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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: History, December 2002
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, OH
Dissertation - *Race, Labor & Civil Rights: Griggs v. Duke Power and the Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity*

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

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Books

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

Refereed Articles/Book Chapters

Robert Samuel Smith, Zachery Williams, Seneca Vaught, Babacar M'Baye (the *Africana Cultures and Policy Studies Institute*), "A History of Black Immigration into the United States through the Lens of the African American Civil and Human Rights Struggle." In *Immigrant Rights in the Shadows of United States Citizenship*, ed. Rachel Ida Buff. New York: New York University Press, 2008.

Robert Samuel Smith and Debra Smith, "HBO's *The Wire*: Media Placement and Post-Industrial Landscapes." In *Africana Cultures and Policy Studies: How African American History, Culture, and Studies Can Transform Africana Public Policy*, ed. Zachery Williams. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

Museum Exhibits

Robert Samuel Smith. *Brooklyn to Biddleville*. Charlotte Museum of History, Neighborhood Exhibit Series, February 2007-October 2007. Charlotte, North Carolina.

Works in Progress

Robert Samuel Smith. *A Documentary History of African Americans and the Legal Process*. Deklab, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, under contract.

Other Publications

Smith, Robert S., and Fran Kaplan, "Introduction: Growing Up Under Jim Crow." In *A Time of Terror: A Survivor's Story*, by James Cameron, xv-xxxviii. Milwaukee: LifeWrites Press, 2016.

Robert Samuel Smith. "Civil Rights Movement." In *Encyclopedia of Race & Racism*, editor in chief, John H. Moore. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomas Gale, 328-334, 2007.

Robert Samuel Smith. "NAACP." In *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*, ed. Roger Chapman. Armonk, NY: ME Sharp, forthcoming.

Robert Samuel Smith. "The Morril Act." In *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court in the U.S.*, ed. David S. Tanenhaus. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomas Gale, forthcoming.

Manuscript Reviews

The Crusade for Equality in the Workplace: The Griggs v. Duke Power Story; University of Kansas Press (May 2013).

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.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

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, Title VII and the Promise of Equal Employment for the symposium *The Life of the Law: A Symposium Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964*, University of Virginia; Charlottesville, VA (May 2014)

Panelist, "To Champion The Cause Through Law" for the panel *Legal Histories of Human Rights*, Organization of American Historians; Atlanta, GA (April 2014)

Panelist, "Grassroots Histories of Title VII" for the panel *Integrating the American Workplace*, Organization of American Historians; Atlanta, GA (April 2014)

Invited Scholar/Lecturer, "The Trials of Muhammad Ali," John Michael Kohler Arts Center; Sheboygan, WI. (March 2014)

Invited Scholar/Lecturer, "The Post-UM Cases Era and Diversity in Higher Education," *Diversity Dialogues*, Marquette University; Milwaukee, WI. (February 2014)

Invited Scholar/Lecturer, "The Voting Rights Act and Black Political Representation," on *The Kathleen Dunn Show*: Wisconsin Public Radio; Milwaukee, WI. (November 2013)

Invited Scholar/Lecturer, "The Black Family in Milwaukee - the Selma of the North; A 'Critical' Case Study," *Contemporary African American Families: Achievements, Challenges, and Empowerment Strategies in the 21st Century*; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; Charlotte, NC. (October 2013)

“Strangers To The Courts, But Not Strangers To The Law: Transnational Legal Efforts In The Fight Against Apartheid,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities; London (March 2013)

Invited Scholar/Lecturer, “The Powerbroker; Whitney Young’s Fight for Civil Rights,” John Michael Kohler Arts Center; Sheboygan, WI. (February 2013)

Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series, “March on Milwaukee: Local Civil Rights History Online and In Context,” UWM School of Continuing Education; Milwaukee, WI (October 2012)

Panelist, “Working While Black: Black Power and the Civil Rights Act” for the panel *Reframing Policy Perspectives on Black Power*; “The Fire Every Time: Reframing Black Power Across the 20th Century and Beyond; A Public History Conference and Symposium,” Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture & African American Studies, The College of Charleston; Charleston, SC (September 2012)

Moderator/Commenter, for the panel “Profiting From The Past,” Organization of American Historians; Milwaukee, WI (April 2012)

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)

Moderator, Keynote and Plenary Panel Discussion; 2010 Wisconsin Oral History Day; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library; Milwaukee, WI (March 2010)

Invited Scholar/Guest Lecturer, “Race, Labor & Civil Rights”; Tryon Palace; New Bern, NC (November, 2009)

Invited Scholar/Consultant, Levine Museum of the New South, revamping of permanent exhibit *Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers*; Charlotte, NC (August 2009)

Invited Scholar/Expert, North Carolina Humanities Council/National Endowment for the Humanities Assessment; Greensboro, NC (May 2008).

Guest Panelist, “In Mixed Company,” WFAE/NPR; Charlotte, NC (January 2008).

“Brooklyn: The Lost City within a City,” Association for the Study of Afro American History and Life; Charlotte, NC (October 2007).

Panelists/Co-Moderator, “From Brooklyn to Biddleville: Civic Engagement and Historical Preservation in a New South City”; Association for the Study of Afro American History and Life; Charlotte, NC (October 2007).

Moderator, “African Identity in the 21st Century,” International House; Charlotte, NC (August/November 2007).

“Battling Racial Colonialism with Legal Activism; Transnational Cooperation within the Human Rights Bar during the Post-Civil Rights and Post-Independence Eras,” National Council on Black Studies; San Diego, California (March 2007).

Featured Historian, African Americans’ Journey in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, PBS WTVI; Charlotte, NC (October 2006).

“Writing Labor and Law into Black Power History,” Race, Roots, and Resistance: Revisiting the Legacies of Black Power; Champaign-Urbana, Ill. (March 2006).

Panelist, “National Humanities Center Tool Box,” American Studies Association 2005 Annual Meeting; Washington D.C. (November 2005).

Guest Panelist, “40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act,” WFAE/NPR; Charlotte, NC (August 2005).

Guest Panelist, Focus On... Slavery: An Overview of Slavery in North Carolina, PBS UNC-TV; Durham, NC (February 2005).

Panel Moderator, “Culture, Protest and Policy; Integrative Approaches toward Studying the African Diaspora,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History; 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).

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS:

Panelist, “How Going Digital Save America’s Black Holocaust *virtual* Museum” at the national meeting of the *Association of African American Museums*; Birmingham, AL (August 2014)

Guest Facilitator, “Slavery By Another Name,” for *Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights*, North Shore & Villard Libraries; Turner Hall, Milwaukee, WI (October 2013 & April 2014)

Guest Lecturer, “The Quintessential Scholar-Activist: Dr. James Cameron’s Legacy As A Public Intellectual,” at *Celebrating the Legacy of Dr. James Cameron A Gathering for Racial Repair & Reconciliation*; Milwaukee, WI (February 2014)

Guest Lecturer, “Brooklyn to Biddleville: Charlotte’s Historic African American Neighborhoods,” Historic Charlotte; Charlotte, NC (February 2009).

Charlotte Cultural History Partnership, “From Brooklyn to Biddleville,” 2006-Present

Guest Lecturer, “Brooklyn to Biddleville: Charlotte’s Historic African American Neighborhoods,” Vanguard Group; Charlotte, NC (February 2007).

Guest Lecturer, “Brooklyn to Biddleville: Charlotte’s Historic African American Neighborhoods,” Wachovia Cooperation; Charlotte, NC (February 2007).

Group Discussion Moderator, Charlotte Mecklenburg African American Agenda; Charlotte, NC (January 2007).

Consulting Historian, National Humanities Center Toolbox for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Teachers, "The Making of African American Identity: 1865-1917;" Levine Museum of the New South; Charlotte, NC (June 2004, 2005).

"Immigration and Migration in the 20th Century," *Organizational COURAGE Workshop #2*, Levine Museum of the New South; Charlotte, NC (May 2005).

"Disfranchisement, Democracy and Historical Courage: Encouraging Institutional and 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

Consulting Historian, Minority Golfers National Museum and National Hall of Fame Oral History Project, 2003-2005

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Robert Smith, Anne Bonds, Jenna Loyd, Lorraine Malcoe, Jenny Plevin, "Transforming Justice." Academic Year 2014-15. \$75,000 Awarded by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Center for 21st Century Studies: Transdisciplinary Challenge.

Robert Smith, "Battling Racial Colonialism with Legal Activism." Academic Year 2011-12. \$15,000 awarded by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Graduate Research Committee.

Robert Smith, *The 42nd Annual Morris Fromkin Memorial Lectureship.* Academic Year 2011-12. \$5000 awarded by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library.

Robert Smith, "Battling Racial Colonialism with Legal Activism." Academic Year 2010-11. \$2500 awarded by University of Wisconsin System, *Institute on Race and Ethnicity*

William Gay, Eddy Souffrant, and Robert Smith, Workshop for Faculty on Achieving Curriculum Diversity, 4th Summer Institute. May 12-16, 2008. \$35,020 awarded by Academic Affairs, UNC-Charlotte.

Karen Flint, Robert Smith, “Brooklyn to Biddleville” Program, North Carolina Humanities Council, 2006, \$1200.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, College of Arts & Sciences Reassignment of 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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

2002-2008, Assistant Professor, Africana Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- 2008-2009, Associate Professor, Africana Studies Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Africana Studies – Undergraduate
African American History Surveys I, II – Undergraduate
African Americans & the Legal Process – Undergraduate & Graduate
Senior Seminar – Undergraduate
United States Legal History – Undergraduate
Slavery & Resistance Across the Americas – Undergraduate
Oral History of Black Charlotte – Undergraduate

2000-01, Instructor, Chapman Learning Community, *Early American History* and *Modern American History*, Bowling Green State University

1998-99, Teaching Assistant, History Department, *Early American History* and *U.S. Since 1945*, Bowling Green State University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Associate Vice Chancellor, Global Inclusion and Engagement, 2014-present
Cultures & Communities

Executive Director, 2013-present

UW-Extension

Re-Imagining Extension Steering Committee, 2013-Present

College of Letters & Science

Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee, 2010-present

History Department

Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2011-2013

Awards Committee, Chair, 2010-11

Graduate Affairs Committee, 2009-10

Urban Studies Program

50th Planning Committee, Chair, 2013-14

Curriculum Committee Chair, 2010-2013

Steering Committee, 2010-2013

Ronald E. McNair Program Mentor, 2014

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

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

- Planned and generated study skills workshops and leadership seminars
- Coordinated community service activities for student develop

Co-Director, *Science in the City Workshop*, Central Michigan University, 1997

- Developed summer workshop for adolescent students of color gifted in math and science
- Developed leadership training workshops for workshop participants
- Co-Coordinated week-long workshop with operating budget of roughly \$20,000

Assistant to the Director, *King/Chavez/Parks Summer Program*, Central Michigan University, 1997-98

- Planned and coordinated summer extended day visits for middle and high school students from underrepresented populations
- Coordinated selection process and training of summer student mentor staff
- Prepared various reports of summer programs for Department of Education, Office of Equity
- Managed operating budget of \$89,000

Summer Residence Hall Director, Central Michigan University, 1992-98

- Prepared residence hall to accommodate 10-15 sports camps
- Managed the payroll of and supervise 25-30 desk staff receptionists
- Supervised 5-10 sports camp counselors

Head Mentor, *King/Chavez/Parks Summer Program*, Central Michigan University, 1994-1997

- Responsible for, housing, evening programming and safety of 50-75 ethnically diverse adolescents
- Supervised and trained 10-15 college mentors to assist with program

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Africana Cultures and Policy Studies Institute
 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

REFERNCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST