

**Robert Samuel Smith, PhD**

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**EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Philosophy:** History, December 2002  
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, OH
- Masters of Arts:** History, May 1997  
Central Michigan University - Mt. Pleasant, MI
- Bachelor of Arts:** Psychology & Public Relations, May 1992  
Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN

**RELEVANT ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

**Marquette University**

**Harry G. John Professor, Associate Professor of History, 2017-present**

**Director, Center for Urban Research, Teaching & Outreach, 2017-present**

- Inaugural Director charged with shaping the Center's vision and infrastructure
- Directing and revamping Urban Affairs Minor
- Coordinating research into Electronic Monitoring in Milwaukee with community experts

**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**

**Associate Vice Chancellor, Global Inclusion & Engagement, 2014-present**

- Supervise the Office of Equity & Diversity Services
- Chancellor's Enrollment Management Team
- Common Read Experience, Co-Chair
- Community Engaged Scholars Network, Co-Chair
- Chancellor's Social Entrepreneurship, Justice & Equity Compact (SEJEC), Chair

**Cultures & Communities, Executive Director, 2012-present**

- Cultures & Communities Certificate Program – 150+ students
- Multicultural America – direct 9 sections each semester
- Community University Partnership (CUP) Grant Program

**PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH**

**Books**

Smith, Robert Samuel. *Race, Labor & Civil Rights: Griggs v. Duke Power and the Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity*. Baton Rouge, La: Louisiana State University Press, 2008.

*The Underground Railroad in Wisconsin* (tentative title); Wisconsin Historical Society Press (February 2010).

### Book Reviews

Robert Samuel Smith, "'The Canary in the Mine:' 1950s Little Rock As The Testing Ground for Orchestrated Resistance To School Desegregation." Review of *Little Rock: Race And Resistance At Central High School* by Karen Anderson. *H-Net Reviews* (February, 2013).

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Black Power at Work: Community Control, Affirmative Action, and the Construction Industry*, edited by David Goldberg and Trevor Griffey. *Journal of American History*, Vol. 98, no 3: 903-904 (2011).

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Selma of the North: Civil Rights Insurgency in Milwaukee*, by Patrick D. Jones. *American Historical Review*, Vol. 115, no. 4 (October 2010): 1188-1189.

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Many Minds, One Heart: SNCC's Dream for a New America*, by Wesley Hogan. *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. XCIV, no. 2 (Summer 2010): 244-246.

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Redress for Historical Injustices in the United States: On Reparations for Slavery, Jim Crow, and their Legacies*, edited by Michael T. Martin and Marilyn Yaquinto. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 76, no. 3 (August 2010): 798-800.

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Freedom is Not Enough: The Opening of the American Workplace*, by Nancy MacLean. *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 73, no. 2 (May 2007): 490-492.

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *The Shifting Wind; The Supreme Court and Civil Rights from Reconstruction to Brown*, by John R. Howard, *The American Journal of Legal History* XLIV (2000): 343-345.

Robert Samuel Smith. Review of *Southern Migrants, Northern Exiles*, by Chad Berry, *Northwest Ohio Quarterly* 72 (Winter/Spring 2000): 51-53.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2009-present

Courses Taught:

*African American History Survey, II* – Undergraduate/Graduate  
*African Americans & the Legal Process* – Undergraduate/Graduate  
*United State History Survey, II* – Undergraduate  
*Multicultural America* - Undergraduate

Duties 2005-06 (Spring Semester)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2003-04, \$6000.

Bowling Green State University, Non-Service Doctoral Fellowship, History Department, 2001-02

Bowling Green State University, Edward I. & Xin-Zhu J. Chen Scholarship for Outstanding Doctoral Fellow, History Department, 2000-01

### RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

Chair/Moderator, *Historians and the Carceral State*, American Historians Association; Chicago, IL (January 2019)

Master of Ceremonies, America's Black Holocaust Museum Re-Opening, Milwaukee, WI (June 2018)

Chair/Moderator, *Youth and Activism*, Organization of American Historians; Sacramento, CA (April 2018)

Chair/Moderator, Community Panel Discussion: *Civil Rights in Milwaukee Since the Time of Dr. King*, Marquette University; Milwaukee, WI (January 2018)

Chair/Moderator, *Lunchtime for Activists: Confronting Mass Incarceration*, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Milwaukee, WI (November 2017)

Presenter, *Bridging Histories, Knowledges and Communities*, Association of Jesuit Colleges & University Arts & Sciences and Graduate School Dean's Conference; Milwaukee, WI (September 2017)

Chair/Moderator, *To Defuse a Powder Keg; Historicizing the 2016 Milwaukee Uprising*, Law and Working Class History Association; Seattle, WA (June 2017)

Grant Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Collections and Reference Resources (HCRR) Grant Program; Digital Meeting (October 2015)

Moderator, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964: 50 Years Later," Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association; Milwaukee, WI (September 2014)

Guest Scholar, *Black Nouveau*, "Our Right To Vote"; Milwaukee, WI (June 2014)

Guest Scholar, *American Forum* -- PBS on the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Charlottesville, VA (May 2014)

*Invited Scholar/Co-Panelist*, “Laughing at our Contradictions: George Wolfe’s *The Colored Museum* and Post-Modern Black Culture,” University of North Carolina, Charlotte; Charlotte, NC. (February 2012)

*Invited Scholar/Lecturer*, “Daisy Bates: First Lady of Little Rock,” John Michael Kohler Arts Center; Sheboygan, WI. (January 2012)

*Panelist*, “Battling Racial Colonialism with Legal Activism; Transnational Cooperation within the Human Rights Bar during the Post-Civil Rights and Post-Independence Eras” for the panel *Global Dimensions of Black Power In Africana Cultures And Policy Studies*; Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora; Pittsburgh, PA (November 2011)

*The 42nd Annual Morris Fromkin Memorial Lecture*, “To Mitigate the Harshness: Transnational Legal Efforts In The Fight Against Apartheid”; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library; Milwaukee, WI (October 2011)

*Invited Scholar/Co-Panelist*, *Integrating the Workplace: A Retrospective On The 50th Anniversary of Plans for Progress*, “Remembering Griggs: Legal Activism and the Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity,” Kennesaw State University; Kennesaw, GA (October 2011)

*Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer*, *Marquette University Psychology Department Graduate Diversity Colloquium*, “Black People Ain’t Coming To See Ya’ll No Way!”; Milwaukee, WI (March 2011)

“Battling Racial Colonialism With Legal Activism: Transnational Linkages Across The Human Rights Bar”; Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities; Las Vegas, NV (March 2011)

*Moderator*, “Riding The Freedom Road: Are We There Yet?”; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library; Milwaukee, WI (February 2011)

*Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer*, “The Making of African American Identity: Digital Resources for Middle and High School”; North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, 2010 Conference. Charlotte, NC (October 2010)

*Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer*, “The Making of the African American Identity: From the Early 1900s to the Present”; Wisconsin Academy for Study of American History/Teaching American History Workshop; University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Green Bay, WI (October 2010)

*Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer*, “The Long Civil Rights Movement: Recent Trends in Scholarship and Digital Aids”; Wisconsin Academy for Study of American History/Teaching American History Summer Institute on Milwaukee Civil Rights (July 2010)

Pittsburgh, PA (October 2004)

*Moderator*, "Getting to Brown: the Legal Background to 1954" for *Through the Eyes of the Law: A Legal History of Brown v. Board of Education*, Levine Museum of the New South; Charlotte, NC (June 2004).

"A Profile of Black Protests; Willie Boyd and the Landmark Supreme Court Decision *Griggs v. Duke Power*," Indiana Association of Historians Annual Meeting, "Civil Rights in Historical Perspective"; Indianapolis, Indiana (February 2004).

*Guest Panelist*, Affirmative Action Debate, Gaston County Clergy and Citizens Coalition Meeting; Dallas, NC (July 2003).

"The NAACP-Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Expansion of Equal Employment Opportunity; A Legal History of the Landmark Title VII Decision *Griggs v. Duke Power*"— Association for the Study of Afro-American History and Life; Orlando, FL (October 2002).

"The NAACP-Legal Defense and Education Fund and post-Civil Rights Era Legal Strategy; Fashioning an Effective Interpretation of Title VII," The Association of African American Studies; Houston, TX (February 2002).

*Guest Lecturer on African American History*, Renaissance High School; Detroit, MI (December 2001).

"Race, Law & Civil Rights; African Americans and the Legal Process from Slavery to Present," National Alliance of Black School Educators Conference; Los Angeles, California (November 2001).

"The NAACP-Legal Defense and Education Fund and post-Civil Rights Era Legal Strategy; Fashioning an Effective Interpretation of Title VII," The Social Impact of Policy History Conference; Bowling Green, OH (November 2001).

"*Defining Race; African Americans and the American Legal Process*," Shepherd College; Shepherdstown, West Virginia (March 2000).

"*Hip-Hop and Being Bout' It; Leadership Implications for Educators*," State of Michigan Equity Conference; Ypsilanti, MI (March 2000).

*Keynote Address*, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration," University of Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas (January 2000).

*Keynote Address*, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Ball," Central Michigan University; Mount Pleasant, MI. (January 1999).

Cultural Inclusion,” *Organizational COURAGE Workshop #1*, Levine Museum of the New South; Charlotte, NC (May 2005).

*Guest Lecture* on African American History, Alston & Byrd Law Firm; Charlotte, NC (February 2005).

*Guest Lecture*, “The Civil Rights Era in North Carolina,” Johnson & Wales University; Charlotte, NC (February 2005).

*Diversity Training Consultant*, Davidson College; Davidson, NC (August 2003, 2004).

*Consulting Historian, Talk, Listen and Learn: The Charlotte African American Oral History Project*, 2003-Present

## **RELATED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

### **Board of Trustees - Graduate Student Representative, Bowling Green State University, 2000-2002**

- Worked in conjunction with President, Board Members and constituent groups in furthering mission and core values of university
- Provided strategic input and guidance for university mission and goals
- Member of Academic and Student Affairs Sub-Committee that provided oversight to BGSU academic and student affairs mission

### **President - Graduate Student Senate, Bowling Green State University, 1999-2000**

- Served as key graduate student representative to university community
- Worked in conjunction with university constituent groups as liaison to graduate community

### **Managing Editor- Newsletter, American Society of Legal Historians, 1998-99**

- Edited articles and reviews for ASLH newsletter
- Prepared materials for annual ASLH meeting

### **Residence Hall Director, Central Michigan University, 1992-98**

- Responsible for management of residence hall which housed 300 students with operating budget of \$69,200
- Supervised and trained 17 Multicultural Advisors and 8 hall staff members
- Performed academic advising for undergraduate students

### **Graduate Recruiter, Central Michigan University, 1996-98**

- Recruited potential graduate students from major HBCUs
- Coordinated campus visits for prospective students
- Performed general recruiting activities

### **Student of Color Leadership Coordinator, Central Michigan University, 1996-98**

## **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

### **College of Arts & Sciences:**

College of Arts & Sciences Diversity Representative, 2006-2009  
 College of Arts & Sciences Technology Committee Representative 2006-2009  
 Arts & Sciences Faculty Council, Alternate 2002-03, Representative 2004-2006  
 Ronald E. McNair Program Mentor, 2003-2009

### **Africana Studies Department:**

Africana Studies Chair Search Committee, 2006-2007/2007-2008  
*Symposium on the African Diaspora*, 2004-2009  
 Merit Pay Committee, 2006-2009  
 Workload Policy Committee, Chair 2007-08

## **Bowling Green State University**

Board of Trustees, Graduate Representative, 2000-02  
 Africana Studies Advisory Committee, Member, 2000-02  
 Diversity Task Force Steering Committee, Graduate Representative, 2000-02  
 Faculty Senate, Academic Affairs Committee, Graduate Representative 2001-02  
 Graduate Student Senate, Academic Affairs Chair, 2000-02  
 African Historian Search Committee, Graduate Representative, Spring 2000  
 Graduate Student Senate, President, 1999-00  
 Student Budget Committee, Chairperson, 1999-00  
 Graduate Stipend Allocation Committee, Graduate Representative, Fall 1999  
 Information Technology Committee, Graduate Representative, 1999-00  
 Faculty Senate, Graduate Representative, 1999-00  
 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Graduate Representative, 1999-00  
 Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, Graduate Representative, 1999-00  
 University Commission on Alcohol Issues, Graduate Representative, 1999-00  
 Provost Search Committee, Graduate Representative, Fall 1999  
 Graduate Council, Graduate Representative, 1998-01  
 Graduate Student Senate, Multicultural Affairs Chair, 1998-99

## **Central Michigan University**

Chair, Provost's Committee on Diversity, 1997-98  
 Chair, Campus Climate Conference, 1997-98

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History  
 Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities  
 American Society for Legal History  
 National Council on Black Studies  
 Organization of American Historians  
 American Historical Association