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TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

**Faculty, University of Washington, Tacoma , 1990-present
Visiting Faculty, University of Puget Sound, 1988-89
Visiting Faculty, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT., 1987-88
Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, MD., 1984-86
Consultant, National Archives, Washington, D.C., 1981-87
Lecturer, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 1980-81**

Other employment:

Southern Director, National Committee Against Repressive Legislation, Memphis, Tn., 1970-76; Southern Conference Educational Fund, field worker, Louisville, Ky., 1969-70; Editor, Oakland University Observer, 1968-69; parks departments, sheet metal, delivery, taxi and tree trimming work, various periods.

EDUCATION

**Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, *Ph.D.* in History, 1988
Howard University, Washington, D.C., *M.A.* in History, 1978
Oakland University, Rochester, MI, *B.A.* in History, 1969**

AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities faculty fellowship, 2004-05

Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center, Italy, February 2004

Harry Bridges Endowed Chair of Labor Studies, University of Washington, 2000-2004

Lillian Smith Award, Southern Regional Council; H.L. Mitchell Award, Southern Historical Association; Washington Writer's (Governor's) Award, Seattle Public Library; Murray Morgan Award, Tacoma Public Library, 2000-2001, for Black Workers Remember (Berkeley, 1999).

Huntington Library research fellow, Pasadena, CA, 2000

National Humanities Center research fellow, Research Triangle Park, N.C., 1995-96

Charles Sydnor Prize, Southern Historical Association; James A. Rawley Prize, Organization of American Historians; Herbert Gutman Prize, University of Illinois Press, 1993-94, for Southern Labor and Black Civil Rights (Illinois, 1993).

College Teacher Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1989-90

Junior External Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, 1989-90

American Council of Learned Societies grant-in-aid, 1989

Charles Thomson Prize, OAH and the National Archives, "The War Within the Confederacy, White Unionists of North Carolina" (*Prologue*, 1986)

National Historical Records and Publications Commission documentary editing fellow, Freedom History Project, University of Maryland, College Park, 1981-82

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, King's Last Campaign (New York City: W.W. Norton, 2007), 640 pp.

Black Workers Remember: An Oral History of Segregation, Unionism, and the Freedom Struggle (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999), 402 pp.

Southern Labor and Black Civil Rights: Organizing Memphis Workers (Urbana: U. of Illinois Press, 1993), 364 pp.

"John Handcox and the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union: Narrative, Songs, and Poems in the African American Folk Tradition" (in manuscript); "John L. Handcox," sound recording, West Virginia University Press, 2004

"Martin Luther King's Unfinished Agenda: The Struggle for Economic Justice" (in manuscript)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES (*refereed journal)

* "The Labor and Civil Rights Movements at the Crossroads: Martin Luther King, Black Sanitation Workers, and the Memphis Sanitation Strike," West Tennessee Historical Society Papers (2004), 18-34

"The Power of Remembering: Black Factory Workers and Union Organizing in the Jim Crow Era," Eds. Charles Payne and Adam Green, Time Longer Than Rope: A Century of African American Activism, 1850-1950. New York University Press, 2003, 302-335

"Operation Dixie: Racism and the Red Scare in the Defeat of Post-war Southern Labor," Eds. William Issel, Robert W. Cherny and Kieran Taylor, Labor and the Cold War at the Grassroots: Unions, Politics, and Postwar American Political Culture. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 216-244

"Martin Luther King, Jr., the Crisis of the Black Working Class, and the Memphis Sanitation Strike." Reprinted in Eileen Boris and Nelson Lichtenstein, Major Problems in the History of American Workers (Houghton Mifflin, 2003), 420-430. Originally published in, Southern Labor in Transition Ed. Robert Zieger. University of Tennessee Press, 1997, 147-175.

* "Racism, Organized Labor and the Black Freedom Struggle," Contours, A Journal of the African Diaspora (Spring 2003) 1:1: 57-81

* "Anti-Racism, Black Workers, and Southern Labor Organizing: Historical Notes on a Continuing Struggle," Labor Studies Journal 25:1 (Spring 2000): 10-26

"Black Workers Remember," Working USA, The Journal of Labor and Society (January-February 2000): 66-92.

"Class, Race and Power in the New South." Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and Its Legacy. Eds. Timothy Tyson and David Cecelski. University of North Carolina Press, 1998, 163-184.

"Doing Public History at the National Civil Rights Museum." The Public Historian 17:1 (Winter 1995): 71-84.

* "Racism and the Labor Market in the American South: Memphis, Tennessee, in the Segregation Era," Racism and Power Relations in the Labour Market. Ed. Marcel van der Linden. Amsterdam: International Institute of Social History, 1994, 213-236.

"Black Workers Remember: Industrial Unionism in the Segregation Era." Race, Class, Community: New Directions in Southern Labor History. Eds. Gary M. Fink and Merl E. Reed. Tuscaloosa, 1994, 121-140.

*"Operation Dixie: Labor and Civil Rights in the Postwar South." Mississippi Quarterly 45(4): 439-452

"Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Trade Unionists in the Jim Crow Era." Labor's Heritage, January 1992 4(1): 50-68

"Industrial Unionism and Racial Justice in Memphis." Organized Labor in the Twentieth Century South. Ed. Robert Zieger. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1991, 135-158

"Labor, the Left, and Civil Rights in Memphis, Tennessee, 1935-1955." Anti-Communism, The Politics of Manipulation. Ed. Judith Joel and Gerald Erickson. Minneapolis: MEP Publications, 1987, 57-86

"Gender, Race, and Labor Department Policies." Monthly Labor Review February 1988 111(2): 26-36

*"Labor Leadership and Civil Rights in the South: A Case Study." Studies in History and Politics. Quebec: Bishop's University, 1986. Vol. VI: 97-120

*"The Popular Front in the American South: The View from Memphis." International Labor and Working Class History 1986(30): 44-58

"Impeachment: Congress as the Court of Last Resort." Milestone Documents in the National Archives. National Archives, 1987, 20 pp.

*"The War Within the Confederacy: The White Unionists of North Carolina, 1861-1865." Prologue, Journal of the National Archives. (August 1986): 75-93.

"The Labor Movement and Racism in the South: An Historical Overview." Racism and the Denial of Human Rights: Beyond Ethnicity. Eds. M. Berlowitz and R. Edari. Minneapolis: MEP, 1983, 77-96 (American Educational Studies Assn. Outstanding Recent Book)

"John Mitchell and the Richmond Planet, 1885-1900: One view of Black Life and Culture During the Nadir." Potomac Review 1981 21: 28-38

DOCUMENTARY WRITING, INDEXING, AND SELECTION:

Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-67, Ira Berlin, et. al. Cambridge University Press, 1985

Freedom: The Black Military Experience, Berlin et. al. Cambridge, 1982 (Winner of the American Historical Association's Franklin Jameson Prize.)

BOOK REVIEWS

Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas **Women and the Black Freedom Movement in Durham, North Carolina**, by Christina Greene, and **Storming Caesar's Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty**, by Anelise Orleck, forthcoming 2007

Journal of American History **Red Seas: Ferdinand Smith and Radical Black Sailors in the United States and Jamaica** by Gerald Home June 2006: 238-239

Journal of Southern History **Black Workers' Struggle for Equality in Birmingham** by Horace Huntley and David Montgomery, eds. 2006

Urban Affairs Review **Race, Power, and Political Emergence in Memphis** by Sharond D. Wright, 2005 41(2): 260-262

Monthly Review **Subversive Southerner, Anne Braden and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Cold War South** by Catherine Fosl, 2003

Journal of Southern History **The Color of the Law: Race, Violence, and Justice in the Post-World War II South** by Gail Williams-O'Brien 2002 68(1): 228-229

Journal of American History **Taking History to Heart** by James Green, 2001 88(3): 1173

Georgia Historical Quarterly **Killing the Dream: James Earl Ray and the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.** Gerald Posner 1999 83(1): 199-201.

Journal of Southern History **The Making of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement** Brian Ward and Tony Badger, 1998 64(4): 782-783

American Historical Review **To Joy My Freedom: Southern Black, Women's Lives and Labor after the Civil War** by Tera Hunter 1998 103(5): 1702

Journal of Southern History **The CIO 1935-1955** by Robert Zieger 1997 63(1): 197-199

Pacific Northwest Quarterly **The Forging of a Black Community: Seattle's Central District from 1870 through the Civil Rights Era** by Quintard Taylor 1996 87(2): 94-95

Peace & Change **And Gently He Shall Lead Them: Robert Parris Moses and Civil Rights in Mississippi** by Eric R. Bumer April 1996 21(2): 252-257

Pacific Northwest Quarterly **Black San Francisco: The Struggle for Racial Equality in the West, 1900-1954** by Albert Broussard 1995 86(2): 98-99

***Western Historical Quarterly* Purchasing Power: Consumer Organizing, Gender, and the Seattle Labor Movement, 1919-1929 by Dana Frank, Spring 1995 26(1): 92-93**

American Historical Review **Conflict of Interest: Organized Labor in the South** by Alan Draper 1995 100(5): 1725

Journal of American History **Making of Western Labor Radicalism** by David Brundage 1995 82(3): 1247

Georgia Historical Quarterly **Essays on the American Civil Rights Movement** Eds. W.

Marvin Dulaney and Kathleen Underwood 1994 78(2): 440-442

Journal of American History **New Directions in Civil Rights Studies** Eds. Armstead L.

Robinson and Patricia Sullivan 79(Dec. 1992): 1238-1239

Journal of Interdisciplinary History **Farewell-We're Good and Gone: The Great Black**

Migration by Carol Marks 22 (Wint 1992): 538-540

Journal of American History **The Question of Discrimination: Racial Inequality in the U.S. Labor Market** by Steve Shulman and William Darity 77(Mar 1991): 1439-1440

Labor History **The Crisis of American Labor: Operation Dixie and the Defeat of the CIO** by Griffith 31(Summer 1990): 373-378

Journal of American History **Violence in the Model City: Cavanaugh Administration, Race Relations and the Detroit Riot of 1967** by Sydney Fine 77(June 1990): 369-370

International and Labor Working Class History **Selling of the South: The Southern Crusade for Industrial Development, 1936-1980** by James C. Cobb (Fall 1984):114-116

Maryland Historian **Victims: A True Story of Civil War** by Philip Paludan (Spr-Sum 1982): 75-77

Science and Society **A Right to the Land: Essays on the Freedman's Community** by Edward Magdol (Summer 1981): 248-251

Science and Society **Black Ethos: Urban Negro Life and Thought in the North** David Gordon Nielsen (Winter 1979)

SHORT ACADEMIC ESSAYS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"An OAH Distinguished Lecturer's Perspective," OAH Newsletter May 2006

"Memphis Sanitation Strike (1968)," with Steve Estes, in Eric

Arnesen, ed., Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History. New York: Routledge, 2006

"The OAH in Memphis, Thirty-five Years Since King," OAH Newsletter February 2003

"Which Side Are You On?" with Mark Jackson, in Encyclopedia of the Great Depression. Editor in Chief, Robert S. McElvaine. Macmillan Reference USA, 2 volumes, 2004

"Bushmaster Rap: Poem," in New Labor Forum Summer 2003 12:2, 84-87

"On the Campaign to Free the Charleston Five," an interview with Ken Riley, in Social Policy Winter 2001/2002 (32:3): 26-28

"The Segregation Era," in Encyclopedia of American Studies. Editor Johnella Butler, Grolier's, 2000

"The AFL-CIO," Civil Rights in the United States: An Encyclopedia. New York: Macmillan, 2000. Waldo E. Martin, Jr. and Patricia A. Sullivan, co-editors

"Thirty Years Since Memphis," Southern Changes (1997): 26-29

"Twenty-Five Years Since King: The National Civil Rights Museum," OAH Newsletter February 1993: 3-4

"The Memphis Sanitation Strike," The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture (Nashville: Rutledge Hill Press, 1998). Ed. Carroll Van West, ed., 615-616

"Braden, Carl and Anne," Encyclopedia of the American Left (New York: Garland, 1990). Eds. Mari Jo Buhle, Paul Buhle, Dan Georgakas, 103-105

"Symposium: What is Happening to U.S. Labor?" New Politics, III: 4 Winter 1992: 164-67

"The Legacy of SNCC," OAH Newsletter February 1989 17(1): 6-7

"Promoting Labor's Heritage of Solidarity: The Great Labor Arts Exchange" International Labor and Working Class History 1989(36):90-92

SELECTED MASS MEDIA ARTICLES:

"A Dream Deferred," The Nation, May 3, 2004, special issue on Brown V. Board of Education, edited by Eric Foner

"A Soldier's duty: Say No to illegal war," Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 16, 2006;
"Chasing the Dream: Coretta Scott King honored MLK's legacy by taking up the fight

against the oppressive forces of racism and militarism,” Sunday Opinion, Seattle Times, April 2, 2006; “Labor rights on the front line,” Tacoma News Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003; “What would King say about Iraq war?”, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Jan. 17, 2003. More than a score of other newspaper features and op-ed pieces, 1991-2006: Tacoma News Tribune, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Sing Out! The Folk Song Magazine, Southern Exposure (Durham, N.C.), Labor Notes (Detroit), and newsletter articles, Building Bridges (University of Washington Harry Bridges Center)

SELECTED AND RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND COMMENTS:

Keynote address, conference on Jack O’Dell, Simon Frasier University, Vancouver, BC, June 2006

Keynote address, Southern Literary Association, Birmingham, Ala., April 2, 2006

Keynote address, Oral History Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, Oct., 2004

Organization of American Historians: papers, chair, and comments, conferences at various locations, 2006, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1990, 1987

Keynote address, Youngstown State Conference on Working-Class Studies, May 2003

American Historical Association, comments, Seattle, 1998

St. Antony’s College Conference on Race and Labour, paper, Oxford, England, 1997

International Institute on Social History Conference on Racism and the Labor Market, paper, University of Leiden, the Netherlands, 1991

Southwest Labor Studies Association: May, 2006, Santa Barbara, 1999, Long Beach, 2000, papers, and San Francisco, keynote address, Santa Cruz, CA, 1994

University and College Labor Education Association, paper, Atlanta, 1999

North American Labor History Conference, papers, Detroit, 2003, 2002, 1999, 1996, 1992, 1987, 1985

Southern Labor Studies Conference, papers, Atlanta and Birmingham, 1993, 1991, 1983

University of Florida Institute on Organized Labor in the 20th Century South, paper, Gainesville, 1989

Southern Historical Association conference, papers, various locations, 1999, 1997, 1988

Midwest Marxist Scholars Conference, papers, Milwaukee and Madison, 1981, 1983

Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, papers and comments, 2006 (Olympia), 2005 (Vancouver, B.C.) 2003 (Seattle), 2000 (Tacoma)

Initiated, organized and gave concluding speech at the National Civil Rights Museum, "Twenty-Five Years Since King: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going?," Memphis April 2-4, 1993. With Julian Bond and Linda Reed

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Worker Justice in a Global Society: Revisiting Martin Luther King's Unfinished Agenda," Ben Hooks Institute, University of Memphis, April 3, 2006

Distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians: University of Illinois Center for Democracy in a Multi-Cultural Society, Urbana, Il., October 12, 2003; Alumnus of the Year, History Department, Northern Illinois University, October 13, 2003, DeKalb, Il.; Oakland University, Rochester, Mi., February, 2006.

Other selected invited public lectures: Conference on the future of progressive politics, New York City, Dec. 2005; Conference on the future of the labor movement, City College of New York Center for Labor Studies, Dec. 2004; luncheon speaker for LAWCHA at the OAH, April 5, 2003, Memphis conference; UC-Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law and La Raza Law Journal conference, "Changing Face of Labor," Feb. 23, 2001; Reed College, Oregon, 1999; the Wolfsonian Art Museum, Miami, 1998; University of North Carolina Greensboro Martin Luther King Day address, Black Student Union, January 1996; History Dept., North Carolina State University, Raleigh, and North Carolina Central, Durham, both in February 1996; Tacoma Community College, 2003, 1993; Emory University History Dept., Atlanta, 1997 symposium on Honey's scholarship; University of Memphis, Center for Research on Women, 1996, 1994; Rhodes College in Memphis, History Dept., 1998, 1997; Stanford University, 2007, 1999, Martin Luther King Papers Project, 1990, and Black Student Union black history month event; Fannie Lou Hamer Institute NEH symposium for high school teachers, in Memphis, 2005, 2004, 2002; UCLA Center for Labor Studies, and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor guest lectures, February 1999; talks to Pacific Northwest Locals of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, , 2006-2000; convention address to the 32nd International Convention of the ILWU, San Francisco, May 2003; various public lectures at the Washington State History Museum, the University of Washington, Tacoma, and the University of Washington, Seattle, 1990-2006. Most recently, keynote address to Tahoma Progressive Media Conference, Oct. 7, 2006, Tacoma; A. Philip Randolph Institute, Tacoma banquet, Oct. 21, 2006; panel speaker, Race and Pedagogy National Conference, University of Puget Sound, Sept. 15, 2006, Tacoma; graduate school Grassroots Leadership Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, May 13, 2006; speaker in the International Glass Museum (Tacoma) series on poverty, June 6, 2004.

RECORDED VIDEO & MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

For Michael Honey's 16-minute film, *A Soldier's Duty?*, on Lt. Ehren Watada's challenge to President Bush's invasion and war in Iraq, see: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJ9sV3Nmwpq>

"Links on the Chain: Songs of the Labor and Civil Rights Movements," 1988, distributed by Labor Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.
www.laborheritage.org/catalog.html

Based on research funded by D.C. Council for the Humanities grant, partnering with various performers of the civil rights era, including David Sawyer, Bettie Mae Fikes, Jimmy Collier, Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir, Pete Seeger, and others, at various locations. Concert presentations included: Center for Democracy in a Multi-Cultural Society, University of Illinois Urbana, October 2003; at the Organization of American Historians in Los Angeles 1993, 2001; Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, April 2001; with Pete Seeger and others at the Northwest Folk Life Festival, Seattle, WA 1997; Northwest Folk Festival music of Woody Guthrie, May 2002; Washington State Labor Council annual meeting, Tacoma, 1995; Western States Conference, Portland, OR 1996; St. John's Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA 1997; People's Song Network, Durham, N.C., 1996; Stanford University, CA 1990; The Labor Center of Evergreen State College, 1989; University of Washington, Tacoma and Seattle, University of Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific University, Foss High School, Allen AME Church, St. John's Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA; Wesleyan University (Ct.), 1988; Conference on Racial Justice, Birmingham, honoring fifty years since the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, AL, 1990; George Meany Labor Studies Center, 1985, 1987; Wayne State University, Detroit, MD 1987; Smithsonian Museum of American History, Washington, D.C., 1986; American Association of University Professors Collective Bargaining Conference, Washington D.C. 1986.

Various public radio and television interviews, 1990-2006, including "Black Workers Remember," and an interview with Pete Seeger, both on National Humanities Center Soundings, National Public Radio, winter, 1996.

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

At the UW-Tacoma, founding faculty (1990) developed initial university curriculum, served on numerous faculty hiring and tenure and promotion committees, and peer reviews of teaching, 1990-2006; initiated and led the Center for the Study of Community and Society, and the Ernie Tanner Labor and Ethnic Studies Center; organized numerous public history programs. Holder of the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair of Labor Studies, University of Washington, 2000-2004, covering three campuses, organizing conferences, acting as a liaison between the Center and donors, writing newsletters and fund appeals, arranging publications and organizing public scholarly programs and curriculum projects. Advisor to: Tacoma Maritime Museum, the Tacoma Civil Rights History Project, the Tacoma African-American Museum,

International Glass Museum, Tacoma, UWT Black Student Union, Rhodes College (Memphis) Civil Rights Research Project, the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute, Jackson, Mississippi, the Center for African-American Women's Labor Studies, University of Maryland, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Stanford University.

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Executive board and sub-committee member, Labor and Working-Class History Association, 2000-2003; Vice-President 2005-07, and President-elect, 2007-09. Membership committee (2004-2006), program committee (2006) , and H.L. Mitchell book award committee (1998) for the Southern Historical Association; local conference committee of the OAH, Memphis, 2003; program committee for the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, 1999, 2003; Liberty Legacy Award Committee of the OAH, 2003. Manuscript reviewer, University of North Carolina Press, University of Florida Press, University of Alabama Press, University of Washington Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Journal of Southern History, Journal of American History, and International Journal of Social History (Netherlands). Outside reviewer in promotion and tenure for the University of Washington, Duke University, Wayne State University, Texas A & M, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and Cornell University.

COURSES TAUGHT

**Labor and the Civil Rights Movement
Researching Social Movements
African-American, Labor and Protest Music in American History
Labor, Race, Gender and Poverty
Life and Thought: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Angela Davis
Early African-American History
The Segregation Era
The Black Freedom Movement in Historical Perspective
Labor on Film
Labor and Ethnicity
Vietnam and the 1960s
Industrialization and Reform
American Labor Since the Civil War
Doing Community History (Oral History)
Twentieth-Century Movements for Social Change
The Old South
Slavery, The Civil War, and Reconstruction
The South Since the Civil War
American History to 1865
American History, 1865 to the Present
The US Since World War II
In Spring 2006, received commendation from the UWT Chancellor's Office for high student evaluations, 4.6 overall on a 5 scale.**

REFERENCES:

Ira Berlin, University of Maryland, College Park; Johnella Butler, Provost, Spellman College; Clayborne Carson, Stanford University; Pete Daniel, Smithsonian Institution Museum of American History; Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina; Robin D.G. Kelley, University of Southern California; Robert Korstad, Duke University; Nelson Lichtenstein, University of California-Santa Barbara; David Montgomery, Yale University; David Roediger, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana