloquium, October 1996.

“Worker’s Rights: A Legal and Historical Perspective”, presented at the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership Conference on Law, the Courts, and the Schools, June 1996.

“Law, Resistance, and Change: Acting to be Heard”, presented at the Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies entitled “One World: Many Voices”, March 1999.

“Black Labor in New England”, presented at the New England Foundation for the Humanities Lecture Series entitled “Making a Living”, February-March, 1996.

“Law Related Education in the Social Studies Curriculum”, presented at the Rhode Island Legal/Educational Partnership Conference, June 1995. “Teaching African-American History in the Middle School Through the Novels of Mildred Taylor”, presented at the MELUS (Multi-Ethnic Literature Conference in the United States) Conference, April 1995.

“By the Waters of Babylon They Grew Strong: Lessons from Slavery”, presented at the Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies, March 1995.

“A Comparative Analysis of Post-Emancipation Societies”, presented at the African-American History Month Program at Rhode Island College, February 1995.

“The African-American Experience in Literature”, presented at the New England Association of Teachers of English Conference, October 1994.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Newark, New Jersey Preservation and Landmarks Committee

Rhode Island Historical Society

Society for American Baseball Research

Out of the Shadows Research and Authors Group

Board of Directors, John Henry “Pop” Lloyd Committee

National Association for the Study of Sport History

Consultant, American Lynching Project

AWARDS

Recipient Alumni Faculty Award, Rhode Island College, 2014.

Recipient, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development Bucci Family Award for Scholarship and Service, 2007.

Awarded Outstanding Labor Educator in Rhode Island, Rhode Island Institute for Labor Studies and Research, 1995.

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Scholar, Harvard University School of Public Health, 1994-1997.
President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1979-1980.
Department Reader, Columbia University, 1979-1980.
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, 1978-1979.
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Akron, 1975-1977,