

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Assistant Professor of Government (Political Theory), 2025 – present

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows, 2022 – 2025

Faculty Associate, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, 2022 – 2025

THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Instructor of English / Senior Instructor of English (faculty appointments), 2015 – 2017

Assistant Director, Core Introduction to Literature Course, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., American Studies, 2017-2022

Dissertation: Jefferson's Map, Douglass's Territory: The Black Reconstruction of Enlightenment in America, 1773-1865

- Winner of Harvard's DeLancey K. Jay Prize for best work across the University "upon any subject relating to the history or development of constitutional government and free institutions in the United States or Great Britain or any other part of the English-speaking world at any period of history."
- Winner of Harvard's Helen Choate Bell Prize for best dissertation on any subject in American literature.

The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

M.A., English (concentration in rhetoric), 2010

Thesis: "Psychoanalysis, Liminality, and Optical Aberration: A Report on the Postmodern Urban Condition"

The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

B.S., English, 2009

Distinction: Outstanding Graduate in English

Minors: Philosophy, Japanese

BOOKS

American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism (Princeton University Press, October 2024; paperback edition in production for release in November 2026)

- Winner of the 2025 Book Award for the American Political Science Association's American Political Thought Organized Section ("Best Book in American Political Thought")
- Winner of the 2025 Society for U.S. Intellectual History Book Prize for "Best Book in

Intellectual History" (jointly with Aziz Rana's *The Constitutional Bind*)

- Winner of the 2025 Phillis Wheatley Book Award from the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage in three categories for "excellence in research, storytelling, and cultural impact."
- Winner of the 2025 International Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Book Award for Government/Politics
- Finalist for the 2025 Frederick Douglass Book Prize, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University
- Finalist for the 2026 da Vinci Eye Award, Eric Hoffer Project
- Named "One of the Best Black History Books of 2024" by the African American Intellectual History Society

Reviewed or featured in: [Publishers Weekly \(starred review\)](#), Choice (highly recommended), [Salon.com](#), Vox, [New York Times](#), [Political Theory](#), [Ethnic and Racial Studies](#), [American Literary History](#), [American Political Thought](#), [Journal of Southern History](#), [American Historical Review](#), [History of European Ideas](#)

Author Meets Critics Sessions:

2025 American Political Science Association in Vancouver, British Columbia

2025 Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Conference in London, England

Jefferson's Map, Douglass's Territory: The Black Reconstruction of Enlightenment in America, 1773-1865 (under contract with Princeton University Press)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"'The Wrong End of the Telescope': Anna Julia Cooper's Concrete Universalism" *Global Black Thought* Special Issue on Black Women's Intellectual History (in press)

"Saving Enlightenment: Jefferson's Bible, Douglass's Faith, and the Work of the Spirit" *Modern Intellectual History*, (2026): 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1479244326100572>.

"Racial Feudalism" *Modern Intellectual History* 21, no. 2 (June 2024): 296–327. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1479244324000015>.

"The Other Souls of Black Folk: George Washington Woodbey and the Spirit of Socialism" *American Political Thought* 12, no. 3 (Summer 2023): 319-356.

"The Fugitive Covenant: Reconstructing the Social Contract this Side of Paradise" *English Literary History* 90, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 273-308.

"Well-Wrought Black Thought: Speculative Realism and the Specter of Race" *New Literary History* 53, no. 3 (Summer 2022): 441-462.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Revolutionary Conservatism: Duty, Tradition, and Country in Ann Plato's Antebellum Republic," *The Cambridge History of Black Women in the United States: Volume 2—Bondage and*

Resistance. Nikki Taylor and Crystal Webster, eds. (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

"Racial Feudalism, Black Liberalism, and the American Enlightenment," *Enlightenment on Trial*, Susan Neiman, ed. (DeGruyter, forthcoming)

"A Higher Patriotism: Duty and Directionality in Early Black America," *Freedom, Race, and Slavery in the American Revolution*, Jake Ruddiman, ed. (University of Virginia Press, commissioned)

"Slavery and Abolitionism in American Political Thought," *Oxford Handbook of Nineteenth-Century Political Thought*. Richard Boyd, Aurelian Craiutu, Christine Dunn Henderson, and Jeremy Jennings, eds. (Oxford University Press, commissioned)

"Maria W. Stewart and the Black Liberal Tradition," *Silent No Longer: The Life and Ideas of Maria W. Stewart*. Keisha N. Blain and Kristin Waters, eds. (Beacon Press, commissioned)

BOOK REVIEWS & SYMPOSIA

"Back to Africa: Revisiting the Permanence of Racism," Symposium on John Harpham, *Intellectual Origins of American Slavery: English Ideas in the Early Modern Atlantic World* (Harvard University Press, 2025). *American Political Thought*, forthcoming.

Review of Phil Yaure's *Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass's Abolitionist Republicanism* (Oxford University Press, 2025), *American Political Thought*, forthcoming.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Chapters

Amerika: een historische atlas (Updated Dutch edition of *America: The Atlas* (Uitgeverij Noordboek, 2026)

America: The Atlas (The Smithsonian/Thunder Bay Press, 2023)

Chapters contributed:

- "Introduction"
- "Preserving the Nation: 1900-1930"
- "The Depression Era: 1930-1950"
- "Questions of Progress: 1950-present"

Essays

"Up from Feudalism: The Black American Liberal Tradition," Princeton University Press Ideas (Oct 3, 2024).

<https://press.princeton.edu/ideas/up-from-feudalism-the-black-american-liberal-tradition>

"Dark Testament," *Booklist*, American Library Association, in print and online (Feb 1, 2022).

<https://www.booklistonline.com/Writers-Readers-Dark-Testament/pid=9759182>

ACADEMIC PRIZES, AWARDS, & HONORS

- 2025 Best Book in American Political Thought Award, American Political Science Association's American Political Thought Organized Section
- 2025 Best Book in Intellectual History Prize, Society for U.S. Intellectual History
- 2025 Phillis Wheatley Book Award, Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage
- 2025 International Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Book Award for Government/Politics
- 2022 DeLancey K. Jay Dissertation Prize, Harvard University
- 2022 Helen Choate Bell Dissertation Prize, Harvard University
- 2020 Special Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching in Extraordinary Times, Harvard University
- 2019 Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University
- 2017 Outstanding Academy Educator Award, United States Air Force Academy
(awarded annually to twenty-four of the institution's nearly six hundred educators)
- 2016 Outstanding Research Award, Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy
- 2016 Outstanding Instructor Award, Introduction to Literature Course, Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy
- 2015 Distinguished New Faculty Award, Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026 Jack Miller Center Fellowship in American Political Thought
- 2025 Provost's Faculty Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Dartmouth College
- 2020 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- 2020 José María Castañé Visiting Fellowship in 20th-Century History, Houghton Library, Harvard University
- 2018 Graduate Society Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2017 Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University

2017 Pat Tillman Foundation Graduate Scholarship

GRANTS

2026 Ethics Institute Faculty Research Grant, Dartmouth College

2025 American Political Science Association Summer Centennial Center Research Grant

2025 Walter and Constance Burke Junior Faculty Research Award, Dartmouth College

2021 Collective Imagination for Spatial Justice Grant, The New England Foundation for the Arts

2020 Documentary Film Production Grant (\$15,000), City of Somerville Arts Council

2020 Socrates Scholarship, The Aspen Institute

2018 Research Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

2017 Research Grant, United States Air Force Academy Division of Humanities and Social Sciences (for Toni Morrison Papers at Princeton University)

2017 Mellon Grant, "Beyond Black and Blue: Race and the Future of Civil-Military Relations," Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

2017 Marshall Fishwick Research Grant, Archives of African American Music and Culture, Indiana University Bloomington, Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Endowment

2016 Research Grant, Ray and Pat Browne Library and Archives, Bowling Green State University

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

2021 Powderhouse Award for Distinguished Service to Greater Somerville, Somerville, MA Chamber of Commerce

2020 Community Service Award, City of Somerville Museum

2020 "Salute to Service" Honoree, National Football League

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

"Race, Patriotism, and the Early Black American Enlightenment Tradition," American History Seminar, **University of Cambridge**, United Kingdom, March 2027

"Race, Patriotism, and the Early Black American Enlightenment Tradition," American History Research Seminar, Rothermere American Institute, **University of Oxford**, United Kingdom, March 2027

"Captured Flags: A Critique of Patriot Culture," **University of Amsterdam**, Netherlands, March

2027

"Race, Patriotism, and the Early Black American Enlightenment Tradition," Higher Seminar at the Department of the History of Ideas, **Uppsala University**, Sweden, February 2027

"Captured Flags: A Critique of Patriot Culture," **Uppsala University**, Sweden, February 2027

"Captured Flags: A Critique of Patriot Culture," **University of Toronto**, Canada, February 2027

"Captured Flags: A Critique of Patriot Culture," Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, **University of Missouri**, Columbia, MO, January 2027

"Feudalism, Patriotism, and the Early Black American Enlightenment Tradition," **Duke University**, Durham, NC, December 2026

"Feudalism, Patriotism, and the Early Black American Enlightenment Tradition," **University of Vermont**, Burlington, VT, October 2026

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," **Lux Veritatis Endowed Lecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL, September 2026

"A Higher Patriotism: Duty and Directionality in Early Black America," History Workshop Series, **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL, September 2026

"Pledged Allegiance: The Temporality of Duty in Early Black America," **Towson University**, Towson, MD, September 2026

"The Art of the Possible: Prudential Politics and the Future of Black Liberalism," **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC, March 2026

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," Keynote Address, **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 2026

"After Enlightenment, Before Citizenship: Time and Duty in Early Black America," Early Modern Afro-British Political Thought Conference, **Folger Shakespeare Library**, Washington, DC, February 2026

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Workshop in Social and Political Theory, Cambridge, MA, November 2025

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," Graduate Seminar Discussion (remote), **Villanova University**, May 2025

"Regional Patriotism: John Swanson Jacobs and the Politics of Disunion," Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Democracy Project, **Brown University**, Providence, RI, April 2025

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," **California Institute of Technology**, Pasadena, CA, April 2025

“Can Black Liberalism Save US? The Case for Prudential Politics,” Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, **University of California, Berkeley**, CA, February 2025

“Dark Testament: A Century of Black Writers on Justice,” **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN, February 2025

“American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism,” **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN, February 2025

“American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism,” **Dartmouth Libraries**, Hanover, NH, February 2025

“Up from Feudalism: The Rise of Black American Liberal Tradition,” Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ, December 2024

“On Solidarity” (with Susan Neiman), **Goethe Institute / American Council on Germany**, New York, NY, October 2024

“On Constitutional Veneration & Aziz Rana’s *The Constitutional Bind*,” Program on Law and Political Economy, **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, October 2024

“Up from Feudalism: Frederick Douglass and the Black American Liberal Tradition,” **Frederick Douglass Honor Society**, Easton, MD, September 2024

“Last Exit Enlightenment? / Letzte Ausfahrt Aufklärung?,” **The Humboldt Forum, Berlin**, Germany, August 2024

“The Black American Enlightenment and its Critics,” **The Einstein Forum, Potsdam**, Germany, August 2024

“Liberalism and its Implications for Social Justice,” Liberalism for the 21st Century hosted by the **Institute for the Study of Modern Authoritarianism**, Washington, DC, July 2024.

“Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism,” Political Theory Colloquium, **Brown University**, Providence, RI, December 2023

“Frederick Douglass’s Childhood Philosophy,” **Frederick Douglass Week**, Rochester, NY, July 2023

“Racial Feudalism & The Black American Enlightenment,” Medieval and Early Modern Studies Lecture Series, **Assumption University**, Worcester, MA, March 2023

“Centering African American Narratives in the 18th and 19th Centuries” **Primary Source**, Watertown, MA, March 2022

“Race, Religion, and Black Political Thought in Antebellum New England” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, **Tufts University**, Medford, MA, February 2022

“Abolitionist Visions of ‘Jubilee’: Past and Present” **Central Square Congregational Church**, Bridgewater, MA, January 2022

“Thomas Jefferson, Maria Stewart, and the Specter of Racial Slavery in America,” **Cary Lecture Series Centennial Address**, Lexington, MA, October 2021

“David Walker's Neighbors: The Black Reconstruction of Enlightenment in New England,” **Symposium on Race & Slavery in New England (1700-1870)**, Newburyport, MA, October 2021

“Frederick Douglass’s Childhood Philosophy,” **Frederick Douglass Honor Society**, Easton, MD, September 2021. Invited lecture and discussion with David Blight.

“A Century of Black Writing on Justice from Francis Harper to Pauli Murray,” **American Writers Museum, Chicago**, IL, August 2021

“What to US is the 4th of July?: Frederick Douglass and the Future of America,” **Somerville Museum**, Somerville, MA, July 2021

“Beyond Demonstration: Alternative Forms of Protest and the Lessons of Martin Luther King Jr.” **Somerville Human Rights Commission**, Somerville, MA, January 2021

“The History and Legacy of Frederick Douglass,” **Frederick Douglass Honor Society**, Easton, MD, September 2020. Invited discussion with John Stauffer.

“Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Racial Justice,” **Somerville Museum**, Somerville, MA, July 2020. Project scholar & keynote speaker.

“The 5th of July: Jefferson, Douglass, and the Definition of Freedom,” **Somerville Museum**, Somerville, MA, June 2019. Project scholar & keynote speaker.

“The Postbellum Writings of Frederick Douglass,” **American Writers Museum**, Chicago, IL, June 2018.

“Black Box, White Space: Tracing the Future of Race in the Academy,” **Colorado College**, Colorado Springs, CO, April 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Race, Nation, and Sovereignty in Black Political Thought, Fall 2026

Black Conservatism in Context: An Intellectual History, Spring 2026

Black Patriotism in America: Politics, Philosophy, and History, Fall 2025

HEAD TEACHING FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The U.S. Civil War from Nat Turner to *Birth of a Nation*, Spring 2020

TEACHING FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Question of Conscientious Citizenship, Spring 2020

Race, Coloniality and Catastrophe, Fall 2019

Introduction to Harvard History, Fall 2019

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

Literature, History, and Philosophy Seminar

What Hath We Wrought?: Race, Difference and Monstrosity from *Frankenstein* to *Native Son*, Spring 2017

Introduction to Literature

Erasure of the Human, Spring 2017

Reading Against Authority: Law, Interpretation and the State of Exception, Fall 2016

Fractured State/s: Invisibility, Alienation, and the Constitution of Action, Spring 2016

Literature, Justice and Judgment, Fall 2015

Introduction to Composition and Research

Introduction to Composition and Research, Fall 2015

Introduction to Composition and Research, Spring 2015

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

"Burn the Flag?: The Case against Patriot Culture," American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2026

"Pledged Allegiance: Black Enlightenment Visions of Duty in Revolutionary America," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2026

"A Higher Patriotism: Duty and Directionality in Early Black America," Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 2026

"Beyond 'American Feudalism': Perspectives from the Black Enlightenment Tradition," American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 2026

"Author Meets Critics for *American Dark Age*" American Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, September 2025 [Participants: Bryan Garsten, Nicholas Buccola & Susan McWilliams Barndt]

"Contesting Racial Capitalism, Imperialism, and Fascism (Roundtable)," American Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, September 2025

"Between Patriotism and Self-Regard: Sourcing Toni Morrison's Liberal Imagination," Toni Morrison: Literature and Public Life Symposium, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, September

2025

"Can Black Liberalism Save US?: The Case for Prudential Politics," Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society, King's College London, United Kingdom, July 2025

"Author Meets Critics for *American Dark Age*," Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society, King's College London, United Kingdom, July 2025 [Participants: Juliet Hooker & Jennie Ikuta]

"Matters of Faith: Democratic Insights from the Spiritual Discourse of Black Modernity," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, July 2025

"Race, Authorship, and Identity: The Liberal Promise of Black Life-Writing" Unshackled Lives: American Biographies of Enslavement and Liberation Conference, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, May 2025

"Political Afterlives: The Enlightenment Liberal Legacies of Antebellum Black Women," African American Intellectual History Society, Providence, RI, March 2025

"Jefferson's Bible, Douglass's Faith: The Spiritual Discourse of Black Modernity" Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Boston, MA, November 2024

"Jefferson's Bible, Douglass's Faith: The Spiritual Discourse of Black Modernity" The Association for Political Theory, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, November 2024

"Jefferson's Bible, Douglass's Faith: The Spiritual Discourse of Black Modernity" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024

"Jefferson's Map, Douglass's Territory: The Black Reconstruction of Enlightenment in America" Harvard Safra Center for Ethics Book Manuscript Seminar, Cambridge, MA, February 2024

"Why am I Black?: Frederick Douglass, Charles Mills, and the Case for Identity-Aware Liberalism," The Association for Political Theory, Schenectady, NY, October 2023

"American Dark Age," African American History Seminar Series, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, September 2023

"Why am I Black?: Frederick Douglass, Charles Mills, and the Case for Identity-Aware Liberalism," Social Philosophy Workshop at Harvard Safra Center for Ethics, Cambridge, MA, April 2023

"Childhood and Catastrophe: The Genesis of Frederick Douglass's Critical Theory of Race," African American Intellectual History Society, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, March 2023

"American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism," Dartmouth Ethics Institute Book Manuscript Seminar, Hanover, NH, January 2023

"Frederick Douglass's Childhood Philosophy," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada, September 2022

- "Responding to the Present: Race, Pedagogy, and Public History," Massachusetts History Conference, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, June 2021
- "Dark Times: Toni Morrison's *Paradise* and the Paradox of Necrosovereignty," American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)
- "Remaking the City: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Possibilities of Civic Engagement," New England Museum Association, Arlington, MA, July 2020
- "Sacred or Secular?: Racial Capitalism and the Religious Roots of the Black Radical Tradition" Subversive Theories of the Political Conference, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, October 2018
- "Becoming Posthuman: Miscegenation, Gender, and Radical Intersubjectivity in *Invisible Man*" Ralph Ellison Society, American Literature Association, Boston, MA, May 2017
- "Inverted Colors: Teaching Citizenship and Race in *Paradise*" Toni Morrison Society Pedagogy Roundtable, American Literature Association, Boston, MA, May 2017
- "Harboring the Exception: Black Sovereignty and the Long Middle Passage of Toni Morrison's *Paradise*" MELUS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, April 2017
- "Mixed Messages: Revisiting the 'Glance' in Du Bois's *Souls*" Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, San Diego, CA, April 2017
- "Reading Black/male: *Native Son* and the Master's Signifier" Rhetoric Society of America, Atlanta, GA, May 2016
- "(Re)sounding Texts: Repetition, 'Rememory,' and Alternate Realities in Ralph Ellison and Richard Wright" Psychoanalysis and Freedom: An International Conference on Jacques Lacan, Colorado Springs, CO, April 2016
- "Invisible (L)inks: Aural Tradition and Ontological Design in *Invisible Man*" Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, Seattle, WA, March 2016
- "Rage Against the Machine: (Post)masters, Post Offices, and Post-traumatic Growth in Morrison's *Jazz*" Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, Santa Fe, NM, October 2015
- "Linear Transgressions: Derrida, Deleuze, and the De/Sign of the Sinusoid" Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN, May 2010
- "Peripheral Post-pedagogy: Critical Theory, Poststructuralism, and the Postmodern Classroom" New Directions in Critical Theory, The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, April 2010
- "(Experi)mental Paralogs" Research Network Forum, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, KY, March 2010

“Sustainability of the Other: The Globalization of Commodious Discourse” African Literature Association Conference, Tucson, AZ, March 2010

“The Serresian Parasite, Postmodernism, and Politics of Consumption” Southwest English Graduate Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2010

“Erasure Marks: (Re)Tracing the Presence of the Individual in Public Discourse” Interdisciplinary Intersections Graduate Student Conference, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, January 2010

MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS, DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTIONS & APPEARANCES

Historical Commentator, *Frederick Douglass: In Five Speeches*, HBO, 2022 (film nominated for a Primetime Emmy). <https://www.hbo.com/movies/frederick-douglass-in-five-speeches>

Advisor & Contributor, “Dare to Know: Prints and Drawings in the Age of Enlightenment” Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA, 2022. <https://harvardartmuseums.org/exhibitions/5995/dare-to-know-prints-and-drawings-in-the-age-of-enlightenment>

Lead Curator, “Dark Testament: A Century of Black Writers on Justice” American Writers Museum, Chicago, IL, 2022. <https://chicagodefender.com/contributions-of-black-writers-recognized-in-new-exhibit/>

Sole Curator, “Creating the Racial State: Politics, Culture, and Purity of Blood in Hitler’s Germany” Harvard University Houghton Library, Cambridge, MA, 2022. <https://library.harvard.edu/exhibits/creating-racial-state>

Executive Producer, “‘We Are Here Too’: Race, Art, and Community after COVID-19” Documentary film, 2022 <https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/117399>

- Film featured on the 10th Anniversary of “SR: Socially Relevant Film Festival,” New York City, NY, 2023.

Co-curator, “Frederick Douglass: Agitator” American Writers Museum, Chicago, IL, June 22, 2018 – June 9, 2019. *Chicago Review of Books* exhibition feature: <https://chireviewofbooks.com/2018/07/10/the-activist-legacy-of-frederick-douglass/>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-authored annotations for Norton Critical Edition of *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* with Joshua Bennett, 2021

Research assistant to Mayra Rivera for revising Harvard University’s Program on Ethnicity, Migration, and Rights, 2019

Exhibition Contributor, “Faith in the City,” Somerville Museum, 2019

Research assistant to Gregory Laski for *Untimely Democracy: The Politics of Racial Progress in American Literature after Slavery*, Oxford University Press, 2017

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer

University Presses

Oxford University Press

Princeton University Press

New York University Press

Journals

American Political Science Review

American Journal of Political Science

Political Theory

American Political Thought

Critical Philosophy of Race

Journal of the Early Republic

Journal18: A Journal of Eighteenth-Century Art and Culture

Community Literacy Journal

Editorial Boards

Journal of the Early Republic, 2026-2029

Scholarly Advisory Boards

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Scholarly Advisory Board, 2025-present

Professional Organization Leadership

Secretary & Treasurer, American Political Science Association's American Political Thought
Organized Section, 2025-present

Prize Selection Committees

Chair, 2027 Pauli Murray Prize Committee for Best Book in Black American History, African
American Intellectual History Society

Member, 2026 Lifetime Achievement Award, American Political Science Association's American
Political Thought Section

Member, 2026 Prize for Best Book in American Political Thought, American Political Thought
Section of the American Political Science Association

Member, 2026 Prize for Best Book in U.S. Intellectual History, Society for U.S. Intellectual History

Member, 2026 Pauli Murray Prize for Best Book in Black American History, African American
Intellectual History Society

Member, 2024 Best Dissertation Prize, American Political Thought section of the American
Political Science Association

Grant Selection Committees

Member, 2026 American Political Science Association Centennial Center Research Grants

Other Professional Organization Committees

Member, 2026 First Book Manuscript Workshop Selection Committee, The Association for Political Theory

Conference Organizing & Chairing

Organizer and Chair, Author Meets Critics Theme Panel for Brandon Terry's *Shattered Dreams: Infinite Hope: A Tragic Vision of the Civil Rights Movement*, American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2026

Panel Organizer, "Rebuilding American Democracy: Race, Freedom, and Futurity," American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2026

Panel Organizer, "New Directions Against Fascism, Illiberalism, and State Domination," Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society, King's College London, United Kingdom, July 2025

Panel Chair, "Slavery's Legacies" The Association for Political Theory, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, November 2024

Panel Organizer and Chair, "Miscegenation in the American Literary Imagination," Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, San Diego, CA, April 2017

Conference Organizer, "Beyond Black and Blue: Race and the Future of Civil-Military Relations," Mellon Symposium on Civilian-Military Academic Cooperation, Colorado Springs, CO, March 2017

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Dartmouth Ethics Institute's Faculty Advisory Board, Dartmouth College, 2025-present

Faculty Affiliate, Political Economy Project, Dartmouth College, 2025-present

Panelist, New Faculty Orientation to Teaching, Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning, Dartmouth College, August 2026

Moderator, "The [Un]conscious [Un]raveling of History: A Conversation with Annette Gordon-Reed," Montgomery Fellows Program, Dartmouth College, May 2026

Panelist, "Mentoring Talk: Professional Development & Navigating the Workplace," Men of Color Alliance, Dartmouth College, May 2026

Moderator, "Book Conversation with Brandon Terry for *Shattered Dreams, Infinite Hope: A Tragic Vision of the Civil Rights Movement*," Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College, May 2026

Respondent, Dartmouth Philosophy Book Event for Philip Yaure, *Seizing Citizenship: Frederick Douglass's Abolitionist Republicanism*, May 2026

Speaker, *American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of Black Liberalism* Book Reading, Dartmouth Institute for Black Intellectual and Cultural Life, April 2026

Chair, Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop Panel with Alison McQueen, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College, November 2025

Speaker, "Generative Research Development: Techniques, Ethics, & Possibilities," Grant Proposal Support Initiative, Dartmouth College, May 2025

Book Manuscript Reviewer and Respondent, *Confederate Infamy: The Proslavery Rebellion as Global Menace* by Robert Bonner, History Department Manuscript Review Workshop, Dartmouth College, July 2024

Moderator, "Book Conversation with Melvin Rogers for *The Darkened Light of Faith: Race, Democracy, and Freedom in African American Political Thought*," Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy, Dartmouth College, January 2024

Respondent, "Irony and the Politics of Pessimism in African American History and Theory" Philosophy, Social Thought, and Criticism in African American Studies, Harvard University, October 2020

Interviewee, Faculty training seminars on the best practices for remote instruction, Bok Center for Teaching Excellence, Harvard University, June 2020

Co-organizer, "Civil Disobedience: A Conversation on Rights, Liberties, and Protest," United States Air Force Academy, October 2016

Faculty Chair, "The Future of Flight" Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum, University of Colorado, 2016

Humanities representative, Academy Classroom Design and Technology Committee, United States Air Force Academy, 2015 – 2016

Academic Advisor, United States Air Force Academy, 2015 – 2016

Director of Budget & Resources (acquired institution's first \$461,000 digital humanities grant), Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy, 2015 – 2016

Faculty Co-director, Way of Life Committee (institution's largest minority student organization), United States Air Force Academy, 2015 – 2016

Member, Superintendent's speechwriting/publishing staff, United States Air Force Academy, 2015

Undergraduate Writing Center Tutor, United States Air Force Academy, 2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Panelist, "What's the Big Idea?" Student-Faculty Current Research Series, Dartmouth College, October 2025

Speaker, "Two Visions for America: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X" Guest Lecture for

Introduction to African American Studies, Harvard University, April 2022

Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor of English, Department of English & Fine Arts,
United States Air Force Academy, Fall 2016

Speaker, "Contextualizing (Toni Morrison's) *Paradise*" Departmental Talk at the United States Air
Force Academy, November 2016

Respondent, "*Macbett*: Ionesco's Bête Noir" Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air
Force Academy, September 2016

Organizer, "The Theory and Practice of Research" Faculty Speaker Series, Department of English &
Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy, Fall 2016

Speaker, "Annotations & ErasureMarks: Using Wordpress and the Google Suite in the Classroom"
Departmental Talk at the United States Air Force Academy, May 2016

Executive Officer, Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air Force Academy, Spring
2016 – Spring 2017

Assistant director of information technology, Department of English & Fine Arts, United States Air
Force Academy, 2015 – 2016

NATIONAL & LOCAL OUTREACH

Member, Museum of African American History 2028 Special Event Planning Committee, Boston,
MA, 2026-2028

Speaker, "Book Breaks with Keidrick Roy on *American Dark Age: Racial Feudalism and the Rise of
Black Liberalism*, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York, NY, August 2025

Speaker, Undergraduate Advisory Council Online Forum, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American
History, New York, NY, June 2025

Contributor, Digital Civics Learning Guide for Community College Students, Gilder Lehrman
Institute of American History, New York, NY, January 2023

Moderator, "Frederick Douglass: One Life," Frederick Douglass Week, Rochester, NY, July 2023.

Speaker, "Black History and Testament," The University of Chicago Association of Black Alumni,
Chicago, IL, Jan 2023

Narrator, "Life in Talbot County Through the Eyes of Frederick Douglass," Frederick Douglass
Honor Society, Easton, MD, September 2022

Speaker, "Remembering The Racial State," Harvard University Houghton Library, Cambridge, MA,
April 2022.

Panelist, Auschwitz Jewish Center American Service Academies Program, New York, NY, Jun

2021

Selection Committee, Pat Tillman Foundation Scholarship, Chicago, IL, May 2021

Moderator, "To Protect and Serve" Pat Tillman Foundation, Chicago, IL, August 2020

K-12 TEACHER EDUCATION SEMINARS

Seminar Leader, "The Harlem Renaissance," Teaching American History Program, Rankin County Schools (Brandon, MS), November 2026

RESEARCH ADVISING & MENTORING

Founder & Director, Civic Ideas Research Group, Dartmouth College

- Winter 2026-present, Margaret de la Fuente (Dartmouth '27)
- Winter 2026-present, Chiara Kimelia (Dartmouth '28)
- Winter 2026-present, Isabella Konecky (Dartmouth '28)
- Winter 2026-present, Hannah Tambor (Dartmouth '28)
- Spring 2026-present, Chimee Ejiogu (Dartmouth '28)
- Spring 2026-present, Reece Sharp (Dartmouth '28)
- Spring 2026-present, Tamia Kelly (Dartmouth '27)
- Spring 2026-present, Amelia Oscherwitz (Dartmouth '28)
- Spring 2026-present, Colin Jung (Dartmouth '28)

External Independent Study Supervision

Summer 2026, "The Social Contract Tradition," Ethan Bryant (Howard University '27)

OTHER ADVISORY POSITIONS

Carnegie Project Advisory Committee for Melvin Rogers's "Beyond Nostalgia and Despair: Storytelling and Polarization in American Democracy" (2026-2027)

American Writers Museum Board of Advisors for "American Prophets: Writers, Religion, and Culture" (2024-2025)

Somerville Museum Advisory Council (2023-2024)

Board of Directors, Somerville Media Center (2021)

Board of Trustees, Somerville Historical Society / Somerville Museum (2020 – 2021)

Center for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability Board, Golden West College (2017 – 2018)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

SELECTED NATIONAL INTERVIEWS

"New Books Network Podcast: American Dark Age," January 2026.

"How Pioneering Black Liberals Battled Thomas Jefferson's 'Dark Age'" *Salon.com*. Nov 10, 2024.

<https://www.salon.com/2024/11/10/how-pioneering-black-liberals-battled-slavery-and-the-american-dark-age/>

"The Author's Corner with Keidrick Roy" *Current*. Sep 25, 2024.

<https://currentpub.com/2024/09/25/the-authors-corner-with-keidrick-roy/>

"Salute to Service" *National Football League*, Nov 19-23, 2020.

<https://www.nfl.com/videos/emmitt-smith-surprises-u-s-air-force-veteran-with-video-call>.

National televised broadcast.

"Honors for Frederick Douglass in an Age of Racial Reckoning" *Public News Service*. Sep 25, 2020. Radio Interview.

"Frederick Douglass' Admonition on the Moral Rightness of Liberty for All" *CBS Sunday Morning*. Jul 5, 2020. Interviewed by Kelefa Sanneh of *The New Yorker*.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/frederick-douglass-admonition-on-the-moral-rightness-of-liberty-for-all/>. National televised interview.

"What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" *Harvard Gazette*, National & World Affairs Section, Jun 30, 2020. <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/06/reading-to-explore-the-resonance-of-douglass-famous-speech>. Interview.

"On America's Most Political Holiday, Clashing Visions Are Nothing New" *Christian Science Monitor*, July 2, 2020. <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2020/0702/On-America-s-most-political-holiday-clashing-visions-are-nothing-new>. News Story.

SELECTED REGIONAL & LOCAL INTERVIEWS AND STORIES

91.7 FM Conversation on *American Dark Age*, Mount Vernon, WA. May 2025. Radio Interview.

89.9 FM Conversation on *American Dark Age*, Madison, WI. February 2025. "Eight O'Clock Buzz" Radio Interview.

Conversation with Gerald Horne on *American Dark Age*. January 2025. "Freedom Now," KPFK-FM/Los Angeles. Radio Interview.

"Writers on the Wall" *The Chicago Reader*, Sep 29, 2022. <https://chicagoreader.com/news-politics/writers-on-the-wall-2/>. Interview & News Story.

"The artistic journeys of Somerville women of color during pandemic." *The Somerville Times*, Jun 22, 2022. <https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/117399>. News Story.

"Lexington speaker explores first African-American woman to deliver public political lecture." *Lexington Minuteman*. Oct 18, 2021. <https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/lexington-minuteman/2021/10/18/lexington-speaker-explore-political-thinkers-silenced-due-race/8473745002/>. Interview.

"Reading Frederick Douglass Together." *WBUR* (Boston's NPR Affiliate). Jul 1, 2021. Radio Interview.

"Somerville Museum Hosts Summer Discussion Series on Race and Antiracism" *Somerville Journal*, July 20, 2020. <https://somerville.wickedlocal.com/news/20200720/somerville-museum-hosts-summer-discussion-series-on-race-and-anti-racism>. Interview.

"Reading Frederick Douglass Together." *The Somerville Times*, Jul 8, 2020.

<https://www.thesomervilletimes.com/archives/101333>. News story.

PROFILES

"Feudal Shadows Over American Democracy." *Inside Arts and Sciences at Dartmouth*, Sep 3, 2025. <https://fas.dartmouth.edu/news/2025/09/feudal-shadows-over-american-democracy>.

"Aiming High." *Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, Feb 16, 2021. <https://gsas.harvard.edu/news/stories/aiming-high>.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATES

Teaching American History Faculty Colloquium, 2026
Teaching American History (in residence)

Digital Humanities Summer School, 2019
The University of Oxford (in residence)

Professional Certificate in Marketing & New Media, with distinction, 2013
The University of California, Los Angeles Extension

Professional Certificate in Copyediting, 2012
The University of California, Berkeley Extension

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Nuclear operations officer, United States Air Force, 2010-2014
Technical writer, Air Force nuclear operations procedures & scenarios, 2012

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Political Science

American Political Science Association
The Association for Political Theory
National Conference of Black Political Scientists
The Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society

History

American Historical Association
Society for U.S. Intellectual History
African American Intellectual History Society
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Biographers International Organization

Interdisciplinary

American Studies Association
Society for Black Military Studies
Society of Senior Ford Fellows (affiliate member)