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EMPLOYMENT

2015- Wayne V. Jones II Research Professorship in History
2011- Associate professor of History (with courtesy appointment in African American Studies), Northwestern University
2005-2011 Assistant professor of History, Northwestern University
2002-2004 Assistant editor, Freedmen and Southern Society Project, Univ. of Maryland, College Park
2001-2002 J.N.G. Finley Postdoctoral Fellow, History Department, George Mason University

EDUCATION

1998-2001 University of Michigan, Ph.D., American Culture, 2001
1997-1998 University of Michigan, Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies,
1994-1997 University of Michigan, M.A., American Culture, 1997
1989-1994 Brown University, A.B. with honors in Modern Culture & Media; History

POST-DOCTORAL AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2018-2019
- Faculty Fellowship, Alice Kaplan Institute for Humanities, Northwestern University, 2017-2018
- Andrews Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Research Institute, Harvard University, 2014-2015
- OAH Distinguished Lecturer, 2013-2016, 2016-
- Lincoln Prize Honorable Mention for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- Avery O. Craven Prize Honorable Mention for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title for *An Example for All the Land*, 2011
- John T. Hubbell Prize for best article in *Civil War History*, 2010
- ACLS/Ryskamp Fellowship, 2010-2011
- Binkley-Stephenson Award for Best Scholarly Article in the *Journal of American History*, Organization of American Historians, 2007
- Kluge Postdoctoral Fellowship, Library of Congress, 2004-2005
- J. Willard Hurst Summer Institute in Legal History, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2003
- J.N.G. Finley Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, George Mason University, 2001-2002

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Books and Articles

Introduction and republication, John E. Washington, *They Knew Lincoln*, 1942. Oxford University Press, 2018.

"The People's Welfare, Police Power, and the Rights of Free People of African Descent," *American Journal of Legal History*, 27 (2017): 238-42.

"'Color was a Bar to the Entrance': Race and Respectability in Lincoln's White House," *American Quarterly*, 69, no. 1 (March 2017): 1-22.

"Patronage and Protest in Kate Brown's Washington," *Journal of American History*, 99 (March 2013): 1047-1071.

An Example for All the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle over Equality in Washington, D.C., University of North Carolina Press, hardcover 2010, paperback 2012.

"The African American Delegation to Abraham Lincoln: A Reappraisal." *Civil War History*, 56, no. 2 (June 2010): 117-144.

"A Rare Phenomenon of Philological Vegetation": The Word "Contraband" and the Meanings of Emancipation in the United States, *Journal of American History*, 93, no. 4 (March 2007), 1050-1084.

- Reprinted in James Sabathne and Jason Stacy, *Past Forward: Articles from the Journal of American History*, vol. 2. Oxford University Press, 2016.

"Race and Nation: The United States in 'Our America,'" in "Teaching Radical History" section, *Radical History Review*, 89 (Spring 2004): 230-242.

Refereed Edited Books

Edited with Gregory P. Downs, *The World the Civil War Made*, University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

with René Hayden, Anthony E. Kaye, Steven F. Miller, Susan E. O'Donovan, Leslie S. Rowland, and Stephen A. West, *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867*, Series 3, Volume 2, *Land and Labor, 1866-1867*. University of North Carolina Press, 2013.

Journal Special Issue

Edited with Gregory P. Downs, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, vol. 7, no. 1 (March 2017).

- Special issue on Reconstruction featuring essays on teaching, historiography, public history, and new directions in the field.

Referred Book Chapters

"The Problem of Equality in the Age of Emancipation," in eds. David Blight and Jim Downs, *Beyond Emancipation*, University of Georgia Press, 2017.

Co-author with Gregory P. Downs, "Echoes of War: Rethinking Post-Civil War Governance and Politics," introduction to *The World the Civil War Made*, University of North Carolina Press, 2015.

"Emancipation and Reconstruction in Wartime Washington," in ed. Steven Engle, *Abraham Lincoln's Presidency and Civil War America*, University of Florida Press, 2015.

Solicited Essays

Co-author with Gregory P. Downs, "Reconstruction: Retrospect and Prospects," *Civil War Book Review* (summer 2015).

Co-author, organizer, and editor, "Eric Foner's *Reconstruction* at Twenty-Five," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 14 (Jan. 2015), 13-27.

Co-participant, "Historians' Forum: The Emancipation Proclamation," *Civil War History*, 59, no. 1 (March 2013), 7-31.

"Emancipation, Reconstruction, Redemption," chapter in Daniel Letwin, ed., *The American South: A Reader and Guide*, Edinburgh University Press, 2011.

"Civil, Political, and Social Equality: A Paradigm and a Problematic." *Marquette Law Review*, 93, no. 4 (2010), 1399-1406.

"The World the Abolitionists Made: Reconsidering the Domestic Slave Trade," review essay on Steven Deyle, *Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life* (2005), *Reviews in American History*, 33 (Dec. 2005), 518-526.

National Park Service

Co-author with Gregory P. Downs, *National Historic Landmark Theme Study on the Era of Reconstruction*, Eastern National Press, 2017.

Principal consultant and co-editor with Gregory P. Downs, *Reconstruction: The Official National Park Service Handbook*, Eastern National Press, 2016.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Lincoln Biography and National Reconciliation in the films *Birth of a Nation* and *Lincoln*," in Thomas S. Freeman and David Smith, eds. *Reel Lives: Biography on Film*, under contract with Palgrave (submitted)

"Urban Battlegrounds: Reconstruction in Southern Cities," Memphis Massacre volume, under contract with University of Georgia Press (submitted).

The Law of the Land: Race, Liberty, and Policing before the 14th Amendment, book length project in progress.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Newspaper and Magazine Articles

- “What African Americans Who Knew Lincoln Thought of Him,” *HNN*, Feb. 18, 2018 (Republished by *Time.com*, Feb. 20, 2018).
- “How One Amateur Historian Brought us the Stories of African-Americans Who Knew Abraham Lincoln,” *Smithsonian.com*, Feb. 20, 2018.
- with Eric Foner and Gregory P. Downs, “Why We Need a National Monument to Reconstruction, op-ed, *New York Times*, Dec. 14, 2016.
- with Gregory P. Downs, “Reckoning with Reconstruction,” Op-Ed, *Washington Post*, October 9, 2016.
- with Gregory P. Downs, “National Parks Should Open a Discussion about Reconstruction,” Room for Debate forum, *New York Times*, May 26, 2015.
- with Gregory P. Downs, “There’s No National Site Devoted to Reconstruction—Yet,” *Atlantic Online*, April 29, 2015.
- “New Year’s in the Lincoln White House,” Op-Ed, *Washington Post*, Jan. 2, 2015
- “Is *Lincoln* Liberal? Depends on What You Mean by ‘Liberal,’ and “For All Its Strengths, *Lincoln* Is Still a Comforting Fantasy,” contributions to online roundtable with Ta-Nehisi Coates, A.O. Scott, and Tony Horwitz, *Atlantic Online*, Dec. 4 and 7, 2012.
- “A Filmmaker’s Imagination, and a Historian’s,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Nov. 30, 2012
- “In Spielberg’s *Lincoln*, Passive Black Characters,” Op-Ed, *New York Times*, Nov. 12, 2012
- “A Capital Injustice,” Op-Ed on Political Rights in the District of Columbia, *New York Times*, March 29, 2011

Essays in *New York Times’s Disunion* Blog

- “A Separate Peace,” Aug. 17, 2012.
- “Freedom Comes to Washington,” April 16, 2012.
- “Washington’s Black Codes,” Dec. 7, 2011.
- “Slavery and Freedom at Bull Run,” July 27, 2011.

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Insurgent Citizens and Local Resistance,” Gilder Lehrman Institute Conference on *Disunion in Civil War America: Parallels for Today?*, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., Nov. 2017. [Broadcast on CSPAN]

“U.S. Grant and the Problem of Political Violence,” John Y. Simon Annual Lecture, Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, St. Louis, MO, October 2017.

Participant, Panel Discussion on the Fourteenth Amendment, *Reflections on the Impact of the Reconstruction Amendments*, Research Symposium sponsored by The Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University, Washington, D.C., March 2017.

“The Law of the Land: Liberty, Policing, and the Rights of Free African Americans in the Early American Republic,” American Bar Foundation Legal History Workshop, March 2017.

“Remembering America’s Second Founding: Reconstruction and Public History,” Virginia Center for

Civil War Studies, Virginia Tech University, Oct. 2016.

Roundtable, "The Fourteenth Amendment, the National Park Service, and America's Second Founding." Sponsored by the Constitutional Accountability Center, U.S. National Archives, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2016.

"'The Rights of Man Are Held of No Account': State Police Powers, the Anti-Slavery Movement, and Constitutional Change." Sewanee University Symposium on the 14th Amendment, Sept. 2016.

"Black Sailors and Citizenship in the Era of the Gag Rule." Center for Legislative Archives, National Archives, Washington, D.C., July 2016.

Roundtable, "Interpreting Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities," Reconstruction Era: History and Public Memory, Columbia, S.C., April 2016.

"Urban Battlegrounds: Reconstruction in Southern Cities," Memories of a Massacre Symposium, Memphis, Tenn., April 2016.

Roundtable, "The 13th Amendment at 150: Emancipation, America's Second Founding, and the Challenges That Remain." Sponsored by the National Constitution Center and the Center for Constitutional Accountability, US National Archives, Dec. 2015

"Police Powers, the Anti-Slavery Movement, and the Origins of the Fourteenth Amendment," American Cultures Colloquium, Northwestern University, Dec. 2015.

"Police Powers, the Anti-Slavery Movement, and the Origins of the Fourteenth Amendment," George M. Blackburn Endowed Lecture in the Civil War and Reconstruction, Central Michigan University, September 2015.

Moderated discussion with Washington Post reporter Krissah Thompson, Benjamin Drummond Emancipation Day Celebration, Washington, D.C., April 17, 2015

"Presumption of Guilt: Race, Liberty, and Policing in the Early Republic," *Slavery, Freedom, and the Remaking of American History, A Conference in Honor of Ira Berlin*, University of Maryland, April 9, 2015.

"The Law of the Land: Liberty, Policing, and the Rights of Free African Americans in the Early American Republic," Precirculated paper, Nineteenth-Century Seminar, Brown University, April 3, 2015.

"The Law of the Land: Liberty, Policing, and the Rights of Free African Americans in the Early American Republic," Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Harvard University, April 1, 2015.

"Liberty, Policing, and the Rights of Free African Americans in the Early American Republic," Brandeis University History Department, March 26, 2015.

"Color Was a Bar to the Entrance: Partygoing in Lincoln's White House," History and Literature Program, Harvard University, Feb. 12, 2015.

"Color Was a Bar to the Entrance: Partygoing in Lincoln's White House," U.S. Capitol Historical Society, Washington, D.C., Feb. 6, 2015.

"Remembering Reconstruction: Thoughts on the 150th Anniversary of the Most Misunderstood Era in American History," Bland-Lee Lecture, Clark University, Worcester, MA, Oct. 2014.

"Race and Equality in Lincoln's White House," Langston Lincoln Lecture, York College, York, PA, Sept. 2014.

Keynote Address, "Civil War Washington, D.C.: An Example for All the Land," *150th Anniversary Symposium*, Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., April 2014.

Plenary Address, "Remembering Reconstruction," *From Civil War to Civil Rights: Race, Region, and the Making of Public Memory*, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 2014.

"Personal and Political: William Slade and Elizabeth Keckly in Lincoln's White House," Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2014.

"Black Politics in Civil War Washington: What Spielberg's *Lincoln* Didn't Tell You," *Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Lecture*, Washington, D.C., Historical Studies Conference, Nov. 2013.

"Fugitive Slaves, Military Intelligence, and Civil Rights before the Emancipation Proclamation," Virginia Theological Seminary, Nov. 2013.

"Spielberg's *Lincoln* and the Roots of Reconstruction," Beloit College (OAH Distinguished Lecture), Sept. 2013; and Center for the Study of Slavery & Justice, Brown University, Nov. 2013.

"Freedom and Citizenship in Washington, D.C.," *Freedom Rising Symposium*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., May 2013.

"Abraham Lincoln and Black Politics in Washington," *Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency*, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., Feb. 2013

"The Problem of Equality in the Age of Emancipation," Guest seminar, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt Univ., Jan. 2013.

"Fugitive Slaves, Military Intelligence, and Civil Rights before the Emancipation Proclamation," *Emancipation Proclamation at 150* Panel, American Historical Association meeting, New Orleans, La., Jan. 2013.

"Fugitive Slaves, Military Intelligence, and Civil Rights before the Emancipation Proclamation," *Proclaiming Emancipation* Conference, University of Michigan, Oct. 2012.

"Images of 'Contrabands' and Ideas about Emancipation in the Civil War North," Symposium on the *Possibilities and Limits of Black Freedom in the Nineteenth Century*, Marquette Univ., Milwaukee, Oct. 2012.

"Runaway Slaves and the Origins of Emancipation in Washington, D.C.," Inaugural Emancipation Day Lecture, George Washington University, April 2012.

"West Point and the Problem of Equality," *Beyond Freedom: New Directions in the Study of Emancipation*, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, Nov. 2011.

"The Fugitive Slave Crisis in Washington, D.C.," *Emancipation during the Civil War*, symposium sponsored by the United States Capitol Historical Society, Washington, D.C., May 2011.

PUBLIC HISTORY, CONSULTING, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

National Park Service

- Project Historian, [National Historic Landmark Theme Study on the Era of Reconstruction](#), 2015-2017 (with Gregory P. Downs).
 - **Selected related events and media:**
 - Featured speaker, Dedication of Reconstruction National Monument, Beaufort, SC, March 2017.
 - "[Monumental Effort](#)," Historians and the Creation of the National Monument to Reconstruction, AHA Blog
 - Theme Study adopted [for curricular purposes by](#) Zinn Ed Project

Lectures and Seminars

- Open Phones on Reconstruction History, January 2018 [[Broadcast on CSPAN](#)]
- Featured Speaker, Penn Center Heritage Days, Beaufort, South Carolina, November 2017.
- "Lincoln, Race, and Slavery," Newberry Teachers' Consortium, November 2017.
- "The Civil War, Reconstruction, and Public Memory," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Evanston, Ill., Oct. 2017.
- Roundtable in *The Heavens Are Hung in Black*, Chicago History Museum, Oct. 2017.
- Post-show discussion, *The Heavens Are Hung in Black*, Shattered Globe Theater, Chicago, Sept. 2017
- Panelist, "Monuments and Memory," Historians for a Just Society, Loyola University, Sept. 2017.
- Roundtable on *13th* documentary, Moran Center, Evanston, Ill., March 2017.
- "Race and Police Powers in the Nineteenth-Century U.S.," Newberry Teachers' Cons., March 2017.
- "Second Founding: Reconstruction and the Right to Vote," Newberry Teachers' Cons., March 2016.
- "Reconstruction and African American Politics in Washington," Ford's Theatre NEH Teachers' Workshop, July 2015.
- "The Emancipation Proclamation at 150," Newberry Library Teachers' Consortium, April 2013.
- "Abraham Lincoln and the 'Colonization' of Black Americans," Gilder Lehrman Summer Institute for Teachers, New York, NY, July 2012
- "Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and the Civil War," Newberry Library's Chicago Teachers as Scholars Program, April 2012.
- "Black Politics in Civil War Washington," Smithsonian Institution's Museum of African American History and Culture, April 2012.
- "Reconstruction: The Right to Vote and the Practice of Politics," Newberry Library Teachers' Cons., April 2012.

- "Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation in Washington, D.C," Gilder Lehrman Summer Institute for Teachers, New York, NY, July 2011.
- "Personal and Political in Kate Brown's Washington," Northwestern Alumnae Continuing Education Program, Evanston, Ill., February 2011.
- Salon talk, "A Civil War Christmas" by Paula Vogel, Northlight Theater, Skokie, Ill., Dec. 5, 2010

Consulting and Advising

- Consultant, *Reconstruction 360*, NEH-Funded Documentary Film Project, 2018-
- Advisor, "Teach Reconstruction" Campaign, Zinn Education Project, 2017-
- Advisory board, Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., 2016-
 - Project advisor, NEH Planning Grant, awarded 2017
- U.S. history advisor, Art Works Project "Transitions" project, Chicago, Ill., summer 2016
- Dramaturgical consultant, *Butler* by Richard Strand, Northlight Theater, Skokie, Ill., spring 2016
- Exhibition consultant, Newberry Library, "Home Front: Daily Life in the Civil War North," July 2013.
- Consultant, Zocalo Public Square and the Smithsonian, "What Does it Mean to Be American?," June 2013.
- Curriculum consultant, The DBQ Project, Evanston, IL, July 2011
- Civil War project advisory group, *The Washington Post*, 2010- 2012
- Consulting historian, "Mexican Americans and Lincoln," National Museum of Mexican Art/Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 2009
- Exhibition consultant and content contributor, "Taking a Closer Look," Washington, D.C. City Museum, 2002-2003.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Service to Journals, Presses, and Professional Associations

- Program Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2017 annual meeting
- Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2015-16
- Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2015-
- Associate Editor, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 2013-2017
- Peer Reviewer: Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, Louisiana State University Press, Southern Illinois University Press, Bedford St. Martin's, Longman, Ohio University Press, Yale University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Gender and History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *New England Quarterly*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, *Law & Social Inquiry*

COURSES TAUGHT, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 2005-PRESENT

Undergraduate seminars and lectures

- *The Anti-Slavery Movement*
- *Constitutional Revolution: The 14th Amendment, Past and Present*
- *Abraham Lincoln in History and Memory*
- *United States History, 1865-present*
- *U.S. Women's History since 1865*
- *Reconstruction: The United States, 1865-1900*
- *The Civil War and Reconstruction*
- *Race and Nationhood in the 19th-Century United States*

Graduate seminars

- *Race, Region, and Power in U.S. History*
- *Slavery, Emancipation, and Citizenship* (co-taught with Ivy Wilson, English)
- *Reconstruction: The U.S. after the Civil War*
- *Field Seminar: Nineteenth-Century U.S. History*

Graduate independent studies

- *Reconstruction in History and Historiography*
- *African American Women and Citizenship in the Civil War and Reconstruction*
- *Comparative Studies of Race in the Modern U.S.*
- *The U.S. South in the 19th Century*
- *African Americans, Race, and Civil Rights in the Nineteenth Century*
- *Literature of Nineteenth-Century U.S. History*
- *Thinking about Race in the U.S.: Colonial Era through 1940*