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EDUCATION

- 2009 – present University of Maryland, College Park. Ph.D. candidate in U.S. History
PhD expected May 2015; Special Field: Labor and Working Class History;
Minor: Global Interaction and Exchange
Dissertation Title: *Knocking on Labor's Door: Union Organizing and the Origins of the New Economic Divide (1968 -1985)*
Committee: Julie Greene (chair); David Freund; Robyn Muncy; David Sicilia; Sharon Harley
- 2013 M.A. University of Maryland, College Park, U.S. History
- 1990 B.A. Duke University, History, certificate in Women's Studies
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS: Academic Articles

- “‘A Sense of Possibility and a Belief in Collective Power’: A Labor Strategy Talk with Karen Nussbaum,” forthcoming in *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, (Fall, 2015)
- “Signing Up in the Shipyard: Organizing Newport News and Reinterpreting the 1970s,” *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, 10, No. 2 (Summer 2013): 31-53

PUBLICATIONS: Media Articles

- “Caution: Making a Living While Black,” *The Baltimore Sun*, September 1, 2014
- “Why Alt-Labor Groups Have Employers Mighty Worried,” *The American Prospect*, January 30, 2014
- “Detroit, Labor Day and a Hard Day's Night,” *The Hill's Congress Blog*, August 27, 2013
- “If Not Unions, Then What?” Opinion editorial in *Baltimore Sun*, January 29, 2013.
The piece also ran in the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer*, *New Haven Register*, the *Providence Journal*, *The Vindicator* (Youngstown, OH) and *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, IL)
- “VW Workers Not First Southern Auto Workers to Face Choice on Union,” *Facing South* / Institute for Southern Studies, February 12, 2014.
- “Making History from the Ground Up: Cynthia McKinney's 1996 Congressional Victory,” *Southern Exposure*, 25 (Spring / Summer 1997): 48-50.
- “Diary of an Organizer,” *Southern Exposure*, 22 (Spring, 1994): 36-40.
- “H2-B,” co-authored with Eric Bates, *Southern Exposure*, 20 (Spring 1992): 57-71.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Robert H. Zieger Prize for Best Essay, Southern Labor Studies Association for “The Cannon Mills Case: Out of the Southern Frying Pan, Into the Global Fire.”
- 2013 –2014 Dr. Mabel S. Spencer Award 2013-14, University of Maryland, Graduate School
- 2009 - 2014 Flagship Fellowship, University of Maryland, Graduate School flagship award
- 2014 ARHU Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Maryland
- 2014 Sam Fishman Travel Grant / Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University
- 2013 Schlesinger Library Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2013 Reed Fink Award in Southern Labor History, Georgia State University Archives
- 2013 University of Maryland History Department Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 2012 Hagley Museum and Library Exploratory Grant
- 2012 Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland History Department
- 2010 Farrell Award, University of Maryland History Department
- 2010 Union Plus Scholarship (Union Plus Foundation based on scholarship and social awareness)
- 2010 Beta Rho Chapter, Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship

PRESENTATIONS

- June, 2014 **Labor Research Action Network (LRAN) meeting, Washington, DC**
“The 1970s: Unearthing the Roots of Today’s Political Economy”
- April, 2014 **Organization of American Historians (OAH) meeting, Atlanta.**
“Fighting for Security and Respect: The Battle to Organize Unions in the 1970s”
- April 2014 **Georgia State University Department of History, Atlanta.**
“Knocking on Labor’s Door: Union Organizing and the Origins of the New Economic Divide”
- Jan., 2014 **American Historical Association (AHA) meeting, Washington, DC.**
“9to5: Pioneering a New Form of Labor Organizing”
- Sept., 2013 **Schlesinger Library archives, Harvard University, Boston.**
Public presentation on research on 9to5.
- July, 2013 **Economic Policy Institute, Washington, DC.**
“Organizing in the 1970s”.
- June, 2013 **Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, New York City**
“The Cannon Mills Case: Out of the Southern Frying Pan, Into the Global Fire”
- June, 2013 **AFL-CIO Union Summer interns, Washington, DC.**
“Occupy America: A History of the 99%”
- June, 2012 **Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.**
“Opportunities Created: Tobacco Leaf House Workers and their Unions in NC, (1945 – 1975)”
- April, 2011 **Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, Atlanta**
“Signing Up in the Shipyard: Organizing Newport News and Reinterpreting the 1970s.”

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2015 Pennsylvania State University, World Campus, Lecturer

Labor and Employment Relations, online course

2014 - 2015 Empire State College, SUNY, Adjunct Professor,

U.S. Labor History, online course. Teaching and course revision

2012 – 2013 National Labor College, Adjunct Professor

Living Labor History, National Labor College (Silver Spring, MD), hybrid online course

2010 – 2012 University of Maryland, Teaching Assistant

Responsible for running four sections of 20 students and grading for 80 students in each of the following classes:

- History 136: Moneyland, Business and American Culture; Dr. David Sicilia; Fall, 2012
- History/ Women's Studies 211: Love, Labor and Citizenship: History of Women in the US Since 1880; Dr. Robyn Muncy; Spring, 2012
- History 156: U.S. History to 1865; Dr. Ira Berlin; Fall, 2011
- History 289J: The History of the American Dream; Dr. Michael Ross; Spring, 2011
- History 156: U.S. History to 1865; Dr. Miles Bradbury; Fall, 2010

1998 – 2009 AFL-CIO Washington, DC

(2003-2009) AFL-CIO Director of Media Outreach

- Hired and directed staff of 12, including media outreach specialists, political communicators, fellows and administrative staff; oversaw the department's budget
- Oversaw and directed team to plan and implement the AFL-CIO's media strategy, including during 2004 and 2008 election cycles and in a union-movement wide effort to reform labor law
- Worked with top AFL-CIO officers and staff to plan and implement AFL-CIO initiatives
- Reviewed and edited and / or wrote all news releases, statements, talking points, officer media remarks and other materials for use with media
- Developed and conducted media trainings for AFL-CIO and affiliate officers and staff
- Wrote and placed more than 50 op-eds for AFL-CIO officers including in the *Washington Post*, *Detroit News*, *Boston Globe*, *Miami Herald*, *New York Daily News*, *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Cleveland Plain Dealer*
- Media outreach liaison with leaders and staff in international affiliate unions and state and local bodies
- Conceived of and implemented first-ever AFL-CIO media outreach fellowship program which recruited and trained young media professionals
- Campaigns included: Employee Free Choice Act; voter protection efforts; political program; immigration reform; equal pay; CEO Paywatch; Show Us the Jobs bus tour; worker safety and health; global justice and fair trade; international labor standards; health care; retirement security

(1998-2003) AFL-CIO Media Outreach Specialist

- Conceived of and directed media events based on natural and created news opportunities
- Staffed federation officers for news events and interviews
- Wrote news releases, background pieces, advisories, fact sheets and other news-related information

Employment continued

- Managed press conferences for the labor press corps, including during conventions
- Helped spearhead new campaign communications efforts for organizing
- Helped drive press work around the AFL-CIO's major change in its position on immigration
- Worked with global justice coalitions on media for rallies and events

1993 – 1997 ACTWU / UNITE Atlanta, GA
(Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union)

Southern Regional Communications Director (1996-1997)

- Campaign communications for organizing and contract campaigns
- Worked with local staff to plan and implement media events and strategies in textile, carpets, distribution centers, and sewing shops throughout the South; did extensive staff trainings and organized and planned rallies and media events
- Staffed Southern Regional Director for media work; wrote opinion editorials and talking points

ACTWU Union Organizer, International Union Staff (1993-1996)

- House called potential union members
- Worked with NLRB and union lawyers to gather facts and testimony for cases
- Drives included Tultex in Martinsville, VA; Springs Industries in Nashville, TN; Healthtex distribution center, Reidsville, NC; Fieldcrest-Cannon, Kannapolis, NC; Target Industries, Maclenny, FL

1992 – 1993 North Carolina Workplace Reform Mission

Founded and staffed this non-profit religious coalition on workplace safety following the Hamlet, North Carolina chicken processing plant fire

SERVICE

2011- ongoing Annual meeting committee of Labor Research and Activist Network (LRAN)
2014 – 2015 Planning and arrangements committee for the LAWCHA / Working-Class Studies Association 2015 meeting
2014 – 2015 Planning committee for the Southern Labor Studies Association / Center for the History of the New America 2015 conference
2011- 2013 Graduate Student Advisory Committee Member, LAWCHA
2012 – 2013 History Graduate Student Association representative to the Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center on Historical Studies, University of Maryland

Affiliations: Organization of American Historians (OAH), Association of American Historians (AHA), Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA), Southern Labor Studies Association (SLSA), United Association of Labor Educators (UALE), Labor Research Action Network (LRAN)

References available upon request