

A portrait of Crystal A. deGregory, a Black woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a white top and a necklace with a cross. The background is a vibrant, abstract pattern of red, orange, and purple fabric. The bottom of the image has a white, splattered effect.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An accomplished writer, speaker and teacher, whose hard-fought experience in academic administration, strategic marketing, communications, and thought leadership demonstrate a deep commitment to the places and people served. With 10+ years of proven success in visionary leadership, has established cultural centers and guided organizational growth to achieve local, state, regional, and national impact. Has vastly positively impacted historically Black college and university (HBCU) visibility and reputation, thereby advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives for Black people and women and girls, in particular.

Believes that more important than renowned public engagement, savvy strategic partnerships, and winning fundraising efforts is the enthusiasm to lead teams through significant organizational shifts and to develop people who can therefore do the same. A trusted advisor to university presidents and executive teams, and a cultural commentator in public, academic, and business spaces, also boasts a stellar record of offering invaluable insights and implementing effective solutions that contribute to long-term success and institutional growth.

As a historian, I believe in the incredible power of stories and in the tremendous responsibility of storytellers to not only put pen to paper or keystrokes to computer screens but to contextualize for readers and listeners alike, "the why" associated with the who, when, where and how.



KEY COMPETENCIES

- **Leadership & Strategic Vision:** 10+ years of executive and leadership roles in higher education institutions, leading innovative initiatives to enhance brand visibility, community engagement, and organizational impact.
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI):** A proven leader in gender equity and race relations, with a demonstrated history of creating inclusive environments and advancing DEI-related goals.
- **Public Speaking & Thought Leadership:** Highly sought-after speaker as well as media contributor, and writer, recognized for expertise in history, race relations, and educational policy.
- **Marketing & Communications Strategy:** Expertise in crafting and executing high-impact marketing campaigns that enhance institutional reputation and drive enrollment and fundraising goals.
- **Fundraising & Institutional Advancement:** Proficient in identifying funding opportunities, cultivating partnerships, and leading major fundraising campaigns to support programmatic growth.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University *Doctor of Philosophy in History*
Nashville, Tennessee | May 2011

Dissertation: Raising a Nonviolent Army: Four Nashville Black Colleges and the Century-Long Struggle for Civil Rights, 1830s-1930s.

Vanderbilt University *Master of Arts in History*
Nashville, Tennessee | May 2005

Thesis: The Color Divide in the Emergent Black Man's Party: The Political Strivings of the Bahamian Colored and Black Middle Class in the Progressive Liberal Party, 1953-1963.

Tennessee State University *Master of Education*
Nashville, Tennessee | May 2014

Concentration: Curriculum and Instruction, Education Technology

Fisk University *Bachelor of Arts in History*
Nashville, Tennessee | May 2003

Magna Cum Laude, University Honors, Departmental Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Bethune-Cookman University *Tenured Associate Professor of History, Founding Director, Mary McLeod Bethune Institute for the Study of Women and Girls* | Daytona Beach, Florida | August 2022 - Present

As Founding Director, instrumental in advancing gender equity through leadership in academic research, program development, and public outreach. Oversees interdisciplinary research initiatives that address the distinct challenges women and girls face, particularly in areas such as leadership, health, and education. Fosters strategic partnerships with universities, research centers, and women's organizations, while also leading public outreach efforts to broaden the Institute's influence. In addition to mentoring students and advocating for gender equity on campus, providing key advisement to university leadership on social justice issues, promoting both scholarly research and community engagement. Secured the successful bid to host the 2025 Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH) Triennial Conference. Duties include:

- Conceptualizing, coordinating, and executing university-wide events focused on women's and gender issues, engaging students, faculty, and staff to foster awareness and create inclusive dialogues that drive institutional change.
- Championing the interests of women students through advisory leadership to select women's organizations, ensuring their voices are amplified and their needs addressed through mentorship and support.
- Maximizing the impact of The Bethune Institute by transforming it into a dynamic hub for research, academic growth, and cultural innovation, positioning it as a central space for scholarly and community engagement.
- Overseeing the development of effective communication strategies, including listservs, social media, and marketing materials, to convey the Institute's mission and impact to a broad audience, thereby enhancing engagement and institutional support.
- Forging partnerships across campus, working with faculty, staff, and student organizations to integrate gender equity and social justice initiatives into the university community.
- Mentoring student leaders, guiding them in leadership development, academic success, and financial management for student-driven initiatives to cultivate future advocates for gender equity.
- Facilitating high-level dialogues at institutional, state, regional, and national levels to advance the role of women and girls, fostering thought leadership and meaningful change in gender equity discourse.
- Representing The Bethune Institute at key events and meetings, ensuring its mission and accomplishments are highlighted and strengthening its visibility and influence.
- Advising the University President and Executive Cabinet on critical gender equity and social justice issues, playing a key role in shaping institutional policies and promoting inclusivity.
- Serving on key University committees, including Judicial Affairs, Commencement, and Homecoming, contributing to the development of initiatives that reflect the values and goals of the Bethune Institute.

Bethune-Cookman University *Acting Executive Director Marketing and Communications* | Daytona Beach, Florida | January 2024 - July 2024

Developed a communications and marketing strategy for B-CU that increased its regional and national visibility and reputation. Provided vision and direction for a bold and innovative communications and marketing plan, reflecting the achievements and aspirations of one of the region's most historic universities. Working with key stakeholders, created and implemented strategies to amplify the themes and goals of the new strategic plans, enhance enrollment and student recruitment efforts, and position the University for a major fundraising campaign. Conceptualized, managed, and launched the development of a commemorative 120th anniversary mark; conceptualized the University's official tagline, "Where Nothing is Impossible"; convened a two-day University-wide Brand Clinic; oversaw the redesign of the Wildcat Report; wrote, edited, and/or managed the publication of 60 unique institutional stories; and served as the social media author and manager of University accounts on all platforms, producing hundreds of posts. Duties included:

- Overseeing proactive media relations and internal communications programs, delivering consistent messages, and disseminating information, research, culture, and institutional values to targeted audiences, including internal constituencies, prospective students, the general public, donors, and others.
- Proactively promoting university faculty and other leaders in the media while developing similar strategies to showcase student and alumni achievements, working closely with key stakeholders.
- Working collaboratively with internal legal counsel and external media consultants while exercising sound judgment in responding to inquiries from the news media.
- Building a proactive, comprehensive marketing and communications strategy based on institutional priorities and major university strategic initiatives.
- Identifying core messages that leverage and emphasize B-CU's unique strengths and academic programs, differentiating B-CU from its peers, and conveying comprehensive and cohesive messages related to its strategic initiatives.
- Reviewing and updating university communications and marketing plans, utilizing print and digital media, advertising, social media, and media relations efforts to increase understanding and support for Bethune-Cookman University.
- Conceptualizing and producing videos that promote the B-CU brand to external and internal audiences.
- Thoroughly understanding and being able to utilize the newest and most popular social media platforms among prospective B-CU students.
- Working collaboratively with the Office of Enrollment Management to develop branding strategies to support outreach to prospective students, encouraging interested students to commit to enrolling; aligning concepts with the Office of Institutional Advancement to develop branding strategies that engage alumni and portray the legacy, pride, and values of B-CU in ways that will appeal to major donors.
- Participating in strengthening the University's website.
- Offering counsel to the President on the strategic direction and integration of executive communications.
- Writing internal and external correspondence on behalf of the University.
- Managing a team of up to five marketing and communications staff.

Middle Tennessee State University *Research Fellow, Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University* | Murfreesboro, Tennessee | January 2020 – August 2022

Researching African American schools and education institution-building in Nashville both during and after the Civil War; as well as engaging the CHP's community partnerships across the region.

Kentucky State University *Associate Professor of History* | Frankfort, Kentucky | Sept. 2017 – August 2019 | Founding Director, Atwood Institute for Race, Education, and the Democratic Ideal | September 2017 - February 2019

The Atwood Institute for Race, Education and the Democratic Ideal at Kentucky State University is an effort to afford Kentucky citizens with access to scholarly research, interdisciplinary study, discourse and debate, as well as advocacy on cutting-edge issues related to race, education, and the democratic ideal. Awarded the 2018 HBCU Research Center of the Year title at the 2018 HBCU Awards in its inaugural year. Duties included:

- Developing and overseeing the Atwood Institute's activities, including conferences and events, lecture series, student research, and faculty development, as well as ensuring the accurate, proper, and timely flow of strategic plans.
- Cultivating and leveraging professional contacts with other higher education institutions, professional organizations, and associations to bring community initiatives, joint ventures, and partnerships to fruition, including interdisciplinary symposiums/workshops/events for faculty, graduate students, and community partners.

- Managing the budget and making its assessment, as well as preparing related reports.
- Offering numerous public presentations in more than 10 states including SXSWedu, Edward Waters College, Wilberforce University, Morehouse College, Florida A&M University, the Southern Festival of Books, the Nashville Public Library, the Frankfort Public Library and the Kentucky Black Caucus.
- Liaising between the President, internal and external stakeholders on key matters including service on University committees and to various constituencies including the Presidential Leadership Cabinet (Member), Green Ribbon Commission on Academic Prioritization and Budget Alignment (Member), Harold R. Benson Luncheon (Presenter + Planning Committee Member), Miss Black & Gold Pageant (Judge), Gospel Ensemble Fall Extravaganza, (Presenter), SGA Electoral Debate (Moderator), Baccalaureate (Presenter), Diversity Council (Member), Commencement Planning Committee (Member), Investiture (Presenter + Planning Committee Member).
- Responsibility for the creation of high-quality internal and external communications on behalf of the University including authorship and/or was features as an expert voice in local, state regional and national publications such as *TIME*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *USA Today*, *The Tennessean*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Market Watch*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The State Journal*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, *The Key Reporter*, *Nashville Scene*, *The Atlanta Voice*, *Tri-City Defender*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *EducationDIVE*, *INSIGHT Into Diversity*, *The Nation*, *The Feminist Wire* and *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

Tennessee State University *Visiting Assistant Professor of History (Non-Tenure Track)* | September 2011 – May 2014

Tennessee State University *Instructor* | September 2008 – May 2011

Courses: HIST 1020: World History II, HIST 2010: American History I & HIST 2020: American History II

Vanderbilt University *Teacher's Assistant* | August 2004 – May 2008

Courses: HIST 170: U.S. History to 1877, HIST 275: Modern America, HIST 188: World War II, HUM 161: History of New Orleans through Katrina & HIST 166/ECON 245: History of American Enterprise.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Greatest Good: Nashville's Black Colleges, Their Students, and the Fight for Freedom, Justice, and Equality.
Vanderbilt University Press. Forthcoming.

"Their Highest Calling: The Progressive Ethos of Black College Women in Nashville," The Work of Tennessee Progressive Era Women. Mary Evins and Minoa Uffleman, Editors. UT Press. Forthcoming.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dorian and Beyond *Founder + Director* | Nashville, Tennessee | September 2020 – present

Dorian and Beyond is a digital storytelling + story-keeping project that records and preserves interviews with survivors of Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas.

- The principal architect, service as steward, and chief liaison between the organization and its stakeholders on most matters.
- Conceptualization and the strategic development of digital media strategy to maximize advocacy, reach, and influence.

- Responsibility for organizational, administrative, and fiscal oversight.
- Responsible for the establishment + growth of a social media following and editorship of its growing blog content.
- Management of a team of up to 6 staff and/or contractors.

HBCUstory *Founder + Executive Editor* | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2012 – present

Founded in 2012, HBCUstory serves as an advocacy initiative with a mission to “preserve, present and promote inspiring stories of the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) community’s past and present, for our future.” HBCUstory’s goals are threefold: first, to curate — popularizing existing historical and contemporary facts about HBCUs; second, to cultivate — to encourage new and groundbreaking research on HBCUs; and finally, to distribute — to develop a respected publication and promotional platform to launch discourse and share new ideas.

- Serve as the principal architect, steward, and chief liaison between the organization and its diverse stakeholders, addressing key matters with expertise and authority.
- Conceptualize and strategically develop a comprehensive digital media strategy aimed at maximizing advocacy efforts, expanding reach, and enhancing influence across various platforms.
- Oversee all aspects of organizational, administrative, and fiscal responsibilities, ensuring that operations run smoothly and resources are allocated efficiently.
- Guide content development by identifying key areas of coverage relevant to the organization's mission, securing high-quality resources, and collaborating with volunteer staff.
- The symposium’s collection of scholarly research and case studies highlights the historic and contemporary significance of HBCUs, showcasing the contributions of notable figures such as Johnnetta B. Cole, Emerita President of Spelman College; Michael J. Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College; and Ivory Toldson, former Deputy Director of the White House Initiative on HBCUs. Their insights underscore the vital role that HBCUs play in higher education and social justice.
- Published over 100 high-quality academic-level articles, which have garnered more than 500,000 views, reflecting the organization’s commitment to disseminating valuable research and fostering academic discourse within the HBCU community and beyond.
- Successfully establish and grow a social media following of over 15,000 friends and followers, utilizing various platforms to engage audiences, share impactful stories, and raise awareness of HBCU-related issues.
- Recruit, retain, and manage a dedicated team of up to five volunteer staff members, including five Ph.D. candidates and the editor-in-chief of *The Atlanta Voice*.

The Journal of HBCU Research + Culture *Editor-in-Chief* | Nashville, Tennessee | 2015 - 2016

An interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal, *HBCUR+C* published a wide-range of scholarly articles relating to the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Released in Spring 2016, the inaugural issue features an introduction to the founding editorial board, HBCU-related art, and articles on HBCU board leadership, history, partnerships, and sports.

- Setting the strategic direction for the journal by conducting regular assessments of competing publications and ensuring that *HBCUR+C* offers cutting-edge, relevant content.
- Leading the editor selection process, as well as assigning, balancing, and reviewing workload responsibilities among the editorial board and staff to optimize productivity and ensure timely publication.
- Curating and overseeing a diverse range of scholarly articles that reflect the multifaceted experiences and contributions of HBCUs.
- Establishing rigorous peer-review processes that uphold the journal's academic integrity and ensure that all published works meet high scholarly standards.
- Promoting *HBCUR+C* through various channels to increase visibility and engagement with potential authors and readers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN LEADERSHIP + ADMINISTRATION

AERA Annual Meeting. *Presenter*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2024).

The Chronicle of Higher Education's Women Leading Change Program. *Attendee*, Virtual (2024).

UNCF Unite Annual Conference. *Panelist*, Atlanta, Georgia (2023).

Higher Education Leadership Foundation. *Zeta Cohort Initiate*, Little Rock, Arkansas (2017).

ASSCU/NASPA Engaged Campus Initiative. *Attendee*, Washington, D.C. (2017).

HBCU Executive Media Training Institute. *Presenter*, Washington, D.C. (2017).

Association of Land-grant Universities HBCU Student Success Summit. *Panelist*, Atlanta, Georgia (2015).

National HBCU Media Week Hosted by Dillard University. *Presenter*, New Orleans, Louisiana (2013).

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS + SCHOLARSHIPS

- Martin Luther King Jr. College of Ministers + Laity, Collegium of Scholars, Morehouse College (2022)
- HBCU Research Center of the Year (2018)
- Fisk University Women of Prominence, Sesquicentennial Alumna Celebration (2016)
- Bishop Michael Eldon School Golden Jubilee Alumni Award (2015)
- Finalist, HBCU Alumna of the Year (2015)
- Hope Dealer of the Year Award (2014)
- Alternate, TIAA-CREF Ruth Simms Hamilton Fellowship (2011)
- Bahamas Government Graduate Student Scholarship (2009-2010)
- Lyford Cay Foundation Graduate Student Scholarship (2009-2010)
- Bahamas Government Graduate Student Scholarship (2008-2009)
- Social Science Dissertation Fellowship (2007-2008)
- J. León Helguera Dissertation Fellowship, declined (2007-2008)
- Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Research Fellowship (2006)
- William Campbell Binkley Travel Award (2005)
- Vanderbilt Departmental Fellowship (2003 - 2007)
- National Visionary Heritage Fellows Program (2002 - 2003)

RESEARCH + TEACHING INTERESTS

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| • U.S. History | • Modern Civil Rights Movement |
| • African American History | • The African Diaspora |
| • History of Education | • Caribbean History |
| • Southern History | • Women's History |

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Magic and Mortal: Poems. Nashville: Juju Collective. December 2022.

An introduction to my poetic voice as a historian and storyteller, *Magic and Mortal* is a celebration of the nuanced facets of my Black girlhood, womanhood, and Caribbeanness; I endeavor to guide readers on a journey through the making of historically-Black institutions and their contributions toward cultural identity, personal triumph; collective joy, death; grief; and everything in between. Blackness is both a magical resistance and a mortal persistence, and in it, I leave it all on the pages.

EDITED VOLUMES

The Journal of HBCU Research + Culture. Nashville: HBCUstory. Spring 2016.

An interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal, HBCUR+C publishes a wide-range of scholarly articles relating to the nation's historically black colleges and universities. Released in Spring 2016, the inaugural issue features an introduction to the founding editorial board, HBCU-related art, and articles on HBCU board leadership, history, partnerships, and sports.

"Emancipation and the Fight for Freedom." Volume 6. Tennessee in the Civil War. *The Best of the Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. Nashville: Tennessee Historical Quarterly. June 2013.

Emancipation and the Fight for Freedom explores the African-American experience amid and following the turmoil of the Civil War. Paying special interest to the efforts of Blacks to secure educational opportunities, it explores the continued centrality of the concept of black self-determination in the Tennessee Historical Quarterly's Black historiography.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Historically Black Community Colleges: A Descriptive Profile and Call for Context-Based Future Research." *Community College Journal of Research and Practice* (Volume 43, 2019 - Issue 10-11) April 2019. With Dr. Kayla C. Elliott and Dr. Jarrett Warshaw.

"'Yet With a Steady Beat': Advocating Historically Black Colleges and Universities as Black Women in the Age of Trump's America." *Women, Gender, and Families of Color* (Spring 2018, Vol. 6, No. 1) July 2018. With Kayla C. Elliott and Brittany-Rae Gregory.

"A Royal Band, The Chosen Few: The Birth of Tennessee State University." *The Tennessee State University Journal*. Drs. Samantha Morgan-Curtis and Yildiz Binkley, Editors. April 2012.

"Before Black Athens: Black Education in Antebellum Nashville," *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 69, Issue #3, Summer 2010.

"Kelly Miller Smith: The Roots of an Activist and the Nashville Movement." *The A.M.E. Church Review*. Spring 2008.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Sexism in the World House: Women and the Global Vision of Martin Luther King Jr." in *Reclaiming the Great World House: The Global Vision of Martin Luther King Jr.* Vicki L. Crawford and Lewis V. Baldwin, Editors. With Lewis V. Baldwin. September 2019.

"An HBCU in the Anglophone Caribbean: Sociohistorical Perspectives on the University of the Virgin Islands." *Black Colleges in the Diaspora: Global Perspectives on Identity and Culture* (Chapter 11, AEDC, Volume 14). T. Elon Dancy II, Brian K. Hotchkins, Crystal A. deGregory and Stevie Johnson. December 2017.

"Forgiveness: The Unexpected Gift of Fatherlessness." *Gumbo for the Soul: Liberating Memoirs and Stories to Inspire Females of Color*. Donna Ford et al, Editors. November 2016.

"The Empty Seat Was Mine." *HBCU Experience – The Book: A Collection of Essays Celebrating the Black College Experience*. Tia C.M. Tyree, Ph.D and Christopher D. Cathcart, Editors. Xlibris. December 2014.

"The Relationships of Revolution: Martin Luther King, Jr., the Civil Rights Movement and Political Change in The Bahamas." *In an Inescapable Network of Mutuality: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Globalization of an Ethical Ideal*. Lewis V. Baldwin and Paul Dekar, Editors. Eugene: Cascade Books. August 2013.

"The Relationships of Revolution: Martin Luther King, Jr., the Civil Rights Movement and Political Change in the Bahamas" "breaks new ground in the scholarship on Martin Luther King, Jr., for no scholar has written in such compelling terms about King's meaning for people in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. As one who has thoroughly researched both the path toward nationhood in the Bahamas and the struggle for civil rights in America, deGregory is eminently qualified to write with authority about these issues. Needless to say, her chapter adds yet another piece to the puzzle that was and is the global King." – Lewis V. Baldwin, Editor

"McDonald and Jamye Coleman Williams," in *A Wealth of Wisdom: Legendary African American Elders Speak*. Camille Cosby and Renee Poussaint, Editors. New York: Atria, 2004.

"Berry, Mary Frances (1938 -)," "Norton, Eleanor Holmes (1937 -)." Volume 3: 1028-1030. *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture*. Jessie Carney Smith, Editor. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC Clio Press, 2010.

"Adams v. Richardson (1973)," 160; "American Anti-Slavery Society (1833-1870)," 196-97; "Black Educational and Religious Intellectuals," 313; "Chambers, Julius L. (1936 -)," 98-99; "Charles, Ray (1932-2004)," 11-12; "Civil War (1861-1865)," 187-88; "Cleaver, Eldridge (1935-1998)," 262-63; "Cleaver, Kathleen Neal (1945-)," 99-100; "Congress of Racial Equality (est. 1942)," 202-3; "Cooper, Anna J. (1858?-1964)," 100; "Declaration of Independence (1776)," 171-72; "Denby, Charles (1908-1983)," 265; "Delany, Martin R. (1812-1885)," 239-40; "Douglass, Frederick (1818-1895)," 240-41; "DuBois, W.E.B. (1868-1963)" 101-2; "Elliott, Daisy L. (1919-)," 266; "Farmer Paellmann, Deadria (1965-)," 139-40; "Farrakhan, Louis (1933-)," 294-95; "Foreman, James (1928-2005)," 220; "Freedmen's Bureau (1865-1872)," 205-6; "Fugitive Slave Act of 1850," 173; "Garvey, Amy Jacques (1895-1973)," 121-22; "Garvey, Marcus (1887-1940)," 220-21; "Gibbs, Mifflin (1823-1915)," 140-41; "Hamer, Fannie Lou (1917-1977)," 221-22; "Hope, Lugenia Burns (1871-1947)," 224; "Hope, John (1868-1936)," 313; "Houston, Charles Hamilton (1893-1950)," 145-46; "Howard University (est. 1867)," 86-87; "Jackson, Jesse, Sr. (1941-)," 300-1; "Johnson, Lyndon B. (1908-1973)," 183; "Johnson, Mordecai (1890-1976)," 313-14; "Jones, Scipio Africanus (1863?-1943)," 146-47; "Kennedy, John F. (1917-1963)," 184-85; "Kennedy, Robert F. (1925-1968)," 185-86; "King, Martin Luther, Jr. (1929-1968)," 302-3; "King, Martin Luther, Sr. (1899-1984)," 303-4; "Letter from Birmingham Jail (1963)," 285; "Massachusetts 54th Volunteer Infantry," 189-90; "Mays, Benjamin E. (1894-1984)," 314; "Mfume, Kwesi (1948-)," 274; "Mitchell, Clarence M., Jr. (1911-1984)," 226; "Muhammad, Elijah (1897-1975)," 306-7; "NAACP, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (est. 1909)," 208-9; "National Urban League (est. 1911)," 212-13; "Niagara Movement (1905-1910)," 213-14; "Parks, Rosa (1913-2005)," 277-78; "Prince Edward County, Virginia, Schools," 116-17; "Randolph, A. Philip (1889-1979)," 227-28; "Robinson, Randall (1941-)," 228-29; "Smith-Robinson, Ruby Doris (1942-1967)," 91; "Thurman, Howard W. (1900-1981)," 314; "Truth, Sojourner (1797?-1883)," 252-53; "Tubman, Harriet (1820?-1913)," 253-54;

"Underground Railroad," 73-4; "U.S. Commission on Civil Rights," 182-83; "Washington, Booker T. (1856-1915)," 111-12. *Freedom Facts and Firsts: 400 Years of the African American Civil Rights Experience*. Jessie Carney and Linda T. Wynn, Editors. Detroit: Visual Ink Press, 2009.

"Gloster, Hugh M. (1911-2002)," Volume 3, 520-21, "Lawson, James (1915-1996)," Volume 5, 179-80. *National African American Biography*. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Editors. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

"Frank, Free (1777-1854)," 249-51; "Hayden, Palmer (1890-1973)," 312-15; "Healy, Michael (1839-1904)," 315-18; "Nail, John E. (1883-1947)," 498-500; "Parks, H.G. (1916-1989)," 515-17; "Sharpton, Al (1954-)," 592-95. *Notable Black American Men: Book II*. Jessie C. Smith, Editor. Detroit: Thompson Gale, 2006.

"Taylor, Susan L. (1946-)," 761-96; "Walker, Madam C.J. (Sarah Breedlove) (1867-1919)," 761-65. *Encyclopedia of African American Business*. Jessie Carney Smith, Editor. Volume 2. Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Bethune-Cookman Brand Clinic *Convener* | Daytona Beach, Florida | June 17-18, 2024

A comprehensive two-day event organized by the B-CU Office of Marketing & Communications, the clinic enhanced the university's branding, marketing, and communication strategies. Hosted by Dr. Crystal A. deGregory, it featured Mrs. Maxine Greenleaf as chief facilitator as well as Mr. Linwood Hawkins of LHJ Brand Strategies, Mr. Dean O'Brien of 06 Marketing, Ms. Kate Quinones of Costa Communications, and Ms. Shank Henry of Shank Henry Media. Participants engaged in sessions designed to protect and promote the B-CU brand, distribute new assets, manage social media assets, and improve personal and professional visibility. Featuring mandatory and open sessions for communications staff, social media managers, administration, faculty, and staff, the event was a significant step in unifying and strengthening the B-CU brand across various platforms and departments, ensuring consistent and effective communication strategies university-wide.

Inaugural Atwood Symposium *Convener* | Frankfort, Kentucky | October 19, 2017

Themed "The Future of America's Black Colleges | Strategies for Public Accountability, Workforce Relevance, and Changing Demographics," the inaugural Atwood Symposium's one-day convening was proudly presented in conjunction with the inauguration of Kentucky State University's 18th president, Dr. M. Christopher Brown II, who is also the Atwood Institute's founder. Featuring some of the nation's most important thought leaders, the inaugural schedule presented academicians, practitioners, and industry leaders from across the higher education landscape, including representatives from the Association for Public Land-grant Universities, HBCU Digest, EducationDIVE, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, United Negro College Fund, and other member-HBCU institutions.

HBCUstory Symposium IV *Convener* | Dallas, Texas | October 31 + November 1, 2016

Sought and secured partnership with Paul Quinn College; secured keynote speaker Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie; secured sponsorships; organized meeting of scholarly research and case studies outlining the historical and contemporary value of historically black colleges and universities; featuring 30+ presenters, including United Negro College Fund, Southern Education Foundation, and Honda Campus All-Star Challenge.

The Third HBCUstory Symposium *Convener* | Nashville, Tennessee | October 9 + 10, 2015

Sought and secured partnerships with Fisk University and the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation and the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area. Secured keynote speakers Jarrett L. Carter, Sr. and three college president. Secured sponsorships. Organized meeting of scholarly research and case studies outlining the historic and contemporary value of historically Black colleges and universities. Featuring 30+ presenters, representing the symposium is the only conference of its kind to convene expert voices in areas of history, information science, fundraising, partnerships, athletics, and new media.

The Second HBCUstory Symposium *Convener* | Washington, D.C. October 2014

Sought and secured partnerships with Association of Public Land-Grant Universities (APLU); secured keynote speakers Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole and Dr. Ivory A. Toldson. Secured sponsorships; organized meeting of scholarly research and case studies outlining the historical and contemporary value of historically black colleges and universities. Featuring 20+ presenters, representing the symposium is the only conference of its kind to convene expert voices in areas of history, information science, fundraising, partnerships, athletics, and new media.

Inaugural HBCUstory Symposium *Convener* | Nashville, Tennessee | April 2013

Sought and secured partnerships with Nashville Public Library and Nashville Public Library Foundation. Secured sponsorships with Paul Quinn College, HBCU Digest, The HBCU Nation, HBCU Career Center, and Living Your Best Life Radio. Organized inaugural meeting of scholarly research and case studies outlining the historical and contemporary value of historically black colleges and universities. The symposium was the first conference of its kind to convene expert voices in areas of history, information science, fundraising, partnerships, LGBTQ studies, athletics, and wellness. 100+ attendees and 400+ guests watching live online streaming.

BOOK + FILM REVIEWS

Stanley Nelson, director. *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities*. *American Historical Review*. February 2019.

Right to Ride: Streetcar Boycotts and African American Citizenship in the Era of Plessy v. Ferguson. (Book Review). H-net.com. May 2012. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33932>.

Undaunted By The Fight: Spelman College And The Civil Rights Movement, 1957-1967. (Book Review). The A.M.E. Church Review. July - September 2005.

BOOK FEATURES

"Foreword," *Heritage & Honor: 150 Year Story of the Fisk Jubilee Singers*. Dr. Paul Kwami and Delisa Minor Harris, Consultants. Nashville: Tunisia Scott Consulting LLC. June 2022.

"Epilogue." *The Athletic Experience at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Past, Present and Persistence*. Billy Hawkins, Joseph Cooper, Akilah Carter-Francique, and J. Kenyatta Cavil, editors. London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

SELECTED EDITORIALS

The Curious Case of Black Women in HBCU Presidential Leadership." With Dr. Elizabeth C. Stewart. *HBCU Times*. Winter 2024.

"The Program Went On As Planned." *DIVERSE*. September 26, 2023.

"Remembering KSU alumna, nursing pioneer, Dr. Lee Charles Harris." *The State Journal*. July 26, 2023.

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"White Supremacy in Wakanda." *The Atlanta Voice*. June 5, 2020.

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"When Blackness is on Full Display." *DIVERSE Issues in Higher Education*. May 12, 2019.

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"Five Challenges Black Sororities Must Address in 2014." *HBCU Lifestyle* (Blog). January 30, 2014.

"Shame, Scandal and Poor Storytelling in Latest Alabama State Controversy." *HBCU Digest*. January 13, 2014.

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"Homecoming: A Missed Opportunity in Black College Philanthropy." *HBCU Digest*. September 9, 2013.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

AERA Annual Meeting. *Panelist.* "Centering Gender Equity, Race, and LGBTQI Research Possibilities at HBCUs." With Drs. Jennifer Michelle Johnson, Felecia E. Commodore, Nadrea Njoku, Steve D. Mobley, and Celeste Malone. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | April 13, 2024.

14th Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Women's Conference. *Presenter.* "Mary McLeod Bethune: The Agitator." Daytona Beach, Florida | March 22, 2024.

THE 2023 UNCF/Mellon Programs Conference. *Panelist.* "Controlling the Narrative about HBCUs: Scholars Writing and Curating our Histories." With Jelani Favors, Cally Waite, and Crystal Sanders. Atlanta, Georgia | October 6, 2023.

UNCF UNITE Conference 2023. *Panelist.* "The Sociology and Psychology of Leadership and Philanthropy Within HBCUs." With Prince Brown and Walter Kimbrough. Atlanta, Georgia | July 18, 2023.

Inaugural NC10 Conference. *Keynote.* "Partners in Progress." Raleigh, North Carolina | November 16, 2022.

NASPA Region III Meeting. *Keynote.* "Bridges of Hope: An Authentic Story." Charleston, South Carolina | June 12, 2022.

HBCU Library Alliance Membership Meeting. *Keynote.* "So You Know Who We Are: HBCU Libraries In Full View." Presenter. Virtual | June 2, 2021.

University of The Bahamas-North's Sustainable Grand Bahama Conference 2020. *Presenter.* "We Saved Ourselves: Social Media's Role in Response, Recovery, and Reckoning During and After Dorian." Freeport, Grand, Bahama | March 7, 2020.

UNCF Career Pathways Initiative 4th Annual Convening. *Panelist.* "The Black Aesthetic." With Melissa Butler and Amanda E. Johnson. Atlanta, Georgia | August 2, 2019.

FAMU Advance Distinguished Lecturer Series. *Keynote.* "Hidden No More: A History of Black Women STEM Faculty at HBCUs." Tallahassee, Florida | April 17, 2019.

Harvard University's The Future of Black Institutions: A Symposium. *Presenter.* "Into the Promised Land: A History of Historically Black Colleges and Universities." Cambridge, Massachusetts | March 29, 2019.

More Than the Promise of the American Myth: Rethinking Burleigh and Sheppard in the Second Gilded Age. *Presenter.* "Institutionalizing the Concert Spirituals: From Ella Sheppard to Beth Howse, Honoring the Honorable." | New York, New York | March 3, 2019.

The Southern Historical Association Committee on Women, Gender, and Sexuality. *Panelist.* "Strategies for Dealing with Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination in Academia." With Drs. Catherine Clinton, Jim Downs, Nikki Taylor + Kristen Wood | Birmingham, Alabama | November 9, 2018.

Morehouse College KING50 Commemorative Symposium *Panelist.* With Victor Anderson, Ph.D., Lewis V. Baldwin, Ph.D., and Larry O. Rivers, Ph.D. | Atlanta, Georgia | April 2018.

Florida Memorial University + Club 1964's Inaugural HBCU Symposium *Keynote.* "Stony the Road We've Trod—The Perilous Place of HBCUs in the Age of Obama and Anti-black Respectability." | Miami Gardens, Florida | February 2016.

2013 History of Education Society Annual Meeting *Presenter.* "If These Walls Could Talk: A Talk and Tour of the Fisk University Campus." | Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee | November 2013.

31st Annual Conference on African American History & Culture *Presenter.* "Service, Scholarship and Steppin': An Exploration of Black Greek Lettered Organizations at Tennessee State University." With Dr. Learotha Williams Jr. | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2012.

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. *Presenter.* "Before Black Athens: Black Education in Antebellum Nashville." | Richmond, Virginia | October 2011.

Conference of Tennessee Historians. *Panelist.* Civil Rights Roundtable | Lebanon, Tennessee | September 2010.

Vanderbilt and the Nashville Sit-In Movement: A 50-Year Retrospective *Panelist.* With The Reverend James Lawson; John Seigenthaler, founder of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt and publisher emeritus at The Tennessean; Dr. John Sargent, professor of medicine and 1964 Vanderbilt graduate; Susan Ford Wiltshire, professor of classics, emerita; and Charles Roos, professor of physics, emeritus | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2010.

29th Annual Conference on African American History & Culture *Presenter.* "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Institutional Responses to Student Activism in the Nashville Movement." | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2010.

Social Science Dissertation Fellow Lecture *Presenter.* "New, But Not New Enough: Black Nashville in the First New South." | Nashville, Tennessee | April 2008.

The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion's (SECSOR) 2007 Southeastern Regional Meeting *Presenter.* "Kelly Miller Smith: The Roots of an Activist and the Nashville Movement." | Nashville, Tennessee | March 2007.

7th Annual Graduate Conference on African American History *Presenter.* "From Sorrow to Song: The Life and Lessons of Original Jubilee Singer Ella Sheppard Moore, 1851-1941." | Memphis, Tennessee | September 2005.

VU Department of History Second-Year Talk *Presenter.* "The Color Divide in the Emergent Black Man's Party: The Political Strivings of the Bahamian Colored and Black Middle Class in the Progressive Liberal Party, 1953-1963." | Nashville: Tennessee | April 2005.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Delta Days at the Capitol (Florida), *Panelist,* "HBCU Plenary: Impact of HBCUs on Florida's Economy and Social Mobility," with Dr. Larry Robinson, Dr. Reginald Ellis + Inger M. Daniels-Hollar | Tallahassee, Florida | February 19, 2024.

Capital One, Keynote, "Martin Luther King, the Clearing and Clarion Calls" | Virtual | January 24, 2024.

Vanderbilt University, Panelist, "The Land We Occupy: Vanderbilt, Past and Present" | Nashville, Tennessee | October 26, 2023.

The Parthenon, *Presenter* "Monuments and Men: How Black Tennesseans Leveraged The Tennessee Centennial Exposition to Organize The Negro Department, Raise the Negro Building, and Demonstrate their Enterprising Acumen" for the Nashville Parthenon" | Virtual | June 16, 2022.

Cognia, *Keynote*, "Celebrating Carter G., Black History, and the Case for its Teaching in Schools" | Virtual | May 24, 2022.

Morehouse College, *Panelist*, "Reclaiming the Great World House: The Global Vision of Martin Luther King Jr." with Dr. Vicki Crawford, Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin, Dr. Hak Joon Lee + Dr. Larry Rivers | Virtual | January 30, 2022.

Tennessee Parks Service Civil Rights Fellowship, *Presenter*, "Fisk in Full View" | Virtual | November 29, 2021.

Tennessee 101: The Progressive Era, Session 5, *Presenter*, "Black College Women in Nashville During the Progressive Era" | Virtual | November 16, 2021.

El Camino College, *Keynote*, "HBCUs—Our Past and Present, for the Future" | Virtual | October 25, 2021.

Lumina's HBCU Adult Learner Initiative Convening, *Panelist* | Virtual | October 4, 2021.

National Park Service, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom (NTF) Program's The Power of Music and Memory, *Moderator + Presenter*, "Ode to Jubilee at 150" | Virtual | October 8, 2021.

Juneteenth Celebration, *Keynote + Panelist* "Long Walk to Freedom" | Frankfort, Kentucky | June 19, 2021.

Talented Tenth Society, *Presenter*, "How to Deliver in Public Speaking" | Virtual | May 1, 2021.

Trevecca University, *Panelist*, "Walden University, its Principled Past and Lost Present" | Nashville, Tennessee | April 29, 2021.

Tennessee State University Women's History Month Distinguished Lecture, *Keynote*, "Women Belong in all the Places Where Decisions Are Being Made" | Virtual | March 31, 2021.

John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library at Fisk University Virtual Lecture Series, *Keynote*, "Ella Sheppard Moore's Legacy" | Virtual | March 24, 2021.

Seton Hall Annual MLK Education Day, *Keynote*, "MLK and Un-Bordered Blackness" | Virtual | February 16, 2021.

CBUSH HBCU Ambassadors, *Keynote*, "From the Yard to the White House" | Virtual | January 16, 2021.

Stillman College Faculty and Staff Institute, *Keynote* | Virtual | August 6, 2021.

Saint Augustine's University Faculty and Staff Institute, *Keynote* | Raleigh, North Carolina | August 3, 2021.

Honors Convocation of Edward Waters College, *Keynote* | Jacksonville, Florida | March 13, 2019.

Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, sponsored by the Frankfort/Franklin County Ministerial Association, *Keynote* | Frankfort, Kentucky | January 20, 2019.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy Spring Symposium, *Presenter + Panelist* | Lexington, Kentucky | April 25, 2018.

Georgetown NAACP Annual Freedom Fund & Scholarship Banquet, Keynote “This is America.” | Georgetown, Kentucky | June 2, 2018.

Kentucky Black Caucus, Local Elected Officials 2018 Annual Summit, *Panelist* | Bardstown, Kentucky | April 27, 2018.

March on Frankfort by People’s Campaign Community Network, *Presenter* | Frankfort, Kentucky | April 4, 2018.

Barry University Women’s History Month, *Keynote* | Miami, Florida | March 19, 2018.

SXSW EDU, *Panelist*: “HBCU Leadership on Race, Education, and Democracy” with M. Christopher Brown II + Autumn A. Arnett | Austin, Texas | March 2018.

First Baptist Church, Georgetown Black History Month Program, *Keynote* | Georgetown, Kentucky | February 25, 2018.

The National Association for the Preservation of African-American History & Culture, Inc. + Florida A&M University, *Presenter* | Tallahassee, Florida | February 15, 2018.

Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus 2018 Black History Month Celebration, *Presenter*: “We Have Come: A Moment in Kentucky History” | Frankfort, Kentucky | February 13, 2018.

Urban Leadership Alliance, *Presenter*: “Is Your Sacrifice Above Your Service?” | Frankfort, Kentucky | November 14, 2017.

Howard Congregational Church 141st Church Anniversary, *Keynote* | Nashville, Tennessee | November 12, 2017.

Meeting of the Minds: The Dr. Mark and Shelly Wilson Center for Entrepreneurship, Social Good, and Transformational Leadership, *Presenter* | Wilberforce, Ohio | November 8, 2017.

Talladega College Banned Books Week, *Keynote*: “An Education of Distinction: The Rise of HBCUs.” | Nashville, Tennessee | September 15, 2017.

Conversation@NPL, *Moderator*: “Stamped From The Beginning.” | Nashville, Tennessee | September 15, 2017.

Southern University Freshman Convocation, *Keynote*: “Hold on to Hope, Despite the Hell in the Hallway.” | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | August 20, 2017.

HBCU Executive Media Training Institute, *Presenter*: “What’s Canada Got That We Don’t.” | Washington, D.C. | July 14, 2017.

Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage, *Keynote*: “What Juneteenth Means on a President’s Plantation.” | Hermitage, Tennessee | June 18, 2017.

Bishop Michael Eldon School, *Keynote* | Freeport, Bahamas | June 14, 2017.

University of The Bahamas-North Campus, *Commencement Speaker* | Freeport, Bahamas | June 1, 2017.

SXSW EDU, *Panelist* | Austin, Texas | March 6, 2017.

Fort Negley: A Symbol of the Struggle for Civil Rights in Nashville, *Panelist*. | Nashville, Tennessee | October 18, 2016.

MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, *Speaker*: "Reconstruction: A Moment in the Sun." Screening and Q+A | Murfreesboro, Tennessee | October 18, 2016.

Vanderbilt University: U.S. and Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movements Past & Present: People, Politics, Music, and Memory, *Speaker* | Nashville, Tennessee | May 17, 2016.

New Black School, *Panelist*: "Black Lives Matter 101: A Comprehensive Course on Black Social Movements." Charlene Carruthers, umi selah + Mychal Denzel Smith (moderator) | New York, New York | April 29, 2016.

Western Kentucky University Department of History, *Speaker* | Bowling Green, Kentucky | April 28, 2016.

Tea Time for Education, *Speaker* | Washington, D.C. | April 17, 2016.

Builders Mutual Insurance Company, *Speaker*: "Why HBCUs and Black History Month Matters, And Always Will." | Raleigh, North Carolina | February 26, 2016.

Alcorn State University Social Justice Forum, *Speaker*: "Black Lives Matter as Reconstructed Resistance: HBCUs, Social Justice, and Why Our Degrees Won't Save Us." | Lorman, Mississippi | October 21, 2015.

TEDx Grand Bahama, *Presenter* | Freeport, Bahamas | August 8, 2015.

Association of Land-Grant Universities' 2015 HBCU Student Success Summit, *Panelist*: "Telling Your Story: The Importance of Media, Messaging, and Marketing at HBCUs." | Atlanta, Georgia | April 26, 2015.

Association of Land-Grant Universities' 2015 HBCU Student Success Summit, *Panelist*: "Black Lives Matter: Social Justice at HBCUs." | Atlanta, Georgia | April 26, 2015.

University of Michigan, *Speaker*: "Building a Beyond-the-Classroom Brand." | Ann Arbor, Michigan | April 2015.

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, *Speaker*: "Been in the Storm So Long: Black Lives in Slavery + Un-freedom." | Hermitage, Tennessee | February 2015.

Nissan North America, *Panelist*: "Looking Over Jordan: Black History Month Observation" with Robert DeHart and Jim Hobbler | Franklin, Tennessee | February 2015.

Southern Festival of Books, *Moderator*: "Last Days of the Fight: The Civil War in Tennessee." with Daniel Cone and James R. Knight | Nashville, Tennessee | October 2014.

National HBCU Media Week Hosted by Dillard University, *Presenter*: "Leveraging History + Contemporary Traditions Into Friendraising + Awareness Building." | New Orleans, Louisiana | July 2014.

TEDx Grand Bahama, *Moderator*, "Bahamian Development: How Can We Further It." | Freeport, Bahamas | July 2014.

Sisters of Strength: A Brand New You, *Presenter*: "Seven Steps to Strategic + Sustainable Success." | Freeport, Bahamas | June 2014.

Tennessee State University: Alpha Zeta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., *Presenter*: "State of the Union: The NPHC in the 21st Century." | Nashville, Tennessee | April 2014.

The Faculty Breakfast Club: Women's History Month, *Presenter*: "Our Sister's Keeper." | Nashville, Tennessee | March 2014.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: Black (African-American) History Month, *Presenter*: "Herstory: Civil Rights (and Wrongs) at Home and Abroad." | Bethesda, Maryland | February 2014.

"deGregory's story begins in Freeport, Bahamas, where she was born and reared. She arrived in the U.S. 15 years ago after a chance encounter with a college recruiter led her to Fisk University, a historically black college in Nashville. A partial scholarship and her mother's blessing made it possible for her to attend college. The experience inspired her to become an ardent advocate for black college education and expanded opportunities for minorities." - Dana Steinberg, "NIH Record."

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: Black (African-American) History Month, *Presenter*: "Herstory: Civil Rights (and Wrongs) at Home and Abroad." | Raleigh, North Carolina | February 2014.

"Demonstrating her talent as a dynamic storyteller, deGregory's interwoven stories illustrated how the civil rights movement in America influenced the revolution in the Bahamas during the 1950s and 1960s." - Kimberly Cannady, NIEHS "Environmental Factor"

Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources' K-12 Black History Month Workshop, *Presenter*: "Intersections of Black and Latin America: Many Movements, One People." | Center for Latin American Studies. Co-sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University. Nashville, Tennessee. | February 2014.

Mr. Tennessee State and the Student Government Association, *Presenter*: "A Moment in Black History: Recognizing the Central Role of African Americans." | Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee | February 2014.

HBCU All-Star Weekend, *Panelist*: "The Blacker the College, The Sweeter the Knowledge." | Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee | November 2013.

NPT's "The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross" Teacher's Workshop, *Presenter*: "Slavery, the "un" Civil War and Reconstruction." | Nashville Public Library, Nashville, Tennessee | November 2013.

This session explored the contemporary memorialization of several Civil War-era themes. As the nation celebrates the Civil War sesquicentennial, the American imagination has been captivated by the personalities, sites, and stories of the war. Similarly, historians have revived age-old debates about the motivations for and implications of the conflict as well as evaluations of the success and failures of Reconstruction.

Southern Festival of Books, *Moderator*: "The New York Times: Disunion: Modern Historians Revisit and Reconsider the War from Lincoln's Election to the Emancipation Proclamation." Drs. Kenneth W. Noe, Daniel Sharfstein and Minoa Uffelman. | Nashville, Tennessee. October 2013.

AT&T Nation's Classic Presidential Symposium at Howard University, *Panelist*: "Keepers of the Culture." with Dr. Bryant Marks, Jeff Burns, Jr., Franchell "Frenchie" Davis, Chris Washington and Ralph Remington | Washington, D.C. | September 2013.

National HBCU Media Week Hosted by Jackson State University, *Presenter*: "The Art of HBCU Storytelling." | Jackson, Mississippi | June 2013.

Nashville Public Library (Main Branch), *Moderator*: "Separate Can Never Be Equal." | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2012.

Middle Tennessee State University Center of Educational Media & Teaching with Primary Sources Across Tennessee, *Presenter*: "Not Just a Fairytale: Fisk and Her Jubilee Singers." | Murfreesboro, Tennessee | August 2011.

Nashville Public Library Black History Series (Main Branch), *Presenter*: "Steppin' to Survive: Black Greek Letter Organizations and the Public Square." | Nashville, Tennessee | February 2011.

SELECTED MEDIA FEATURES

"Why Kamala Harris Isn't Making Bold Fashion Choices – Yet." By Sheena Bulter-Young. *Business of Fashion*. August 19, 2024.

"How Marjorie Stewart Joyner Jazzed Up Women's Hairstyling." By Marilyn Much. *Investor's Business Daily*. May 2, 2024.

"Writing Truth and Inspiring Change." By Kyra Arena. *The Key Reporter*. October 31, 2023.

"Crystal A. deGregory is Magic and Mortal." By Cass Teague. *Nashville Pride*. March 24, 2023.

"Nashville Civil Rights." Tennessee Civil Rights Trial Podcast. By Tennessee Department of Tourist Development (TDTD) and Travel South. June 2022.

"Ralph Lauren, Race and How Fashion Can Embrace Discomfort." By Sheena Butler. *Business of Fashion*. March 30, 2022.

"The Citizenship Project | Education: The Key to Freedom." Nashville Public Television (TV). February 2022.

"Grade-A Experience, Universities for African Americans continue to make a difference." By Afi Scruggs. *USA Today: Special Edition, Race in America*. September 2021.

"Dorian and Beyond: Bahamian historian launches storytelling project on killer storm." By Gabby Sterling. *EWNews*. October 19, 2021.

"Walk Together Children: The 150th Anniversary of the Fisk Jubilee Singers." Nashville Public Television (TV). September 2020.

Dr. Paul T. Kwami and his students pay tribute to the original nine members of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. Organized as a choral ensemble in 1871 to perform and raise money to support Fisk University, the Fisk Jubilee Singers celebrate their 150th Anniversary on Oct. 6, 2021.

"What Will Fisk University Take Away From Its Presidential Shakeup?" By Emily Siner. Nashville Public Radio (Radio). September 1, 2020.

"New Fisk president wants to move on after scandal: 'I don't plan to lose ground.'" By Adam Tamburin. *The Tennessean*. August 26, 2020.

"'This is monumental': Kamala Harris is the first VP to graduate from a Historically Black College." By Jillian Berman. *Market Watch*. August 12, 2020.

"Facing North: Jefferson St. Nashville," Nashville Public Television (TV). August 2020.

An NPT original documentary, explores the untold stories of a Nashville community struggling to preserve its vibrant African American culture. Jefferson Street, once the northern boundary of Nashville, was a beacon for African Americans from the early 1800s through the 1950s.

"Historically black colleges and universities offer success." By Lenore T. Adkins. *Share America*. June 23, 2020.

"Netflix CEO's \$120 million donation to historically black colleges highlights inequities in college funding." By Jillian Berman. *MarketWatch*. June 20, 2020.

"How Adidas Became the Shoe Industry's Unwitting Racial Equality Case Study." By Sheena Butler-Young. *Footwear News*. June 15, 2019.

"Bahamians Used Social Media After Hurricane Dorian for Rescue Efforts." By Ellen Cranley. *Business Insider*. September 7, 2019.

"As Hurricane Dorian aid stalls, frustrated Bahamians take relief into their own hands." By Rachel Ramirez. *Grist*. September 6, 2019.

CD Davidson-Hiers. "In her own words, Grand Bahama native describes calls for help, the toll of Hurricane Dorian." Tallahassee Democrat. September 4, 2019.

Laura Lynch. "Incredibly frightening': What one woman faced when she decided to stay in the Bahamas during Dorian." | The Current/CBC Radio | September 4, 2019.

"Billionaire's gift to pay off Morehouse Class of 2019 student loans 'won't undo systematic inequalities'" By Jillian Berman. *MarketWatch*. March 21, 2019.

"As historically black colleges struggle, Bennett College for women fights to stay afloat." By Kuris Lee and Jaweed Kaleem. *Los Angeles Times*. April 22, 2019.

"The Student-Debt Crisis Hits Hardest at Historically Black Colleges." By Josh Mitchell and Andrea Fuller. *Wall Street Journal*. April 17, 2019.

"Was there a Beyoncé bump in applications to black colleges?" By Jillian Berman. *MarketWatch*. April 19, 2019.

"21 Powerful Quotes About Diversity, Overcoming Stereotypes & Breaking Into Fashion." *Footwear News*. By Sheena Butler-Young. February 28, 2019.

"What I'm Reading: An Interview With Historian Crystal A. deGregory." *History News Network*. By Erik Moshe. December 2, 2018.

"Trump's Tense Relationship with HBCUs." *INSIGHT Into Diversity*. By Ginger O'Donnell. October 18, 2018.

"What Does Diversity Look Like at HBCUs?" *The Nation*. By Deja Dennis. June 7, 2018.

"History Repeats Itself in North Nashville." *Nashville Scene*. By Steven Hale. June 7, 2018.

"A New Era of Protest is Energizing Historically Black Colleges and Universities. But There Are Challenges." *TIME*. By Maya Rhodan. May 22, 2018.

"Controversy forces name change for 'The Sit-in' coffee shop in North Nashville." *The Tennessean*. By Brad Schmitt. May 11, 2018.

"Ruth Simmons brings Ivy League credentials – and high expectations – to Prairie View A&M." *The Houston Chronicle*. By Lindsay Ellis. May 3, 2018.

"Waffle House Shooter Got AR-15 Back From Dad. Hero Took It Away and Stopped a Massacre." *The Daily Beast*. By Steven Hale. April 22, 2018.

"Thanks to Beyoncé, All Eyes Are on Black Colleges. A Historian Says They Should Capitalize on the Hype." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. By Julian Wyllie. April 16, 2018.

Diversity Makes the Liberal Arts Stronger. *The Key Reporter*. By Bailey DeSimone. March 27, 2018.

"They Wanted Desegregation. They Settled for Money, and It's About to Run Out." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. By Adam Harris. March 26, 2018.

"HBCUs and the Trump Administration." *Inside Higher Ed*. By Andrew Kreighbaum. February 28, 2018.

"Minority support programs lay the groundwork for broader student success." *EducationDIVE*. By Autumn A. Arnett. August 30, 2017.

"Why Students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities Have Such Amazing Style." *Racked*. By Jalisa J. Jones. May 8, 2017.

"Are Athletic Brands Doing Enough for African-Americans?" *Footwear News*. By Sheena Butler-Young. February 1, 2017.

"There's Halftime. Then there's 'Showtime.' Welcome to the Battle of the Bands." *The New York Times*. By Tamara Best. January 29, 2017.

"The Most-Read Stories of 2016 From the HBCU Digest." *HBCU Digest*. By Jarrett L. Carter Sr. December 29, 2016.

"Fort Negley Dedicates New Interpretive Civil Rights Sign." *Nashville Scene*. By Betsy Phillips. November 6, 2016.

"Fisk University Leaders Justify 2010 Sale of Paintings." *Nashville Tennessean*. By Adam Tamburin. July 27, 2016.

"Historically Black Colleges Try to Change With Times." *USA Today Special Edition: The March on Washington*. By Nancy DeVille. August 19, 2013.

Shaw Rising: The Story of Shaw University, the oldest college for African-Americans in the South. Horizon Productions and Goodtree & Co. (TV) | February 27, 2020.

Alisyn Camerota. "Hurricane Dorian survivor: Bahamas relatives are alive, but not OK." | *CNN/New Day* | September 6, 2019.

Laura Lynch. "'Incredibly frightening': What one woman faced when she decided to stay in the Bahamas during Dorian." The Current/CBC Radio. September 4, 2019.

Focus on Race Relations. Kentucky Educational Television (TV). By Ed Powe. February 22, 2018.

Monument Circle comes alive for the Circle City Classic pep rally. Fox 59-Indianapolis (TV). By Tanae Howard. September 22, 2017.

March in Frankfort on 50th anniversary of MLK assassination. WKYT News Staff (TV). March 28, 2018.

March to Remember Martin Luther King Jr. ABC 36 WTVQ-TV (TV). April 4, 2018.

Kentucky State Atwood Institute Director Crystal deGregory. HBCU Digest (Radio). August 18, 2017.

"Choice or Chance?: American Graduate-NPT Reports." Nashville Public Television (TV). October 29, 2015.

The ability of parents to send their children to schools of their choice is at the heart of modern-day school reform efforts. But increasingly, public school choice has become a divisive concept — splitting communities among those who want students to attend any school that fits their needs and interests, and those who want a return to neighborhood schools. Contextualizing a contemporary debate with historical realities, Dr. deGregory explores how desegregation impacts perceptions of school choice in communities of color.

"Reconstruction: A Moment in the Sun." Nashville Public Television (TV). 2015.

The end of the Civil War was not the end of hostilities between North and South. Years of fighting over how to reunite the divided country and what role millions of newly freed African Americans would play still lay ahead. Tennessee's tumultuous Reconstruction era is a riveting tale of revenge, domestic terror, and broken promises. Drawing on her dissertation research, Dr. deGregory explores the catch-22 of sharecropping as often the only option for Tennessee freedmen in the aftermath of the Civil War.

"Grand Bahamians Living Abroad: Perspectives on 2014." Minding Your Business with Davina Rutherford (Radio). December 23, 2014. Guest with Yolett McPhee McQuin.

"Turn Up for Your HBCU: Four Ways to Support Your School As Alumni." Friends of Ebonie (Webinar). October 7, 2014.

"Making Homecoming Matter." The HBCU Nation (Radio). October 4, 2014.

"HBCU #AfAmEdChat." The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and The White House Initiative on African American Excellence in Education (Twitter Chat). September 11, 2014.

Featured with co-hosts Sekou Biddle of the United Negro College Fund, Dr. Brian Bridges, executive director of the Patterson Research Institute, David Johns, Dr. Ivory A. Toldson, and Dr. Toya G. Corbett.

"HBCUstory Symposium 2014." Living Your Best Life (Radio). March 5, 2014.

"The Transformative Power of Education." HBCU Lifestyle (Radio). April 21, 2014.

"What HBCUs Do Well." HBCU Digest (Radio). May 16, 2012.

"HBCUstory." Living Your Best Life (Radio). March 30, 2013.

"Looking Over Jordan: African-American and the War" Nashville Public Television (TV). Nashville, Tennessee, February 2013.

The Civil War began as a means of preserving the Union. But to nearly four million African Americans, it held a much more personal promise. As Northern armies swept south, self-emancipated slaves sought refuge behind Union lines. Determined to claim basic human rights, former slaves turned soldiers helped defeat their oppressors. But the road to freedom would be a rocky one. Despite continued oppression and violence, African Americans worked tirelessly to rebuild families torn apart by slavery, to educate themselves, and to claim their rightful place as American Citizens. Drawing on her dissertation research, Dr. deGregory talks about the critical role of education in the life and times of Tennessee freedmen. Topics of interest include the important role of literacy in the lives of blacks, both free and slave, the murder of Central Tennessee College student Julia Hayden, as well as the extraordinary contributions of the Original Fisk University Jubilee Singers.

"Which HBCUs Will Survive the 21st Century and Why." H.O.P.E. Scholarship (Twitter Chat). August 27, 2012.

"Civil War Songs and Stories," Nashville Public Television (TV). Renaissance Center, May 2011.

Produced to mark the 150th anniversary of the conflict, Midsouth Regional Emmy Award-nominated CIVIL WAR SONGS AND STORIES captures the sounds and tales from the Civil War era. Actor David Keith narrates. Mustered to preserve morale, professional brass bands accompanied Union and Confederate regiments throughout the war. The music — songs of patriotism, valor, and victory, death, and defeat — both inspired soldiers and consoled them, as the melodies conjured sweet memories from home and provided hope in seemingly hopeless circumstances. A Fisk alumna and black college historian, Dr. deGregory intimately knows the story of the original Fisk Jubilee Singers troupe. As a student and researcher, she spent thousands of hours in the Fisk Special Collections Library with archivist the late Beth Madison Howse, the great-granddaughter of Ella Sheppard Moore. deGregory draws on these rich personal experiences and her professional training to contribute to the Nashville Public Television documentary.

"HBCUstory Symposium and from HBCU to Harvard." HBCU Lifestyle (Blog) Radio. December 24, 2014.

"Discover NPL: Genealogy." Metropolitan Nashville Government (TV). August 2012.

Featured as a researcher in the Special Collections Division of the Nashville Public Library, discussing its rich resources and their utility for professional historians, genealogists, and enthusiasts.

PUBLIC + OTHER SERVICE

Trustee, Tennessee Historical Society. Nashville, Tennessee (2022 - present).

Member, Advisory Board for Rosenwald Collections for All at Fisk University. Nashville, Tennessee (2022 - present).

Member, Advisory Committee for Tennessee State Parks Black Heritage. Nashville, Tennessee (2022 - present).

Member, Advisory Committee for #RealCollegeHBCU of The Hope Center at Temple University. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2021 - 2022).

Member, Tennessee State Parks Black Heritage Advisory Committee. Middle Tennessee (2021 - present).

Member, Lumina Kitchen Cabinet Advisory Committee. Virtual (2020).

Consultant, Nashville Public Radio Special *Three Castles And The Music City*. Nashville, Tennessee (2020).

Consultant, Nashville Public Education Foundation. Nashville, Tennessee (2020).

Co-Organizer, Equal Justice Initiative Soil Collection Project. Frankfort, Kentucky (2018 – 2019).

Board of Trustees, The National Association for the Preservation of African-American History and Culture, Inc. (NAPAAHC). Tallahassee, Florida. (2015 - 2018).

Fellow, New Leaders Council. Nashville, Tennessee. (2014).

Advisory Board, Separation and Exclusivity Among Tennesseans Past and Present, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, (2013 – 2014).

Consultant, Walking Civil Rights Tour Brochure. Historic Nashville, Inc. + Center for Historic Preservation, MTSU Nashville, Tennessee (2013).

Speaker: "A Legacy Worth Fighting For." Cultural Innovation at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, (April 2013).

Panelist: "HBCUs in the Civil Rights Movement." Ford African Ancestry Employees Network, Franklin, Tennessee (February 2013).

Speaker: "Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement." Tennessee State University College of Education, Nashville, Tennessee (February 2013).

Mentor, Tiger Mentees Program at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee (2012-2013).

Board Member, Historic Nashville, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee (January 2012 - 2013).

Speaker: "Preparedness for the Game...of Life," Real Sports Leadership Academy, Nashville, Tennessee (August 2011).

Speaker: "Leadership Matters," Career Development Institute for Teens, Nashville, Tennessee, (August 2011).

Panelist: "The Game: Rules and Regulations in Pursuing Your Career," Career Services and Jubilee Hall Living Learning Center, Fisk University (February 2011).

Speaker: "Leading By Example," Fisk University SGA Leadership Institute, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee (August 2010).

Campus Advisor, Love You Like A Sister, Inc. (L.Y.L.A.S.), Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee (2010-2011).

Panelist: "Relationship Management," Fisk University Pre-College, Nashville, Tennessee (June 2010).

Speaker: "College-bound vs. College-ready: The Challenges of Young Manhood," 100 KINGS Program of 100 Black Men of Middle Tennessee, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee (February 2010).

Member, Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, (2010-present) Volunteer, Poverty Stops Here, Nashville, Tennessee, (2010).

Speaker: "Test Preparedness for Exam Time," Hale Hall Living Learning Center, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee (December 2009).

Oral History Committee Member: "We Are One Hundred," Nashville Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee (2009).

Planning Committee Member: "Justice and the Beloved Community: Civil Rights Movement in Nashville," National Preservation Conference 2009, Nashville, Tennessee (2009).

Volunteer Consultant, Young Alumni Association of Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee (2005-2010).

Planning Committee Member, Nashville Conference on African American History & Culture, Nashville, Tennessee (2003 - 2014).

Decade-long service; helped to brand and market the conference in new and exciting ways, including logo design and social media strategic planning; as well as presenting primary research on topics related to the history of African Americans in Nashville, helping to keep alive the mission of the conference for a new generation of scholars.

PROFESSIONAL + CIVIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Southern Historical Association
- Tennessee Historical Society
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- General Alumni Association of Fisk University, Inc., Life Member
- Tennessee State University National Alumni Association
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Daytona Beach Alumnae Chapter
- Association of Black Women Historians
- Southern Association for Women Historians