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Education

Oklahoma State University, Doctor of Philosophy in History (May 2021 anticipated)

Stephen F. Austin State University, Master of Arts in History, Public History Emphasis (May 2017)

Thesis: “Forgetting the Lynching of Jesse Washington: Manifestations of Memory and the ‘Waco Horror’”

Baylor University, Bachelor of Arts, History (December 2014)

Professional Experience

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of History, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma (Fall 2017-present)

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas (Fall 2015-Spring 2017)

Graduate Advisor, USDA National Forest Service grant contract with the Center for Regional Heritage Research, National Forests and Grasslands in Texas, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas (Summer 2016)

Academic Service

Oklahoma State University Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, History Department Representative, Bylaws Committee, Phoenix Awards Selection Committee, and Graduate Award Committee (Fall 2018-Present)

Stephen F. Austin State University Graduate Council, Graduate Student Representative (Fall 2016-Summer 2017)

Stone Fort Museum Strategic Planning Committee, Education Working Group Member (Summer 2016- Spring 2017)

Presentations and Panels

“**More than ABCs: Opportunities through Education in New Mexico, 1870-1880**,” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska (March 2019)

“**Forgetting the Lynching of Jesse Washington: Manifestations of Memory and the ‘Waco Horror**,” Graduate Research Conference, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas (April 2017)

“**Using Oral History to Document Rural Dispersed Communities: Voices from Small Places – The Murvaul Creek Communities**,” Joint Session with the Texas Oral History Association and Texas State Historical Association, Kurt Terry et al., Texas State Historical Association, Houston, Texas (March 2017)

- “Procession of Punishment: Reevaluating the Lynching of Jesse Washington,”** Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Mobile, Alabama (October 2016)
- “Acknowledging and Addressing the Void: The Use of Oral History in the Graduate Classroom,”** Texas Oral History Association Annual Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, April 2016.
- “Joining the Academy: Reflections of Mentors and Protégés,”** East Texas Historical Association Spring Conference, Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas (March 2016)
- “‘What a Day for a Daydream’: Bernard B. Fall and the Poor Blind Men,”** History Graduate Student Organization Conference, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas (February 2016)
- “The Perpetual Wound: Legacy, Memory, Meaning and the Lynching of Jesse Washington,”** National Council on Public History Conference, Nashville, Tennessee (April 2015)
- “Dialogue of Reformation: Luther, Henry VIII, Moore, and Erasmus,”** Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (April 2014)

Publications

- “Austin Avenue Pedestrian Mall,”** *WacoHistory.org*, <http://wacohistory.org/items/show/34> (2015)
- “Jesse Washington Lynching,”** *WacoHistory.org*, <http://wacohistory.org/items/show/55> (2015)
- “The Brazos Project: The Failure of Urban Renewal in Downtown Waco,”** *The Pulse: Undergraduate Journal of Baylor University*, Volume 12 Number 1 (Fall 2014)
- “Truett Smith,”** *Waco Heritage and History*, Volume 40 Number 1 (Spring 2014)

Public Appearances

Interviewed for and appeared on KWBU (Waco, Texas) Heart of Texas Public Radio’s *Waco’s Unfinished Legacy* three-part series about the 100th year anniversary of the Lynching of Jesse Washington that aired May 9-15, 2016

Museum and Archival Projects

Internship with Baylor University Institute for Oral History, Waco, Texas, under the direction of Stephen Sloan, Director, Baylor University Institute for Oral History, Waco, Texas (June 2016)

“Leaders of Courage: Educating, Mobilizing, and Preserving the African American Community of Nacogdoches,” Kurt Terry et al. Under the direction of Dr. Paul J. P. Sandul, Stephen F. Austin State University, (Spring 2016). Temporary exhibit at Nacogdoches ISD’s E. J. Campbell Administration Building (Summer 2016)

Processed sections of the Kirby Lumber Company Archival Collection and created a finding aid for completed work, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University.

Processed the W.T. Wilson Grain Company Archival Collection and created a finding aid for completed work, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University.

Awards and Grants

Berlin B. Chapman Endowed Scholarship (Fall 2018 & 2019)

Travel Grant, Baylor University, College of Arts and Sciences (April 2015)

Lavonia Jenkins-Barnes Endowed Scholarship (Fall 2014)

Christine Holcombe Memorial Scholarship (2013 & 2014)