

Brandon R. Byrd
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT

Department of History
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EDUCATION

Degrees

2014 Ph.D., Department of History, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2011 M.A., Department of History, The College of William & Mary
2009 B.A., Departmental Honors in History, Davidson College

Certificates

2015 Distance Instruction, Center for Teaching and Learning, Mississippi State University
2014 E-Learning, Center for Teaching and Learning, Marquette University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016- Assistant Professor of History, Vanderbilt University (Affiliate, African American and Diaspora Studies)
2014-2016 Assistant Professor of History, Mississippi State University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019 *The Black Republic: African Americans and the Fate of Haiti* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019)

Expanding the Boundaries of Black Intellectual History (co-edited with Leslie Alexander and Russell Rickford, under advance contract with Northwestern University Press)

Haiti for the Haitians (co-edited with Chelsea Stieber and Nathan Dize, under advance contract with Liverpool University Press)

Articles

- 2016 "The Transnational Work of Moral Elevation: African American Women and the Reformation of Haiti, 1874-1950," *Palimpsest: A Journal on Women, Gender, and the Black International* 5, no. 2 (2016): 128-150.
Winner, 2017 Best Article Prize, Latin American Studies Association, Haiti-Dominican Republic Section
- 2016 "Teaching Celia in the Age of Black Lives Matter," *Radical Teacher* 106 (Fall 2016): 57-64.
- 2015 "To Start Something to Help These People:" African American Women and the Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1934," *The Journal of Haitian Studies* 21, no. 2 (December, 2015): 127-153. [An abridged version of this article appears in *New Perspectives on the Black Intellectual Tradition* eds., Keisha N. Blain, Chris Cameron, and Ashley Farmer (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2018)]
- 2015 "Black Republicans, Black Republic: African-Americans, Haiti, and the Promise of Reconstruction," *Slavery & Abolition*: 36, no. 4 (December, 2015): 545-567.

Book Chapters

- 2019 "'We Are Negroes:': The Haitian Zambo, Racial Spectacle, and the Performance of Black Women's Internationalism, 1863-1877," *To Turn The Whole World Over: Black Women and Internationalism*, eds., Keisha N. Blain and Tiffany M. Gill (Urbana: The University of Illinois Press, 2019)
- 2019 "Black Internationalism from Berlin to Black Lives Matter," *Companion to U.S. Foreign Relations, Colonial Era to the Present*, ed., Christopher R.W. Dietrich (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell)
- 2019 "Black Women's Internationalism from the Age of Revolutions to World War I," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (New York: Oxford University Press)
- 2016 "Fabre Geffrard, the Holly Family, and the Construction of a "Civilized" Haiti," in *Vodou in Haitian Memory: The Idea and Representation of Vodou in Haitian Imagination*, eds., Celucien L. Joseph and Nixon S. Cleophaat (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016): 1-20.

Book Forewords and Introductions

- 2019 "Foreword," in Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, *In the Shadow of Powers: Dantès Bellegarde in Haitian Social Thought* Revised Edition (Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2019)

Review Essays

- 2018 "Addressing the Problem of the Archive in Afro-Diasporic History," *Reviews in American History* 46 (2018): 579-585.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Keisha N. Blain, *Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom* in *Journal of Civil and Human Rights* (May 2019).
- 2019 Jeffrey Sommers, *Race, Reality, and Realpolitik: U.S.-Haiti Relations in the Lead Up to the 1915 Occupation* in *Journal of Haitian Studies* (2019).
- 2016 Robert Trent Vinson, *The Americans are Coming! Dreams of African American Liberation in Segregationist South Africa* in *National Political Science Review* 18 (November 2016).
- 2015 Philippe R. Girard, ed. and trans., *The Memoir of General Toussaint Louverture* in *History: Reviews of New Books* 43, no. 3 (2015): 99-100.
- 2012 Phillip Morgan, ed., *African American Life in the Georgia Lowcountry: The Atlantic World and the Gullah Geechee* in *The Journal of African American History* 97, no. 3 (Summer 2012)
- 2012 Robert Nowatzki, *Representing African Americans in Transatlantic Abolitionism and Blackface Minstrelsy* in *American Nineteenth Century History* 13, no. 1 (March 2012): 102-104.
- 2012 Belinda Edmondson, *Caribbean Middlebrow: Leisure Culture and the Middle Class* in *Caribbean Studies* 40, no. 1 (January 2012)
- 2011 Mark Brilliant, *The Color of America Has Changed: How Racial Diversity Shaped Civil Rights Reform in California, 1941-1978* in *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 34, no. 9 (September 2011): 619-620.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 “Ebenezer Don Carlos Bassett, ‘Should Haiti be Annexed to the United States,’ *The Voice of the Negro*, I (May 1904): 191-197,” in *The Haiti Reader: History, Culture, and Politics*, eds., Laurent Dubois, Kaiama Glover, Nadève Ménard, Millery Polyné, and Chantalle Verna (Durham: Duke University Press)
- 2016 “James Theodore Holly,” *Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography*, eds., Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Franklin K. Knight (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016)
- 2014 “Frederick Douglass,” *Encyclopedia of American Populism*, eds. Alexandra Kindell and Elizabeth Demers (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2014): 191-194.
- 2013 “Marie L. Rodgers,” *An Encyclopedia of Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, ed. Lisa Tendrich Frank (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2013): 473-474

Internet-based Academic Journals and Blogs

- 2017 “Reconstruction, Power, and the Personal,” “Muster” Roundtable on *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *Journal of the Civil War Era* (October 2017),
<https://journalofthecivilwarera.org/2017/10/reconstruction-power-personal/>
- 2017 “Civilization in the Highest,” Symposium | What Compares to Trump?, *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* 46 (Fall 2017),
<https://democracyjournal.org/magazine/46/civilization-in-the-highest/>

- 2016 "Sylvio Cator: Haiti's Olympian," Sport in American History Blog, <https://ussporthistory.com/2016/08/18/sylvio-cator-haitis-olympian/>
- 2016 "O.J. Simpson, Ex-Colored Man," Sport in American History Blog, <https://ussporthistory.com/2016/06/25/o-j-simpson-ex-colored-man/>
- 2016 "White Folks and Christians in Haiti," H-Haiti Blog, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/116721/blog/h-haiti-blog/131170/white-folks-and-christians-haiti>
- 2014- Regular Contributor, *Black Perspectives*, published by the African American Intellectual History Society, <http://www.aaihs.org/author/bbyrd/>

Political, Cultural, and Literary Publications

- 2018 "From Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassination to the Charleston Massacre, the Reactionary Right Has Used Madness as an Excuse for Violence," *The Daily Beast*, April 1, 2018, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/from-martin-luther-king-jrs-assassination-to-the-charleston-massacre-the-reactionary-right-has-used-madness-as-an-excuse-for-violence>
- 2018 "Racism has always driven US policy toward Haiti," *The Washington Post*, January 14, 2018
- 2017 "Soul and Ice: Finding P.K. Subban's Nashville," *Scalawag* (June 2017), <http://www.scalawagmagazine.org/articles/soul-and-ice-finding-pk-subbans-nashville>
- 2017 "Talking About Mass Shootings Involves Silence About American History," *Scalawag* (January 2017), <http://www.scalawagmagazine.org/articles/talking-about-mass-shootings-involves-silence-about-american-history>.
- 2017 "Tar Heels, Alive," *The Point Magazine* 13 (Winter 2017), <https://thepointmag.com/2017/politics/tar-heels-alive>
- 2017 "Making America White 200 Years Ago," *Public Books*, <http://www.publicbooks.org/making-america-white-200-years-ago/>

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Best Article Prize, Latin American Studies Association, Haiti-Dominican Republic Section
- 2013 "Memphis State Eight" Third Paper Prize, 15th Annual Graduate Student Conference in African American History, University of Memphis

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Sports & Society Grant, Vanderbilt University
- 2018-19 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship, Vanderbilt University
- 2017 Research Scholar Grant, Undergraduate Research Supervision, Vanderbilt University
- 2017 Research Scholar Grant, Summer Stipend, Vanderbilt University

- 2015 College of Arts & Sciences Humanities and Arts Research Program Fellowship, Mississippi State University
- 2015 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
- 2015 Summer Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities Institute on “Slavery in the American Republic: From Constitution to Civil War,” Washington, D.C. and Charlottesville, VA
- 2014 Du Bois Library Fellowship, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- 2014-2015 Consortium for Faculty Diversity, Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2013-2014 Arnold L. Mitchem Fellowship, Marquette University, Department of History
- 2013 Future Faculty Fellowship, UNC-CH Center for Faculty Excellence
- 2012 Jean Hervey Slappy Research Fellowship, Marcus Garvey Foundation,
- 2012 Graduate Summer Research Grant, UNC-CH Center for the Study of the American South
- 2012 Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
- 2011 Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNC-CH Center for the Study of the American South
- 2010-2011 North Carolina Minority Presence Fellowship, UNC-CH Graduate School
- 2010 Student Activities Conference Funding Grant, W&M Graduate School
- 2009 Arts & Sciences Graduate Research Grant, W&M Graduate School

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invited Presentations

- 2019 “Black Antislavery,” Plenary Session, The Vesey Conspiracy at 200: Black Antislavery and the Atlantic World, College of Charleston
- 2019 “Reconstruction’s Lessons,” Black History Month Talk, Culver Academies
- 2018 “Resistance in the Streets and on the Wharfs,” Paper Presentation, Slave Dwelling Project Conference, Middle Tennessee State University
- 2018 “African Americans, Haiti, and the Rise of Radical Black Internationalism,” Lester Lecture, Department of History, Davidson College
- 2017 “The Black Republic and *Black Reconstruction*,” The University of North Alabama, The History Colloquium
- 2015 “African American Women, Haiti, and the Boundaries of Black Internationalism,” Davidson College, Department of Africana Studies Brown Bag Seminar Series

Campus and Departmental Talks

- 2019 “Black Lives Matter,” Martin Luther King Day Teach-In, Vanderbilt University
- 2018 “Ki Kote N Ale? Haitian Immigration and the End of TPS,” Haiti Week Panel, Vanderbilt University
- 2018 “Race, Racism, and US—Haitian Relations,” Martin Luther King Day Teach-In, Vanderbilt University
- 2014 “Black Republic, Black Republicans: African American Encounters with Haiti during Reconstruction,” Arnold L. Mitchem Lecture, Marquette University

- 2014 "African American Women, Racial Leadership, and the Roots of Haitian Underdevelopment," Women's and Gender Studies Program, Marquette
- 2013 "We Are Bound to This Negro Republic: African Americans, Haiti, and the Politics of Racial Progress in the Age of Imperialism," Department Research Colloquium, UNC-CH Department of History
- 2012 "A Marked Recognition of our New Condition: Haiti in the African American Political Imagination 1863-1915," Southern Research Circle, UNC-CH Center for the Study of the American South
- 2011 "The African American Press and Haiti, 1889-1891," UNC-Duke Consortium in Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- 2010 "To Throw Up a Highway: The Haitian Delegation of 1937," W&M Graduate Research Symposium

Press

- 2015 Interview with Haitian History Blog on African American responses to the U.S. occupation of Haiti,
<http://haitianhistory.tumblr.com/post/125285022621/qa-with-brandon-r-byrd-phd>

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organized

- 2017 "Expanding the Boundaries of Black Intellectual History," Second Annual Conference of the African American Intellectual History Society, Vanderbilt University

Workshops Organized

- 2017 "Expanding the Boundaries of Black Intellectual History," University of Oregon (co-organized with Leslie Alexander and Russell Rickford)
- 2015 "New Directions in African American Intellectual History," Mississippi State University

Panels and Roundtables Organized

- 2018 "Expanding the Boundaries of Black Intellectual History," Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention
- 2017 "Expanding the Boundaries of Black Nationalism," African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference
- 2016 "New Perspectives on the Haitian Emigration Movement," Caribbean Studies Association Annual Conference

Papers Presented

- 2019 "Occupation's Diaspora: Alonzo P. Holly and the Global Black Freedom Struggle," Organization of American Historians Annual Conference

- 2019 “‘To Evade the Laws of the Country:’ The Haitian Emigration Movement, Citizenship, and US—Haitian Diplomacy,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 “Haiti for the Haitians,” African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference
- 2017 “‘The Only True Man I Ever Meet:’ Carrie Wright, the Ethiopian Prince, and the Intersections of Race, Gender & Class in the History of Black Nationalism,” 10th Annual African American Studies Spring Symposium, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2017 “‘The Happiest Peasants in the World:’ W.E.B. Du Bois, Haiti, and *Black Reconstruction*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 “Broken Promises of Home: Prince Challoughlczilczise, Carrie Wright, and the Gender Politics of Black Nationalist Movements,” Association for the Study of African American Life & History Annual Convention
- 2016 “A Colored Man Who Calls Himself Prince:” W.S.J. Challoughlczilczise and the Growth of Garveyism on the Great Plains, Global Garveyism Conference, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2015 “A Haitian Lady of High Culture,” New Scholarship on the Black Atlantic Symposium, University of Utah
- 2015 “The Problem of Haiti as It Stands Today:” W.E.B. Du Bois on the U.S. Occupation of Haiti, 1915-1934,” Association for the Study of African American Life & History Annual Convention
- 2015 “African American Women and Racial Uplift in Occupied Haiti, 1915-1934,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 “The Haytien Lady of High Culture:” The Travels and Transgressions of Madame Parque,” Haitian Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 “*Diane: Priestess of Haiti* and the Transnational Politics of Racial Uplift in Jim Crow America,” African American Expression in Print and Digital Culture, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 “The Transnational Work of Moral Elevation: Black Women and Haiti during Reconstruction and the Jim Crow Era,” 15th Annual Graduate Student Conference in African American History, University of Memphis
- 2013 “African American Women Encounter Haiti, 1863-1934,” Emerging Perspectives on Race and Gender in the Nineteenth-Century United States, Pennsylvania State University
- 2012 “An Experiment in Self-Government: African American and Haitian Solidarities in the Age of Imperialism,” Empire & Solidarity in the Americas Conference, University of New Orleans
- 2011 “A Formerly Proscribed Race: Haiti in African American Thought & Culture During Reconstruction,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention

Roundtable Participant

- 2019 “Academic Blogging Roundtable: Networks, Perspectives, Trajectories,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting

- 2015 "African American Intellectual History: The State of the Field," Society for United States Intellectual History Conference
- 2015 "African American Intellectual History: The State of the Field," Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Convention

Panel Commenter

- 2018 "Memory, 'The Lost Cause,' and 'Confederate' Memorial Hall," Wrestling with Our Past: Vanderbilt, Race, and the Confederate Legacy, Vanderbilt University

Panel Chair

- 2017 "Race and Nation in the Caribbean," African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference
- 2014 "Freedom and Activism in Freedom Summer," Remembering Freedom Summer Conference, Mississippi State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

Vanderbilt University

History and Biography (MLAS program)

Mississippi State University

Readings in African American History

Undergraduate Courses

Vanderbilt University

US History to Reconstruction
African American Intellectual History
African American History to Reconstruction
Black Lives Matter

Mississippi State University

African American History and Culture
African American History to 1865
Modern Civil Rights Movement
United States History to 1865

Marquette University

African Americans and the African Diaspora

UNC-Chapel Hill

United States History to 1865

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2012-2013 Research Associate, Civil Rights History Project, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2018-2020 Vice President, African American Intellectual History Society
 2018 Program Committee, Southern Historical Association
 2018 Conference Committee, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
 2017- Series Editor, "Black Lives and Liberation," Vanderbilt University Press
 2017 Membership Committee, Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
 2017 Publications Committee Chair, African American Intellectual History Society
 2016-2017 Conference Committee Chair and Executive Board Member, African American Intellectual History Society
 2011-2013 President, Triangle African American History Colloquium

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2018-2019 Paper Prize Committee, Vanderbilt University, Department of History
 2017-2018 Organizer, Americanist Seminar, Vanderbilt University, Department of History
 2016-2017 Lectures Committee, Vanderbilt University, Department of History
 2015 Evaluator, Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop, Mississippi State University
 2015 Proposal Reviewer, Henry Family Research Fund, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University
 2011-2012 Co-President, UNC-CH Graduate History Society

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2015 Guest speaker on "The Changing Portrayal of Black Men in the Media" for the Men of Excellence, a support group for minority men at Mississippi State University
 2015 Discussion moderator for "The Talk," a part of the Mississippi State University Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's 2nd Annual NAACP Week
 2015 Black History Month Guest Speaker, Society of African American Studies, Mississippi State University

- 2015 Discussion leader for “The Cost of the Dream,” a conversation on the vision of Martin Luther King, Jr. hosted by the Mississippi State University Holmes Diversity Center
- 2014 Panelist for “Color Blind,” a panel discussion on Ferguson, MO hosted by the Mississippi State University Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- 2014 Extended talkback for “A Midnight Cry,” a play on the Underground Railroad in Wisconsin held at the Todd Wehr Theater at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Milwaukee, WI

LANGUAGES

French, reading and writing proficiency with dictionary
Spanish, reading and writing proficiency with dictionary
Haitian Kreyòl, learning with aid of tutor

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

African American Intellectual History Society
American Historical Association
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Haitian Studies Association
Organization of American Historians

REFERENCES

Available upon request