

# Todd M. Michney

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

**Associate Professor**, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-  
**Assistant Professor**, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2017-22  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015-17  
**Assistant Professor**, University of Toledo, 2011-17  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Toledo, 2009-10  
**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Tulane University, 2006-09  
**Adjunct Professor**, Cleveland State University, 2005-06  
**Instructor** (Ph.D.-ABD), University of Minnesota, 1999-2000

## EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota** (Minneapolis, MN)

**Ph.D.**, History, June 2004

Dissertation: "Changing Neighborhoods: Race and Upward Mobility in Southeast Cleveland, 1930-1980"

Advisor: Rudolph J. Vecoli (deceased)

**M.A.**, History, February 1997

**Case Western Reserve University** (Cleveland, OH)

**B.A.**, History, *summa cum laude*, January 1993

## FIELDS OF INTEREST / TEACHING SPECIALTIES

Urban History • African American History • Labor History • Race and Ethnicity

## CURRENT BOOK PROJECT

*Black Builders: African Americans, Community, and the U.S. Construction Industry, 1865-1965*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Making of Cleveland's Black Suburb in the City: Lee-Seville and Lee-Harvard* (co-written with Carolyn Gimbal, Kathleen H. Crowther, and Michael Fleenor; Cleveland Restoration Society, 2019). 132pp., images

*Surrogate Suburbs: Black Upward Mobility and Neighborhood Change in Cleveland, 1900-1980* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017). xiv + 334pp., images, maps, tables

## Journal Articles

"How the City Survey's Redlining Maps Were Made: A Closer Look at HOLC's Mortgagee Rehabilitation Division," *Journal of Planning History* 21 (November 2022): 316-344.

\*\* Awarded the Urban History Association's Arnold Hirsch Award for Best Article in a Scholarly Journal published in 2022, and the Society for American City and Regional Planning History's 2023 Journal of Planning History Prize. \*\*

"The Roots of Redlining: Academic, Governmental, and Professional Networks in the Making of the New Deal Lending Regime" (co-written with LaDale C. Winling), *Journal of American History* 108 (June 2021): 42-69. \*\* Awarded the Society for American City and Regional Planning History's 2021 Catherine Bauer Wurster Prize for the best article published in a scholarly journal.\*\*

"Terror in the City Too Busy to Hate: How the English Avenue School Bombing Challenged Atlanta's Popular Myth of Racial Progress" (co-written with Max Blau), *Atlanta Studies* [electronic journal] (December 12, 2020), <https://www.atlantastudies.org/2020/12/12/terror-in-the-city-too-busy-to-hate-how-the-english-avenue-school-bombing-challenged-atlantas-popular-myth-of-racial-progress/>.

"New Perspectives on New Deal Housing Policy: Explicating and Mapping HOLC Loans to African Americans" (co-written with LaDale Winling), *Journal of Urban History* 46 (January 2020): 150-180. \*\* Awarded an Honorable Mention for the Urban History Association's Arnold Hirsch Award for Best Article in a Scholarly Journal published in 2020. \*\*

"White Civic Visions Versus Black Suburban Aspirations: Cleveland's Garden Valley Urban Renewal Project," *Journal of Planning History* 10 (November 2011): 282-309.

"Constrained Communities: Black Cleveland's Experience with World War II Public Housing," *Journal of Social History* 40 (Summer 2007): 933-956.

"Race, Violence, and Urban Territoriality: Cleveland's Little Italy and the 1966 Hough Uprising," *Journal of Urban History* 32 (March 2006): 404-428.

## Book Chapter

"Trepidation, Tolerance, and Turnover: Jewish-Black Relations in Cleveland Neighborhoods, 1920-1960," in *Cleveland Jews and the Making of a Midwestern Community*, ed. Sean Martin and John J. Grabowski (Rutgers University Press, 2020), 142-161.

## Review Essays

"Structure vs. Agency Redux: Race and Inequality in Metropolitan America." Review of Michael B. Katz, *Why Don't American Cities Burn?* (2012); Daniel R. Kerr, *Derelict Paradise: Homelessness and Urban Development in Cleveland, Ohio* (2011); Ruth D. Peterson and

Lauren J. Krivo, *Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide* (2010); and Rachael A. Woldoff, *White Flight/Black Flight: The Dynamics of Racial Change in an American Neighborhood* (2011). *Journal of Urban History* 40 (March 2014): 380-387.

“Identity and Urban Development in the New South.” Review of Georgina Hickey, *Hope and Danger in the New South City* (2003); Louis M. Kyriakouides, *The Social Origins of the Urban South* (2003); Karen Ferguson, *Black Politics in New Deal Atlanta* (2002); and Thomas Hanchett, *Sorting Out the New South City* (1998). *Journal of Planning History* 8 (February 2009): 75-83.

“Root of It All.” Review of Matthew Frye Jacobson, *Roots Too: White Ethnic Revival in Post-Civil Rights America* (Cambridge, MA, 2006). *Reviews in American History* 35 (June 2007): 307-314.

### **Book and Exhibition Reviews**

*How the Suburbs Were Segregated: Developers and the Business of Exclusionary Housing, 1890-1960* (New York, 2020), by Paige Glotzer. Forthcoming in *Maryland Historical Magazine*.

*Neighborhood of Fear: The Suburban Crisis in American Culture, 1975-2001* (Baltimore, 2020), by Kyle Riisman. In *Journal of American History* 109 (June 2022): 203-04.

*A World of Homeowners: American Power and the Politics of Housing Aid* (Chicago, 2015), by Nancy H. Kwak. In *Enterprise & Society* 21 (March 2020): 293-296.

“Undesign the Redline.” Exhibition review in *Journal of American History* 106 (December 2019): 708-712.

*Stigma and Culture: Last-Place Anxiety in Black America* (Chicago, 2015), by J. Lorand Matory. In *Ethnohistory* 66 (April 2019): 393-94.

*Islamophobia and Racism in America* (New York, 2017), by Erik Love. In *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 34 (Summer 2017): 125-28.

*Manhood on the Line: Working-Class Masculinities in the American Heartland* (Urbana, IL, 2016), by Stephen Meyer. In *Michigan Historical Review* 42 (Fall 2016): 120-21.

*John Nolen: Landscape Architect and City Planner* (Amherst, MA, 2015), by R. Bruce Stephenson. In *Journal of Southern History* 82 (November 2016): 961-62.

*Segregation: A Global History of Divided Cities* (Chicago, 2012), by Carl H. Nightingale. In *Planning Perspectives* 29, no. 1 (2014): 131-33.

*A City Within a City: The Black Freedom Struggle in Grand Rapids, Michigan* (Philadelphia, 2013), by Todd E. Robinson. In *Journal of American History* 100 (December 2013): 906-07.

*Saving San Francisco: Relief and Recovery after the 1906 Disaster* (Philadelphia, 2011), by Andrea Rees Davies. In *Pacific Historical Review* 82 (May 2013): 323-25.

*Long Is the Way and Hard: One Hundred Years of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People*, ed. Kevern Verney and Lee Sartain (Fayetteville, AR, 2009). In *Ohio History* 119 (2012): 132-34.

*Living as Equals: How Three White Communities Struggled to Make Interracial Connections During the Civil Rights Era* (Nashville, TN, 2008), by Phillis Palmer. In *Journal of Southern History* 75 (November 2009): 1104-05.

*Identity, Conflict, and Cooperation: Central Europeans in Cleveland, 1850-1930*, ed. David C. Hammack, Diane L. Grabowski, and John J. Grabowski (Cleveland, OH, 2002). In *Journal of American Ethnic History* 24 (Winter 2005): 115-17.

## Reference Entries

"Civil Rights Strikes," in *The Encyclopedia of Strikes in American History*, ed. Aaron Brenner, Benjamin Day, and Immanuel Ness (Armonk, NY, 2009), 118-25.

"Cleveland, Ohio," "Cleveland Gazette," and "Stokes, Carl B." in the *Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*, ed. Steven A. Reich, 3 vols. (Westport, CT, 2006), 200-04, 204-05, 799-801.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

### Conferences and Symposia

Chair and commentator, panel: "Place-Making, Gentrification, and Community." Southeastern American Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, September 29, 2023

Roundtable discussant, panel: "Recent Research on Race and Appraisal, Finance, and Real Estate." Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2022

Presenter and co-organizer, "Loans, Lines, and Liens: Using Atlanta to Understand New Findings on 1930s Redlining." Panel: "Spatial Imaginaries, Racial Realities: Boundaries and a Changing Atlanta Metropolitan Area." 2022 Atlanta Studies Symposium, Atlanta, GA, May 6, 2022

Panelist, "Provocations on History, Fairness, Justice." Symposium, "Beyond Fairness: Big Data, Racial Justice and Housing," Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA), April 27, 2022

Chair and commentator, panel: "The Multiracial Metropolis: A Planning Perspective on Racial Integration." Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Arlington, VA, November 2, 2019

Panelist and organizer, "Engaging the Public Through Archival Access: A New Look at Ivan Allen's Mayoralty," 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium, Atlanta, GA, April 9, 2019

Presenter, "The Atlanta Life Insurance Company's Mortgage Lending Activities and Black Homeownership in the 1950s." Panel: "Mortgage Lending, Race, and Class" (Judge Glock, chair). 2018 Business History Conference, Baltimore, MD, April 6, 2018

Co-leader, "From Surrogate Suburbs to Shaker Heights: Exploring Black Middle-Class Mobility in Mid-Twentieth Century Cleveland" (guided bus tour), Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Cleveland, OH, October 29, 2017

Presenter, "How Redlining Maps Were Made: New Revelations about HOLC's Mortgage Rehabilitation Committee." Panel: "The Home Owners' Loan Corporation and the Making of a Redlined America" (Carl Nightingale, chair). Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Cleveland, OH, October 28, 2017

Roundtable discussant, panel: "Alternative Visions for Cleveland in the Twentieth Century: A Roundtable Discussion." Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Cleveland, OH, October 27, 2017

Presenter, "Addressing the Skilled Employment Crisis under Jim Crow: Building Trades Education at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1880-1930." Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference, Cincinnati, OH, September 30, 2017

Chair and commentator, panel: "Gentrification, (Re)Settlement and Cultures of Resistance." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19, 2016

Presenter, panel: "Humanities-based Preservation in Cleveland." Conference, "A Dialogue in Detroit: Preservation in America's Legacy Cities," Wayne State University (Detroit, MI), September 15, 2016

Presenter and co-organizer, "Explicating the Home Owners Loan Corporation's Lending Policies with Regard to African American Borrowers." Panel: "Re-Conceptualizing the Connections between New Deal Mortgages, Race, and Economics" (LaDale Winling, Chair). 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Policy History, Nashville, TN, June 1, 2016

Chair and commentator, panel: "The Cultural Front of the Civil Rights Movement." Southern American Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, February 20, 2015

Chair, panel: "Demolition and Renewal." Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Toronto, ON, October 5, 2013

Chair and commentator, panel: "Visions of Pluralism in the Mid-20th Century: Transnational Ethnicity and Activists Confront Race and Nation." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, November 18, 2012

Presenter and co-organizer, "African Americans and HOLC, FHA, and VA Housing Programs to 1948." Panel: "Race and Space in Urban (Re)development" (Mathew Novak, Chair). Social Science History Association, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 1, 2012

Interviewer, Plenary Session, "In Honor and Memory of Harold B. Williams and the Civil Rights Movement in Cleveland, Ohio" (Alphine Jefferson, Moderator). Oral History Association, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH, October 11, 2012

Roundtable discussant (substitute), panel: "Assessing the Spatial Turn in U.S. History" (Andrew Kahrl, Moderator). Organization of American Historians, 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April 20, 2012

Chair and commentator, panel: "Financing the Industrial City." Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 19, 2011

Presenter, "Counteracting Urban Decline: Livability Activism in Cleveland's Black Middle Class Neighborhoods, 1950-1980." Panel: "Imagining the Future of a City in Crisis: Cleveland in the 1970s" (Mark Tebeau, Chair). Society for American City and Regional Planning History, 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 18, 2011

Presenter and co-organizer, "Rezoning and Residential Development: Postwar Struggles for Black Living Space in Cleveland's Lee-Seville Neighborhood." Panel: "Suburban Visions, Urban Futures: Race, Class, and Development at the 20th Century U.S. City's Edge" (Andrew Wiese, Chair). Urban History Association, 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 23, 2010

Presenter, "White Civic Visions vs. Black Suburban Aspirations: Cleveland's Garden Valley Urban Renewal Project." Panel: "Suburban Diversity, Civic Identity, and Racialized Politics in Postwar America" (Heather Thompson, Chair). Organization of American Historians, 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 9, 2010

Chair and commentator, panel: "Crossing National Boundaries: Migrating Cultures." Oral History Association, 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, October 15, 2009

Chair and commentator, panel: "Public Housing as a Solution and as a Problem: A Comparative View." Urban History Association, 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Houston, TX, November 5, 2008

Presenter, "Black Middle Class Mobility and New Orleans East." Panel: "Crescent City Roots: Dislocating and Relocating New Orleans Communities, 1718-2008" (Emily Clark, Chair). Southern Historical Association, 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 11, 2008

Presenter and organizer, "Status and Suburbanization, Trepidation and Tolerance: The Mechanics of Jewish-Black Neighborhood Transition in Cleveland." Panel: "Where Religion, Race,

and Justice Clash: Black Settlement, Housing Discrimination, and Civil Rights" (Wendell Pritchett, Chair). Organization of American Historians, 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, March 31, 2007

Chair and commentator, panel: "Race, Housing, and Urban and Suburban Development." Oral History Association, 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Little Rock, AR, October 27, 2006

Presenter and organizer, "Assenting in Segregation: Race and World War II Housing Policy in Cleveland." Panel: "Race and Housing during World War II" (Harvard Sitkoff, Chair). American Historical Association, 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 11, 2004

Presenter, "White Racial Identity in the 1930s Big Bend: The Texas Writings of Nelson Algren." Center for Big Bend Studies, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Sul Ross State University (Alpine, TX), October 20-21, 2000

Presenter, "'Slav Unity, Hitlerism's Doom': The Anti-Fascist Mobilization of Slavic Americans, 1938-1945." Conference, "World War II and Ethnic America," New York University (New York, NY), March 23-24, 1997

Presenter, "The New Ethnicity, the American Working Class, and the Politics of Race." Midwest Labor History Colloquium, University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA), March 1-2, 1997

Presenter, "Cold War Anticommunist Activism among Eastern European Exiles: The Case of the International Peasant Union." Social Science History Association, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13, 1996

### **Invited Talks**

Panelist, "A Conversation with Victor Luckerson, Author of *Built from the Fire*," sponsored by the Ray C. Anderson Center for Sustainable Business, Scheller College DE&I Council Book Discussion Group, Georgia Tech Net Impact, Blacks in Business, and Institute for Leadership & Social Impact, Georgia Institute of Technology, October 17, 2023

"Historic African American Settlements Facing Shaker Heights: Mount Pleasant, Lee-Harvard, and Lee-Seville" (virtual via Zoom), Shaker Historical Society (Shaker Heights, OH), January 29, 2023

"Black Life Insurance Companies' Historic Mortgage Lending Activities and African American Homeownership after World War II," Economic History Workshop, Department of Economics, Yale University, October 10, 2022

"Race and Historic Housing Inequality in Cleveland," The Way Forward Leader Lunch Break Series (virtual via Zoom), Cleveland Leadership Center, July 7, 2021

- "Mapping Context: The Legacy of Redlining in Atlanta, a Conversation with Dr. Todd Michney" (virtual via BlueJeans), sponsored by Inclusion, Advocacy, and Support Programs in the Division of Student Life, Georgia Institute of Technology, October 23, 2020
- "City and Suburb: The Evolving Geographies of Jewish Cleveland," panel on *Cleveland Jews and the Making of a Midwestern Community* (virtual via Zoom), sponsored by Maltz Museum for Jewish Heritage (Beachwood, OH), June 17, 2020
- "Great Migration Pathways: Family Journeys from the South to Cleveland's Fairfax and Beyond," African-American Genealogical Society, Shaker Heights, OH, September 28, 2019
- "Changing Neighborhoods Then and Now: Race and Suburbanization in Cleveland," Carol S. Franklin Social Science Speakers Series, Division of Social Sciences, Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus, February 19, 2019
- "Jewish-Black Relations in Cleveland's Urban Neighborhoods, 1920-1960," Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, co-sponsored by Facing History and CWRU-Siegal Lifelong Learning, February 17, 2019
- "Studying African Americans and Homeownership in the Long Twentieth Century: Lessons from Cleveland and Atlanta," Annual Knepper Lecture, Department of History, University of Akron, October 2, 2017; related digital history workshop at Department of History, Kent State University, October 3, 2017
- "Best Unaddressed Location in the Nation: Mapping Cleveland's Significance for African American Urban History," Department of History, Case Western Reserve University, September 28, 2017
- "Surrogate Suburbs: Black Middle Class Life and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Outer City," Department of History Brown Bag Series, Georgia State University, April 12, 2017
- "Cleveland's Suburb in the City: The Development and Growth of Lee-Harvard," Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University, sponsored by the Cleveland Restoration Society with funding from Ohio Humanities and Ohio History Connection, October 6, 2016
- "Lee-Harvard's African American Heritage: 1925-1975," Harvard Community Services Center (Cleveland, OH), sponsored by the Cleveland Restoration Society with funding from Ohio Humanities and Ohio History Connection, August 17, 2016
- "African American Access to New Deal Housing Programs and Early Civil Rights Activism," Fall Speaker Series, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, November 30, 2015



- “Surrogate Suburbs: Black Middle Class Aspirations at the Twentieth Century Urban Periphery,” Chicago Urban History Seminar, Chicago History Museum, October 23, 2014
- “Second Ghetto or Surrogate Suburb? Black Upward Mobility at Cleveland's Urban Periphery, 1900-1980,” Columbia University Seminar on the City, March 7, 2012
- “Urban Change and Neighborhood Activism among Cleveland’s Black Middle Class,” Seminar on Historical Change and Social Theory, Tulane University, April 7, 2008
- “Outer City or Surrogate Suburb? Conceptualizing Black Population Expansion at the Urban Periphery after World War II,” African Americans and the Urban Community Series, cosponsored by Honors Program, African and Diaspora Studies, and Office of Multicultural Affairs and Residential Life, Tulane University, February 28, 2007
- “Pride and Persistence: Expanding Black Settlement in Cleveland’s Outer City, 1940-1980,” 2005-2006 Colloquium Series, Department of History, Cleveland State University, April 12, 2006
- “Changing Neighborhoods: Geographic Mobility and the African American Middle Class Since 1945,” New York State Museum (Albany, NY), March 13, 2006
- “The Roots of Urban Sprawl: Race and Upward Mobility in the Postwar City,” Contemporary Issues in Historical Perspective Series, Department of History, The College of Wooster (Wooster, OH), January 25, 2005
- “Immigrants, Race, and Constructions of ‘Whiteness’: A Roundtable Discussion,” along with David Roediger, Rudolph Vecoli, and Jennifer Guglielmo, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota, May 23, 1997

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE**

- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2023-
- Member, Speaker’s Series Committee, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-
- Member, Library/Faculty Advisory Board, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-
- Associate Topical Editor (African American History), Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, 2018-
- Bibliographer, U.S. Articles, *Urban History Newsletter*, Urban History Association, 2012-
- Chair, Search Committee, 19<sup>th</sup> Century African Diaspora position, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2023-24

Member, Advisory Committee, Georgia Tech Campus Historic Preservation Plan, 2023

Chair, Speaker's Series Committee, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-23

Member, Search Committee, Quantitative Sociology position, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-23

Faculty Co-Advisor (with Brad Rittenhouse and Wendy Hagenmaier), VIP (Vertically Integrated Project): "Community and Digital Archives," Georgia Institute of Technology, 2019-23

Chair, Library/Faculty Advisory Board, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-23  
*\*\* Co-organizer in this role of the following events: \*\** "Mobilizing History: Reflections on a Decade of Digital Humanities Practice on Two Continents" featuring historian J. Mark Souther, April 8, 2019; "Democratization of Knowledge with Georgia Tech President Emeritus G. Wayne Clough," January 30, 2020; "Revisiting and Archiving Civil Rights and Atlanta in the 1960s: Introducing the Mayor Ivan Allen Digital Archive" (symposium), featuring keynotes by historian Tomiko Brown-Nagin and data visualization artist Brian Foo, April 8, 2022

Committee member, Kenneth Jackson Award for Best Book in North American Urban History, Urban History Association, 2022

Member, Georgia Tech History Working Group, 2022

Executive Committee member, Trustee, and Chair of Membership and Marketing Committee, African American Archives Auxiliary of the Western Reserve Historical Society, 2020-22

Representative, Commission on Research Next II, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2021

Member, (HSOC) Chair's Comprehensive Review and Evaluation Committee, 2021

Member, Undergraduate Committee, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-21

Consultant, Eco Commons Contemplative Plaza design (commemorating Civil Rights protests at former site of segregationist Lester Maddox's restaurant), Georgia Institute of Technology, 2020

Faculty Co-Coordinator (with Dean Emerita Jacqueline Royster), "Building Memories" podcast (student-produced), 2019-20

Member, Research Team, Center for Urban Innovation, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2015-17

Board member, Urban History Association, 2014-17

Chair, Student Travel Awards Committee, Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Fall 2015

Member, Search Committee, Early United States (to 1824) position, Department of History, University of Toledo, Summer 2014

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History, University of Toledo, 2014-15

Member, Advisory Board, H-Ohio Discussion List (H-Net), 2013-15

Member, Steering Committee, Humanities Institute, University of Toledo, 2013-15

Grant Evaluator, National Endowment for the Humanities, Collections and Reference Resources program, December 13, 2012 (Washington, DC)

Departmental Representative, Languages, Literature, and Social Sciences Council, University of Toledo, 2011-14

Participant, 2010-2011 Distinguished Faculty/Graduate Student Seminar on New Metropolitan Studies and the Long Civil Rights Movement, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI), co-convened by Professors Angela Dillard and Matthew Lassiter

Grant Evaluator, National Endowment for the Humanities, Collections and Reference Resources program, December 2, 2010 (Washington, DC)

Manuscript evaluations for: *Journal of American History*; *Journal of Social History*; *Journal of Urban History*; *Journal of Planning History*; *Planning Perspectives*; *Housing Policy Debate*; *Journal of American Ethnic History*; *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*; *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*; *Modern Intellectual History*; *Historical Methods*; *Italian American Review*; University of Chicago Press; University of North Carolina Press; University Press of Kentucky; University of Pittsburgh Press; Northern Illinois University Press; University of South Carolina Press; Routledge; Palgrave-Macmillan; Continuum Books

Textbook evaluations for: Wadsworth/Cengage Learning; Pearson Higher Education

## **SELECTED GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **Georgia Institute of Technology**

Arnold Hirsch Award for Best Article in a Scholarly Journal, Urban History Association, September 2023

Faculty SODA (Short-term Opportunity for Professional Development and Scholarly Activities) grant for current book project, \$5,000, Spring 2023

Catherine Bauer Wurster Prize for best article published in a scholarly journal, Society for American City and Regional Planning History, October 2022

Faculty SGR-B (Small Grants for Research) for current book project, \$5,000, Spring 2021

National Endowment for the Humanities, Digital Humanities Advancement Grant for “Hidden Histories: Digitally Processing, Analyzing, and Visualizing Large Archives in Omeka” (with co-PIs Brad Rittenhouse and Wendy Hagenmaier), \$99,991, 2020-2023

Member, Search Committee, Quantitative Sociology position, School of HSOC, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-23

Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council, Award for Excellence in the Educational Use of Historical Records, for the Ivan Allen Digital Archive, August 2019

Interdisciplinary course development grant for “Extreme Atlanta: Climate Change in Urban Spaces” (with co-PIs Emily Weigel and Zachary Handlos), Global Change Program and Serve-Learn-Sustain, \$8,000, Fall 2018

Serve-Learn Sustain Award for Excellence in Community-Engaged Sustainability Teaching, \$2,500, March 2018

Serve-Learn-Sustain Level 1 Faculty Affiliate, \$3,000, Spring 2018

Serve-Learn-Sustain Fellow, “Smart Cities, Connected Communities,” \$1,000, Spring 2017

Digital Integrative Liberal Arts Center project grants, Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. Archives Digitization Project, \$75,500, 2016-19

Public Service Pathway/Quality Enhancement Plan course development grant, “Semester in the City: Engaging Westside Communities” (Honors Program), \$2,000, Spring 2016

### **University of Toledo**

Summer Research Fellowship, project: “African Americans and Federally-backed Mortgage Access in the New Deal Era,” \$12,000, Summer 2013

### **Graduate**

McMillan Research Travel Award, Department of History, University of Minnesota, May 2001  
Travel Money for Dissertation Research Grant, Department of History, University of Minnesota, May 2000

McMillan Research Travel Award, Department of History, University of Minnesota, April 2000  
James and Helen Hovorka Endowment Fund Scholarship, Council of Higher Education, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994

Travel Grant, Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, April 1995

Goethe Institute Tuition Scholarship, April 1995

Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Study Scholarship, December 1994

## **Undergraduate**

Phi Beta Kappa, May 1992

John Hall Stewart Prize, Department of History, CWRU, May 1992

Clarence H. Cramer Award, Department of History, CWRU, May 1991

Phi Alpha Theta, April 1991

## **COURSES TAUGHT, 1997-2023**

The U.S. in the Twentieth Century (1 semester; Georgia Tech) – graduate seminar

Historiography (2 semesters; Toledo) – graduate seminar

The Great Depression (1 semester; Toledo) – graduate seminar

1960s ATL: A Digital Approach (1 semester; Georgia Tech) – seminar

1968: Year of Global Protest (1 semester; Georgia Tech) – seminar

Research Methods (3 semesters; Georgia Tech, Toledo) – seminar

Race and Power in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Metropolis (1 semester; Tulane) – seminar

The U.S. Welfare State (2 semesters; Tulane) – seminar

Whiteness/Racial Formation in U.S. History (2 semesters; Tulane) – seminar

Rioting in U.S. History (1 semester; Tulane) – seminar

History of New Orleans (1 semester; Tulane) – seminar

Semester in the City (5 semesters; Georgia Tech) – honors seminar

U.S. Environmental History (6 semesters; Georgia Tech, Tulane)

American Radicalism (2 semesters; Toledo)

American Labor and Working-Class History (4 semesters; Georgia Tech, Toledo)

City and Metropolis in Modern America, 1850 to Present (2 semesters; Toledo)

U.S. Social and Cultural History Since 1850 (2 semesters; Toledo)

U.S. Urban History/City in U.S. History (4 semesters; Georgia Tech, Tulane)

Afro-American History, 1865-Present (4 semesters; Toledo, Tulane)

Afro-American History to 1865 (2 semesters; Toledo, Tulane)

History of African Americans since 1877 (1 semester; CSU)

History of African Americans to 1877 (2 semesters; CSU)

United States History since 1865 (11 semesters; Toledo, Tulane)

United States History since 1877 (3 semesters; Georgia Tech)

United States History to 1877 (2 semesters; CSU, Minnesota)

United States History, 1920-1945 (1 semester; Toledo)

United States History, 1945-Present (6 semesters; Georgia Tech, Toledo)

United States History, 1900-1930 (1 quarter as TA; Minnesota)

United States History, 1930-1960 (1 quarter as TA; Minnesota)

United States History, 1960-Present (2 quarters, 1 as TA; Minnesota)

Main Themes in American History (1 semester; Toledo)

African Civilization (4 semesters; Toledo)

## **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Class of 1969 Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, Fall 2020

Speaker, "Twentieth Century African American Civil Rights Movement in Ohio: Evaluating and Nominating Historic Properties," Symposium organized by Ohio History Connection-State Historic Preservation Office, Shiloh Baptist Church (Columbus, OH), October 21, 2017

Moderator, "Carl B. Stokes and Black Political Power in Cleveland: A 50-Year Retrospective," Seminar sponsored by Cleveland Humanities Collaborative and Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University, July 10-14, 2017

Consultant, "From Herndon Homes to Two Georgia Domes: 100 Years of Westside History" (exhibit), developed with Historic Westside Cultural Arts Council and Georgia Tech's Participatory Publics Lab; partially funded by City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs and by Georgia Humanities; <http://ourcommunity.is/domed/>

Faculty Member, Workshop for K-12 Teachers entitled "From Kuschwantz to Kwanzaa Park: Everyday Humanities in Urban Neighborhoods as a Basis for Culturally Relevant Pedagogy," July 22-26, 2013; funded by Ohio Humanities Council (Toledo, OH)

Participant, "The Scholar's Dashboard: Creating a Multidisciplinary Tool via 'Design and Build' Workshops - 1: Space," November 8-9, 2012; collaboration between humanities scholars, librarians, and technologists on optimizing use of collections from the OhioLINK Digital Resource Commons (Columbus, OH)

Faculty Member, "The Great Migration" seminar (funded by a Teaching American History federal grant), July 2004; two-week program on African American migration to Cleveland; participants were 35 high school history teachers from schools affiliated with the Center for Urban School Collaboration (Cleveland, OH)

Preparing Future Faculty program completed, University of Minnesota, 1997-98

## **STUDENT ADVISING / COMMITTEE SERVICE**

### Adviser

John Gleason, M.A. (Liberal Studies), University of Toledo; thesis title: "Cleveland, the Vietnam War and the Antiwar Movement: The Beginnings from Inner-city Protest to Resistance, 1960-1968" (2016)

Nicholas D. Brown, M.A., University of Toledo; thesis title: "The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Civil Rights" (2015)

Jeffrey Pollock, M.A., University of Toledo; thesis title: "Bumpkins and *Bostonais*: The Struggle for the Future of Detroit, 1805-1812" (2013)

### Member

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (5; Georgia Tech, University of Toledo)

Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams Committees (8; Georgia Tech, University of Toledo)

Master's Thesis Committees (5; University of Toledo)

Honors Thesis Committees (3 B.A., 2 B.S.; Georgia Tech, Tulane University)

## RESEARCH AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota

**Research Assistant** (archivist), 1996-97; accessioned manuscript collections

**Research Assistant** (archivist), 1994-95; processed manuscript collections

University of Minnesota

**Conference Organizer/Coordinator**, Midwest Labor Studies Colloquium (Iowa City, IA), March 1998

**Departmental Representative**, Council of Graduate Students, 1997-98 and 1996-97

Western Reserve Historical Society (Cleveland, OH)

**Project Archivist**, January-August 1994; processed manuscript collections on local grant

Yale University Program on Non-Profit Organizations (New Haven, CT)

**Research Consultant**, August 1993-April 1994; interviewed trustees of various Cleveland nonprofits for a six-city comparative study

## BLOGS / PRESS / INTERVIEWS / CONSULTING

Interviewed by Leon Bibb of WKYC-TV for a retrospective on redlining and the 1968 Fair Housing Act, April 25, 2023, <https://www.wkyc.com/article/news/community/turning-point/a-turning-point-redlining-cleveland-communities/95-f3e0d679-92d5-4cd6-880e-27bb36073d13>

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Interviewed by Nedra Rhone of *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for an op-ed about Atlanta's Black middle class, January 25, 2023, <https://www.ajc.com/life/opinion-black-mecca-more-a-work-in-progress-than-a-promised-land/ONS5TER2LBDHRMAIE57CIV4LM4/>; discussant in a related on-air panel "The State of Atlanta's Black Middle Class" with Maurice Hobson, January 26, 2023, <https://live.ajc.com/atlantasblackmiddleclass>

"Urban Historians Reveal New Research about the Origins of Redlining," radio interview with Marlene Harris-Taylor for WKSU-Ideastream's "Sound of Ideas" morning show, September 1, 2022, <https://wviz.ideastream.org/programs/sound-of-ideas/urban-historians-reveal-new-research-about-the-origins-of-redlining>

Interviewed by Stephanie Czekalinski for an article on new research findings about the origins of redlining, August 31, 2022, <https://www.ideastream.org/news/did-redlining-happen-like-we-think-it-did-new-research-says-it-s-complicated>

Interviewed by Stephanie Czekalinski for an article on correlations between redlining and health outcomes, June 22, 2022, <https://thelandcle.org/stories/the-debate-over-tax-breaks-for-nonprofit-cleveland-area-hospitals-is-also-about-racism-and-redlining/>

Interviewed by Andrew Yawn for an article on redlining's correlation with oil and gas well placement, April 27, 2022, <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/american-south/2022/04/27/redlined-neighborhoods-more-likely-have-oil-gas-wells-study-finds/7446703001/>

*Lost in the Stacks: The Research Library Rock 'n' Roll Radio Show* (WREK/podcast), interviewed with Brad Rittenhouse by Charlie Bennett and Fred Rascoe for Episode 515, "Across the Folders," April 1, 2022, <https://lostinthestacks.libsyn.com/episode-515-across-the-folders>

Interviewed by Thomas Wheatley for an Axios Atlanta article on redlining, February 17, 2022, <https://www.axios.com/local/atlanta/2022/02/17/atlanta-redlining-history>

Interviewed by James Pilcher for WKRC-TV's feature on correlation between redlining and poverty in Northern Kentucky, January 27, 2022, <https://local12.com/news/childhood-poverty-a-cincinnati-crisis/maps-show-complicated-redlining-history-for-northern-kentucky-poverty-home-ownership-loan-corporation-d-grades-african-american-sam-cook-todd-michney-covington-cincinnati-ohio>

"How Academia Laid the Groundwork for Redlining" (co-written with LaDale Winling), *PLATFORM*, November 1, 2021, <https://www.platformspace.net/home/how-academia-laid-the-groundwork-for-redlining>

"Library's 1619 Project Continues to Explore Issues of Race," *Heights Observer*, October 29, 2021, <http://www.heightsobserver.org/read/2021/10/29/librarys-1619-project-continues-to-explore-issues-of-race>

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Interviewed by Kristin Stoller of *Forbes* for a feature on Black real estate mogul Anderson Hunt Brown, August 7, 2021, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kristinstoller/2021/08/07/how-a-son-of-freed-slaves-became-a-real-estate-tycoon/>

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<https://www.wrhs.org/blog/learning-from-a-cleveland-legend-a-conversation-with-leon-bibb/>

Interviewed by Matt Mulcahy of WSTM-TV for an article on an early redlining map of Syracuse, April 26, 2021, <https://cnycentral.com/news/the-map-segregated-syracuse/the-map-national-urban-history-experts-applaud-syracuse-reporting-on-redlining>

Interviewed by Chris Tanaka for WOIO-TV's "The Next 400" series on structural racism (virtual via Zoom), March 5, 2021, <https://www.cleveland19.com/2021/03/05/next-communities-continue-suffer-redlinings-racist-effects/>

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<https://themetropole.blog/2017/10/19/doing-urban-history-in-cleveland-a-personal-reflection/>

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Consultant on December 2007 series in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* about the Mount Pleasant neighborhood (Sandra Livingston, Bob Paynter, reporters); contributed an op-ed, "Mount Pleasant: A Neighborhood of Strivers," *Plain Dealer* (December 9, 2007), page M-3.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Urban History Association  
Society for American City and Regional Planning History  
Association for the Study of African American Life & History  
Social Science History Association  
Immigration History Society