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Education:

2017 PhD, History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA Dissertation: *Pentecostalism, Populism, and the Historic Development of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC)*
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Rouse

1999 M.A., History, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA Thesis: *Splitting in the Name of Jesus: A History of Georgia's COGIC Church*
Advisor: Dr. Jacqueline Rouse

1992 B.A., History, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

Teaching and Administration Experience:

2024-Present Chair, Africana Studies and History Department
Advised and directed HASMM Club, MLK Scholars, and the DMV Club
Supported seminars that focused on Black Male research and legacy
Oversaw the development of the *Black Scholar* publication
Provided logistical support for the Memory, Movement, and Justice Project and resulting course development
Issued a key recommendation letter for the successful selection of the Fulbright International Educator Administrator

2020-Present Morehouse Metaverse Historian: The *first* historian and professor at an HBCU and on a global stage to teach History in a virtual reality platform
The *first* professor of history to teach African and African American history in the Metaverse

2019-Present Assistant Professor of History, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

2013-Present Lecturer, Kingdom Advantage Training Academy (KATA) Greater Community
COGIC, Marietta, GA

2009-2015 Adjunct Professor of History, Georgia Military College, Fairburn, GA

List of Courses Taught at Georgia Military College:

Survey of World Civilization I
Survey of World Civilization II

Survey of American History I

Survey of American History II

List of Courses Taught at Morehouse College:

2024 Summer Semester: HHIS 111 World History Topical Approaches- 3 students

2024 Fall Semester: HHIS 122 01F History of the African Diaspora since 1800- 25 students

HHIS 122 02F History of the African Diaspora since 1800- 28 students

HHIS 361 History of the African American Church- 13 students

Spring 2025 HHIS 111 World History Topical Approaches – 25 students

Student Advisement/Mentored

6 official advisees and 5 unofficial advisees

Publications and Scholarship:

2024 Ethical Considerations of Virtual Reality in the College Classroom, Contributor, Metaverse

2023 Stanford University Study on Higher Education, the Metaverse Classroom

2023 *Chronicle of Higher Education*, featured my history program in Virtual Reality

2022 History of the African Diaspora since 1800, Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2022

2022 Sanctified Georgia: History of Peach State Pentecostalism, Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2022

2022 *Liberal Education: American Association of Colleges and Universities*, Metaverse Historian

2021 Sanctified Revolution: The Church of God in Christ, UP Books Publishing, 2021

2021 ICERI, published Morehouse Virtual Reality Program in Sciences and Humanities

2006 Church of God in Christ Centennial: Classic Pictorial Collection, 1 Volume, Woolard, 2006

1999 Bishop J. Howard Dell Papers, AUC Archives, Robert Woodruff Library

Honors/ Awards/Grants/Service:

2024 Member of Higher Education in Prisons Committee, developing courses for the incarcerated population

2022 T-Mobile Innovation Award, World's First Metaversity

2022 CBRE HBCU Emerging Technology Award for Morehouse in the Metaverse

1992-2009 5 Navy Achievement Medals
2 National Defense Medals
1 Global War on Terrorism Medal
1 Meritorious Unit Citation Commendation
1 Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
2 Admiral's Letters of Commendation

Conferences and Speaking:

2025 Speaker for Conference of African American Church History: Dallas, TX

2024 Speaker for Marvell, Arkansas Annual Historic Community Celebration

2023 Speaker/Lecturer for Black History: US Naval Academy
University of California, Channel Islands
Fort Gillem Medical Logistics Command

2022 Media Interviews for Virtual Reality: NBC, Axios Atlanta, NPR podcast, WSB TV

2019-2020 Lecturer, COGIC History Symposium, Dallas, TX

2014 Lecturer, African American History Conference, Memphis University, Memphis, TN

2013-Present Church of God in Christ (COGIC) historian and lecturer: Founder's Day, Memphis, TN

2006-2009 Organizer and speaker, City of Albany, Georgia Chamber of Commerce

2009 Presenter, Freedom Fighters, In Spite of, Dr. Alton Hornsby Lecture Series (March 14)

1996-1999 Speaker and organizer of Naval Air Station Atlanta's Historical Cultural Observances: Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian-Pacific History Month, Women's Voting History Month, Latino-American History Month, Native American History Month

Training/Certificates:

1986-2009 US Navy, Retired Naval Officer (War on Terrorism), Officer Recruiter

2000-2012 JROTC Logistics Instructor and Trainer, Atlanta Public Schools