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Professional Experience

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver/Burnaby, British Columbia, Associate Professor of Urban Studies and History, July 2007-

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia. Associate Professor of History, September 2002 to July 2007.

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia. Assistant Professor of History, September 1997 to September 2002.

University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. Postdoctoral Fellow, Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies. Lecturer, History Department, September 1996-May 1997.

Education

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. M.A. (1991), Ph.D. (1996) in History

McGill University, Montréal, Québec. Honors B.A. in History, 1989

Publications

“Organizing the Ghetto: CORE, the Ford Foundation, and American Pluralism, 1967-1969,” Journal of Urban History, forthcoming November 2007.

“Supporting Global Sustainability by Rethinking the City,” Journal of Urban Technology, 14, no. 2 (2007): 3-13. (With Anthony Perl, Meg Holden, and Mark Roseland).

Black Politics in New Deal Atlanta (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002).

"The Politics of Exclusion: Wartime Industrialization, Civil Rights Mobilization, and Black Politics in Atlanta, Georgia, 1942-1946," The Second Wave: Southern Industrialization from the 1940s to the 1970s, ed. Philip Scranton (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2001), 43-80.

"Caught in 'No Man's Land': The Negro Cooperative Demonstration Service and the Ideology of Booker T. Washington, 1900-1918," Agricultural History 72, no. 2 (Winter 1998): 33-54.

Current and Recent Scholarly Projects:

Book Manuscript: "The Ford Foundation, Black Power, and Post-Civil Rights Racial Liberalism in New York City, 1965-1975"

Coeditor: special issue, "Rethinking the City to Support Global Sustainability" forthcoming in the Journal of Urban Technology, 14, no. 3 (2007).

Conference: Conference Convener and Organizer, "Thinking Through Action: Twentieth Century Social Movements and Their Legacy," June 2005, Simon Fraser University

Awards and Fellowships

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Aid to Workshops and Conferences in Canada Grant, 2005, \$20,000

Simon Fraser University Vice-President Academic Conference Grant, 2005, \$1,500

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grant, 2002-2005, \$52,150

University Publications Grant, Simon Fraser University, 2001, \$6,882

SSHRC One-Time Institutional Grant, 2000, \$7,000

President's Research Grant, Simon Fraser University, 1999, \$7,660

Wendy McDonald Endowed Faculty Fellowship, Simon Fraser University, 1997, \$5,000

Frederick Douglass Institute of African and African-American Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Rochester, 1996-1997

Richard Watson Instructorship, Department of History, Duke University, 1995

Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association, 1995

Academic Presentations

“Migration Histories.” Invited Plenary Commentator for “Refracting Pacific Canada: New Directions in Research on Race, Citizenship and Migration” Conference, University of British Columbia, March 16, 2007.

“Domesticating Development: The Ford Foundation and Establishment Multiculturalism, 1965-1975.” Paper delivered at the American Studies Association Conference, October 2006.

Paper Commentator, “New Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity in Latin America.” Simon Fraser University, March 18, 2005.

“‘How High is His Afro?’: The Ford Foundation, Black Leadership, and American Pluralism, 1965-1975,” Paper presented in the Simon Fraser University History Department Colloquium Series, February 2005.

“Organizing the Ghetto: The Ford Foundation, Black Power, and American Pluralism, 1965-1975,” Paper delivered at the Policy History Conference, Saint Louis, May 2004.

“Mountain Culture/Urban Culture: Vancouver’s North Shore Mountains as Borderland.’ North American Environmental History Conference, Victoria, April 2004.

Commentator for Panel, “Urban Strategies: Local Activism and the Civil Rights Movement,” at conference of the Organization of American Historians, Boston, March 2004.

“Sleeping With the Enemy: CORE and the Ford Foundation, 1967-1969,” Paper presented at the conference of the Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, April 2001.

"The Politics of Exclusion: Wartime Industrialization, Civil Rights Mobilization, and Notions of Black Citizenship in Atlanta, Georgia, 1942-1946," Paper Presented at North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, October 15-17, 1998.

The Politics of Exclusion: Wartime Industrialization, Civil Rights Mobilization, and the Creation of a Black Underclass in Atlanta, Georgia, 1942-1946. Paper Presented at The Second Wave: Southern Industrialization after World War II, Georgia Tech, June 4-7, 1998.

"'A Wheel Within a Wheel': Black Atlanta, New Deal Urban Development, and the Politics of Inclusion, 1933-1946." Paper presented at the Black History Workshop, University of Houston, March 12-15, 1998.

"The Politics of Exclusion: Public Housing, the Black Elite, and the Creation of an Underclass in New Deal Atlanta." Invited Talk to the History Department, University of British Columbia, November 13, 1997.

"The Politics of Inclusion: Contested Notions of Citizenship and Entitlement Among Atlanta's Black Reformers During the New Deal." Paper presented at the Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, 1997.

"A Laboratory for Citizenship: Public Housing and African-American Reform in Atlanta during the New Deal Era." Paper presented at the Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, 1995.

Community Presentations

Presenter at the "Symposium on Innovative Teaching," Simon Fraser University, May 2005.

"The Pleasures and Perils of Community Oral History," Oral History Conference sponsored by Centre for Labour Studies at Simon Fraser University, November 2002.

"Pleasures and Perils: How the City Defined Twentieth-Century Life," Presentation given in the SFU History Department's Legacies Lecture Series, February 25, 2000.

"'Ragtime' and American History," Lunch and Dinner Presentation to Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Regency Club, May 26 and 27, June 3, 1998.

Book Reviews

White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism, by Kevin Kruse, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005). Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine, 35, no. 1 (Fall 2006): 61-62.

Camden After the Fall: Decline and Renewal in a Post-Industrial City, by Howard Gillette, Jr., (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2005) Journal of American History, 93, no. 2 (2006): 614.

Black Power: Radical Politics and African-American Identity by Jeffrey O.G. Ogbar (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine, 34, no. 2 (Spring 2006): 68-69.

To Stand and Fight: The Struggle for Civil Rights in New York City (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003), Peace and Change, 30, no. 3 (2005).

The Origins of the African American Civil Rights Movement, 1865-1956 by Aimin Zhang, (New York: Routledge, 2002), Journal of American History, 2003 90(3): 1088-1089.

Carl B. Stokes and the Rise of Black Political Power by Leonard N. Moore (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2002), American Historical Review, 2003 108(2): 543-544..

Reconstructing the Dreamland: The Tulsa Riot of 1921, Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation by Alfred L. Brophy (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002) and A Covenant with Color: Race and Social Power in Brooklyn by Craig Steven Wilder (New York: Columbia University Press, 2000), Urban History Review/Revue d'histoire urbaine, 2003 31(2): 55-56..

Historical Roots of the Urban Crisis: African Americans in the Industrial City, 1900-1950, edited by Henry Louis Taylor, Jr. and Walter Hill (New York: Garland Publishing, 2000), Journal of American History, 2002 89(3): 1098-1099..

Leading the Race: The Transformation of the Black Elite in the Nation's Capital, 1880-1920 by Jacqueline Moore (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1999), Journal of American History, 2000 87(4): 1507-1508.

Alabama North: African-American Migrants, Community, and Working-Class Activism in Cleveland, 1915-1945 by Kimberley L. Phillips (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1999), Labour/Le Travail, 2001 (47): 240-242..

Race Against Empire: Black Americans and Anticolonialism, 1937-1957 by Penny Von Eschen, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1997), Labour/Le Travail, 1998 (42): 264-266.

University Service

Simon Fraser University

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 04-3 to present, 02-3 to 03-3

Sterling Prize Committee, 98-1 to 98-2

Faculty of Arts Employment Equity Committee, 01-3 to 02-2

Contributed to Centre for Teaching Orientation Guide "Making the Grade"2001

Simon Fraser University History Department

Chair of Undergraduate Studies Committee, 04-3 to present, 02-3 to 03-3

Chair of Working Environment Committee, 98-3 to 02-2

Member of Appointments Committee, 01-3 to 03-3

Member of Tenure and Promotion Committee, 04-3 to Present, 98-3 to 01-1

Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee, 01-3 to 02-3

Convenor of Graduate Student/Faculty Colloquia, 98-3 to 01-1

Simon Fraser University Program in Urban Studies

Urban Studies Steering Committee, 05-3 to present

Urban Studies Admissions Committee, 06-1

Urban Studies Tenure and Promotion Committee, 06-2 to Present

Service to the Academic Community

International Contributing Editor, Journal of American History, 2007-

Manuscript Reader, Cambridge University Press (2003), University of Georgia Press (2003, 2007), Canadian Journal of History (2005), BC Studies (2007).

Grant Assessor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2007

Media Interviews

Chronicle of Higher Education for Peter Monaghan's article, "New Views of the Black Panthers Paint Shades of Gray," March 2, 2007.