Curriculum Vitae
Matt D. Childs
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Appointments
Associate Professor, University of South Carolina, 2008-
• Director of the History Center, 2010-13
• Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, 2016-
• Director of Latin American and African Studies, Walker International
  Center, 2016-
Associate Professor, Florida State University, 2007-2008
Assistant Professor, Florida State University, 2001-2007

Educational Background:
Ph.D. Spring 2001, The University of Texas at Austin. "The Cuban Aponte
Rebellion of 1812."
M.A. Summer 1994. Departmental Honors, University of California, Los Angeles,
Major: Latin American Studies.
B.S. December 1992. Magna Cum Laude, Central Michigan University, Major:
  History; Minor(s): Geography and Latin American Studies.

Books
The 1812 Aponte Rebellion in Cuba and the Struggle against Atlantic Slavery. Chapel
consulted from over twenty archives located in Cuba, Spain, Great Britain, and the
United States, this study is the first book length analysis of one of the largest slave
rebellions in Cuban history. 2007 Frederick Douglass Book Prize Finalist (1 of
3 finalist for $25,000 book prize given by Yale University’s Gilder Lehrman
Center for the Study of Slavery Resistance and Abolition). Translated version
with updates published in Cuba in 2012 and featured at Feb. 2012 Havana Book
Fair. La conspiración de Aponte de 1812 en Cuba y la lucha contra la esclavitud

chapters that focus on the enslavement, middle passage, American experience, and
return to Africa of a single cultural group, the Yoruba.


2nd Monograph: In Progress
"An African City in the Americas: The trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Havana, Cuba, 1762-1867." Book-length monograph that will examine the role of enslaved and free Africans in Havana, Cuba during the 19th century. Three peer reviewed book chapters published that analyze the cabildos de nación as part of work on the larger project. Three grants received for work on 2nd project to date.

Encyclopedia

Journal Articles and Book Chapters


"La Révolte contre les Français’: Race et patrie dans le soulèvement de 1809 `a La Havane," in Christophe Belaubre, Jordana Dym and John Savage, eds, *Napoléon et les Amériques* (Toulouse, France: Méridiennes Université de Toulouse le Mirail, 2009), pp. 117-138. Drawing upon sources from Cuban and Spanish archives, chapter examines the 1809 Urban Riot against French residents in Havana that was led by Free People of Color.


**Historiographical, Bibliographic, and Methodological Articles and Essays:**


of scholarly work dealing with and defining African Diaspora studies and Yoruba ethnicity and identity during the 20th century.


**Book Reviews**


*Sweet Negotiations: Sugar, Slavery and Plantation Agriculture in Early Barbados.* By Russell R. Menard, Agricultural History, vol. 82, no. 4 (Fall 2008)


Encyclopaedia Articles

Awards and Prizes

2015 Mungo Graduate Teaching Award Finalist. 1 of 3 professors campus wide chosen as a finalist for Michael J. Mungo Graduate Teaching Award, University of South Carolina.


2007 Frederick Douglass Book Prize Finalist 1 of 3 finalist for $25,000 book prize given by Yale University’s Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery Resistance and Abolition.

2007 University of Texas African Research Award. Annual Award given at the University of Texas African Studies Conferences to recognize excellence in research and teaching in African and African Diaspora history.


Professor of the Year, Phi Alpha Theta, Florida State University. History Department Delta Chapter. 2002-03.

Estep Prize 1996 and 1998 Awarded by the History Department of the University of Texas at Austin for the best seminar paper in a graduate Latin American history course.

Southwest Council of Latin American Studies Graduate Award (SCOLAS) 1997 Awarded to recognize and aid graduate scholarly research in the field of Latin American Studies.


Commencement Address. 1992. Graduation ceremony for the intensive Spanish program offered through the Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.


Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

Harrington Faculty Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2008-2009

Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, Smathers Latin American Collection Grant. (Awarded May 2004 for summer research for 2nd book project)

Florida State University, First Year Assistant Professor Grant (FYAP), Summer 2002 "An African City in the Americas: The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Havana, Cuba, 1789-1867." (Awarded Summer 2002 for summer research for 2nd book project)


The University of Texas at Austin, Dorah Bonham Grant, 2001: Awarded to support travel to a national conference.

The University of Texas at Austin, Centennial Graduate Student Support Grant, 2000: Awarded to support travel to a national conference.
Social Science Research Council/American Council for Learned Societies
the conduct archival research in Cuba.

The Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Award, 1998-99. Awarded to
conduct archival research in Cuba.

The University of Texas at Austin, William S. Livingston Dissertation
Fellowship, 1998-99. Highest fellowship award given by the University of
Texas.

The Johns Hopkins University/ Ford Foundation Latin American Studies,
Cuba Research Grant, 1998. Awarded to conduct archival research in
Cuba.

Ford Foundation Social Science Concepts in Area Studies 1997 Awarded by the
Institute of Latin American Studies for a group project with John-Marshall
Klein, Marc McLeod and Joanna Swanger for research in Cuba.

Faculty Sponsored Dissertation Research Grant 1997 Awarded by the Institute
of Latin American Studies for field research in Latin America.

Lydia Cabrera Award 1997 Awarded by the Conference on Latin American
History (CLAH) for research in Cuban history prior to 1868.

Title VI Language Fellowship. Summer 1994. Quechua. University of California
at Los Angeles. Criteria: Selection by Latin American Center Fellowships
Committee.


In-State Tuition Fellowship. 1993-94. University of California at Los Angeles.


Michigan Competitive Scholarship. Academic Year(s) 1990-91, 1991-92, and


Papers Presented, Chair/Commentator Duties and Invited Lectures:

Las Rebeliones de Aponte en las Provincias de Cuba.” Congreso Aponte:
José Antonio Aponte: Perspectivas interdisciplinarias. 17-19 Noviembre 2016. Instituto Juan Marinello, Universidad de La Habana

Nov. 2016. Program in World History & Cultures 2016 Lecture: “Who Was Havana’s Sister City in the Atlantic World? Seville’s Imperial Legitimacy of Limpieza de Sangre; Or, Ouidah and Luanda’s Cultural and Social Kin Relations.” Co-sponsored by the Program in World History and Cultures at GSU, the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence at Emory University, and the President’s Office and the Department of History at the University of Georgia.

Nov. 2016. Chair for panel titled “Identity and Resistance in Nineteenth-Century Hispaniola, Argentina, and Mexico.” The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Saint Petersburg, FL, Nov. 2-5, 2016


May 2015. Keynote Address: “Promising Perspectives, Possible Pursuits, and Persistent Problems: What we knew, what we know, and what we still don’t
know about the Aponte Rebellion and the Book of Paintings.” José Antonio Aponte and his World: Writing, Painting and Making Freedom in the African Diaspora, May 7-8, 2015, Center for Latin American Studies, New York University


**Nov. 2014** Presenter "Southern Slavery in a Hemispheric Perspective." The 80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, Nov.13-16, 2014


Nov. 2013 Commentator for panel "Rights and Race in Nineteenth Century Mexico" The 79th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 31-Nov.3, 2013


Jan. 2012 Chair for Moving Communities and Networks in the Era of the Atlantic Slave Trade, Part 4: West African Historical Actors during the Era of the


Courses in the History of Slavery and Emancipation: March 4-5, 2010, The University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, Mississippi


November 2008. Chair and organizer for panel: "The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and West African Diaspora History: A Panel in Honour of Robin Law." The
51st African Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 13-16, 2008


January 2008 Paper titled: "Who Moves all of these Machinations"? The gendered relations between free and enslaved members of Havana's African ethnic-based organizations of the 19th century" American Historical Association's 122nd Annual Conference Washington, DC, January 3-6, 2008


November 2006 Chair for Panel on "Patriarchy, Race, and Ideology in Cuba and Jamaican Education." The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, Alabama, Nov. 15-18, 2006.


November 2002 "Revolutionary Imagery in the Cuban Aponte Rebellion of 1812: José Antonio Aponte’s ‘Libro de Pinturas’" The 68th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, Maryland, Nov. 6-9, 2002.

September 2002 "Race and Ethnicity in Multicultural Societies." Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Lambda Theta Phi, Latin American Honors Society.


December 1999 "Contradictions in Contemporary Cuba: Ten Years After the Berlin Wall, Cuba Remains Afloat." Institute for Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas.

April 1999  "La conspiración de Aponte y la historia colonial de Cuba."  Instituto de Historia de Cuba, Havana, Cuba.


October 1996  "A British Slaveholder and the Onset of the Brazilian Abolition Movement?: The St. John d'el Rey Mining Company and the Cata Branca Slaves."  Atlantic History Seminar, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.

February 1996  "Sewing Civilization: Cuban Female Education in the Context of Africanization, 1800-1860."  Atlantic History Seminar, Department of History, University of Texas at Austin.


**Language Proficiency:**

- **Spanish:** fluent oral and reading knowledge; good writing skills.
- **Portuguese:** good oral, reading and writing skills.
- **French:** good reading and limited writing skills.
Quechua: limited reading and writing skills.

Teaching and Teaching-Related Service

Course Offered at University of South Carolina, Fall 2009-
HIST 109 Introduction to Latin American Civilization (Large Survey 300 students), University of South Carolina, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Maymester 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Maymester 2011, Spring 2012. Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013.

HIST 109 Introduction to Latin American Civilization (Honors Section), University of South Carolina, Fall 2009, Spring 2016.

HIST 425. Race and Slavery in Caribbean History (upper level undergrad class, 40 students), University of South Carolina, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

HIST 700 Graduate Seminar on Atlantic History, University of South Carolina, Fall 2009, Spring 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2017.

HIST 700 Graduate Seminar on Slavery in the Americas, University of South Carolina, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2016.


Course Offered at Florida State University, Fall 2001-Spring 2008
HIS 6941, Teaching History at the College Level, Florida State University Fall 2006, Spring 2008.

HIS 6934, Graduate Seminar on Research Methods in Latin American History, Florida State University, Fall 2007.

HIS 6934, Graduate Seminar on Slave Revolts in the Americas, Florida State University, Spring 2006.

HIS 6934, Graduate Seminar on The Americas in the Age of Revolution, Team-Taught with Albrecht Koschnik, Florida State University, Spring 2005.

HIS 6934, Graduate Seminar on Atlantic World Historiography, Florida State University, Fall 2004, Spring 2008.

HIS 6934, Graduate Seminar on Race and Slavery in Latin America, Florida State University, Spring 2003.
HIS 6059, Graduate Course in Historical Methods, Florida State University, Fall 2003, Spring 2005.

HIS 5935, Graduate Course on Atlantic World History, Florida State University, Spring 2002.

HIS 4935 Senior Seminar on The US in the 1960s, Florida State University, Fall 2003


HIS 4930 Race and Slavery in Caribbean History, Florida State University, Spring 2003.

HIS 4930 The Americas and the Atlantic World, Florida State University, Spring 2002.

LAH 5475, Graduate Course in Caribbean History and Historiography, Florida State University, Fall 2001, Spring 2006.

LAH 4470 Caribbean History, Florida State University, Fall 2001, Spring 2006, Fall 2006.


LAH 1093 Bryan Hall Latin American Civilization, 1492 to the Present, Florida State University, Fall 2003.


**University of Texas at Austin, Fall 1995-Spring 1997, Spring 2000**

University of Texas at Austin, Supplemental Instruction for HIS 315L US History 1865-Present, Spring 2000.

University of Texas at Austin, extension course instructor, HIS 346K Latin America Before 1810, Fall 1995-Spring 1997.

**Universidad de los Andes, Venezuela, Summer 1992**

VENUSA (Venezuela-USA Cultural Programs) intensive English conversation instructor, Mérida, Venezuela, May-August 1992.
Ph. D Committees Completed

Ph. Ds Completed (20 total)

Director (3)

-Sarah Franklin, "Suitable to Her Sex: Race, Slavery and Patriarchy in 19th Century Cuba." Florida State University, Spring 2006. Associate Professor University of North Alabama.


-Chaz Yingling, “Colonialism Unraveling: Race, Religion, and National Belonging in Santo Domingo during the Age of Revolutions.” University of South Carolina, Summer 2016.

Committee Member (20):

-Amy Carney, "Victory in the Cradle: Fatherhood and the Family Community in the Nazi's Schutzstaffel." Florida State University Spring 2010. Assistant Professor, Penn State Behrend.


--David Cross, “The Role of the Trickster Figure and Four Afro-Caribbean Meta-Tropes in the Realization of Agency by Three Slave Protagonists.” University of South Carolina, Summer 2013. Assistant Professor, Charleston Southern University.

--Kelly Elliot, "'Chosen Race': Baptist Missions and Mission Churches in the East and West Indies, 1795-1875." Florida State University, Spring 2010. Assistant Professor, Abilene Christian University.


--Margaret Gillikin, “Saint Dominguan Refugees in Charleston, South Carolina, 1791-1822: Assimilation and Accommodation in a Slave Society.” University of South Carolina, Fall 2014. Adjunct Professor, Tiffin University.

--David Hancock, “Neutering Neoliberalism: Masculinities and Gore Capitalism in the Novels of Rubem Fonseca.” University of South Carolina, Summer 2016.

--Monica Hardin, "Family and Individual Mobility and Persistence in the Households of Guadalajara, Mexico, 1811-1842." , Florida State University, Spring 2006. Assistant Professor, Liberty University.

-Tameka Hobbs, "'Hitler is Here': Lynching in Florida During the Era of World War II." Florida State University Summer 2004. Assistant Professor, Florida Memorial University.
-**Erica Johnson.** “The Revolution from Within: Abolitionists and the Revolution in Saint-Domingue.” Florida State University, Spring 2013. Assistant Professor, Gordon State College.

-**Kenny Johnson,** “Louis-Thomas Villaret de Joyeuse: Admiral and Colonial Administrator (1747-1812).” Florida State University, Spring 2006. Associate Professor, Air Command and Staff College.

-**Kamelah Martin,** “Conjuring Moments and Other Such Hoodoo: African American Women & Spirit Work.” Florida State University, 2006. Assistant Professor, Savannah State University.

-**Vincent Mikkelsen,** "Coming From Battle to Face War: The Lynching of Black Soldiers in the World War I Era." Florida State University, Summer 2007. Lecturer, Florida State University.

-**William Morgan,** “Cuban Tobacco Slavery: Life, Labor, and Freedom in Pinar del Rio, 1817-1886.” University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2013. Assistant Professor, Lone Star College.

-**Tyler Parry,** “Love and Marriage: Domestic Relations and Matrimonial Strategies among the Enslaved in the Atlantic World.” University of South Carolina, Spring 2014. Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge.


-**Claudia Rivas,** "Defense of Craft: Guadalajara's Artisans in the Era of Economic Liberalism, 1842-1907." Florida State University, Summer 2008. Assistant Professor, University of Guadalajara.

-**Tamara Spike,** "To Make Graver This Sin: Conceptions of Purity and Pollution among the Timucua in Spanish Florida." Florida State University, Spring 2006. Associate Professor, University of North Georgia.

-**Mariangelina Tudares,** "Que soy de aqui, que soy de alla : Conciencia Nómada y (Re)contrucción cultural de la nacionalidad en la narrativa y el teatro hispano escrito en los Estados Unidos," Florida State University, Summer 2009.


**Ph. D Committees In Progress**

**Ph. Ds in Progress (25 Total)**

Director (4):

- Nathalia Cocenza, Latin American History, University of South Carolina
- Lewis Eliot, Global/Comparative History, University of South Carolina
Antony W. Keane-Dawes, Latin American History, University of South Carolina.
-Don Polite, Latin American History, University of South Carolina

Committee Member (21):
-Maria Benner, Comparative Literature, University of South Carolina.
--Megan Bennett, US History, University of South Carolina.
--Christina Brooks, Anthropology, University of South Carolina.
-Carter Burns, US History, University of South Carolina
-Kelly Goldberg, Anthropology, University of South Carolina
--Tiye Gordon, African-American History, University of South Carolina.
--Robert Greene, African-American History, University of South Carolina
--Erin Holmes, Colonial US History, University of South Carolina.
-Ramon Jackson, African-American History, University of South Carolina
--Brandy Joy, Anthropology, University of South Carolina
--Andrew Kettler, Colonial US History, University of South Carolina.
--Shanon Lalor, Caribbean History, University of Florida
--Christian Lean, US History, University of South Carolina
--Julia Lujan, Comparative Literature, University of South Carolina.
--Patrick O’Brien, US History, University of South Carolina
--Lisa Randle, Anthropology, University of South Carolina
--Maurice Robinson, US History, University of South Carolina
--Gary Sellick, US History, University of South Carolina.
--Colin Townsend, Anthropology, University of South Carolina.
-Diane Wallman Anthropology, University of South Carolina.
--Caleb Wittum, Latin American History, University of South Carolina

M.As Completed (24)

Director (6):

-Genesis Francis, "Los Hijos del Rey Benkos: Afro-Colombian Appropriation of a Historic Palenquero Identity and its Legacy for Community Mobilization," University of South Carolina, Spring 2010
-Sarah Franklin, "Gender and Slave Rebellion in Colonial Cuba: The Bayamo Conspiracy of 1805." Florida State University, Spring 2003.
-Lindsey Harrington, "The Catholic Church and the Cuban Revolution." Florida State University, 2006
- **Andrea Vicente**, "The Cuban-U.S. Transnational Relationship The Impact of Recent Migration on Cuban and Cuban-American Society," Florida State University, Fall 2004.

**Committee Member (19)**
- **Lee Bowersox**, World History MA report
- **Amy Carney**, "'As Blond as Hitler': Positive Eugenics and Fatherhood in the Third Reich." Florida State University, 2005.
- **Cutler Edwards**, "Kung-Fu Cowboys to Bronx B-Boys Heroes and the Birth of Hip Hop Culture," Florida State University, 2005
- **Yanela Gordon**, "Preserver of the Press The Historical Mission and Evolution of the Capital Outlook Newspaper." Florida State University, 2005
- **Jonathan Grandage**, "'This Ain't Gringoland': The Salvadoran Civil War in U.S. Popular Film." Florida State University, 2007
- **John Harrison**, "Goodbye now, Goodbye! (a novel)." University of South Carolina, MFA Creative Writing, 2010
- **Joe Horan**, "Emergency Measures and Contingency in the French Revolution, 1792-1794." Florida State University, 2006
- **Kenny Johnson**, "Martinique Under the Consulate and First Empire: Villaret-Joyeuse's Administration (1802-1809)." Florida State University, 2003.
- **Will Mundhenke**, "Uncle Sam’s Jungle: Recreation, Imagination, and The Caribbean National Forest." University of South Carolina, Fall 2016.
- **Tyler Parry**, "‘Jist Lak…De White Folks’: ‘Jumping The Broom’ As A Case Study In Exploring The Intercultural And Atlantic Dimensions Of Southern Society.” University of South Carolina, 2011.
- **Claudia Rivas**, "Roots of an Artisan Community, Guadalajara, Mexico, 1791-1842." Florida State University, 2005.
- **Robert Ryals**, Atlantic History MA Report

**Service: University and Professional Level**

**Service for Professional Associations:**

**Social Science Research Council.** 2004-2006. Screener for International Dissertation Research Fellowships

**Southwestern Historical Association,** 2003-2004. Committee for best paper in Latin American or African History presented at their annual conference.


**Library of Congress, Handbook of Latin American Studies** 2008-16 Editor for Cuban Materials

**Oxford University Press Atlantic History Editorial Board for Oxford Bibliographies Online** 2009-10 Inaugural Editorial Board Member 2010-16 Area Editor for Black Atlantic Materials 2011-16 Area Editor for African History Materials

**The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History** 2010-2016 (Area Editor for Caribbean and African Diaspora)

**International Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies.** 2010-12 Co-Editor
Atlantic Slave Database Network, Advisory Board (2011-16). Advisory Board for NEH funded project based at Michigan State University intended to provide a platform for researchers of African slaves in the Atlantic World to upload, analyze, visualize, and utilize data they have collected.

James A Rawley Book Prize in Atlantic History. Award given by the American Historical Association annually to recognize outstanding historical writing that explores aspects of integration of Atlantic worlds before the 20th century. 2013, 2014 committee member. 2015 Committee Chair.


Sturgis Leavitt, Article Prize in Latin American History. Award given annually for the best article or book chapter on a Latin American or Iberian subject published in any discipline. 2013-16 Committee Member.

American Council of Learned Societies.
2016-2018. Reviewer for Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Program

Manuscript Review:
- The Americas
- American Historical Review
- Business History Review
- Caribbean Studies
- Colonial Latin American Historical Review
- Cuban Studies
- Diplomatic History
- Eighteenth-Century Studies
- Hispanic American Historical Review
- Journal of African Diaspora Archaeology and Heritage
- Journal of American Studies
- Journal of American History
- Journal of Latin American Studies
- Journal of Social History
- Journal of the Civil War Era
- Latin American Research Review
- Latin American Urban History Review
- New West Indies Guide
- Radical History Review
- Slavery & Abolition
- Social Anthropology
- Social History [UK]
- Traversa
- William & Mary Quarterly
Bedford/St. Martins Press
Cambridge University Press
Duke University Press
Harvard University Press
Indiana University Press
Louisiana State University Press
Oxford University Press
Rochester University Press
University of Alabama Press
University of Florida Press
University of Georgia Press
University of New Mexico Press
University of North Carolina Press

**Tenure Review**
- Auburn University
- Georgia State University
- Howard University
- James Madison University
- Michigan State University
- Penn State University
- St. Lawrence University
- University of California at Berkeley
- University of California at Merced
- University of Connecticut
- University of Virginia
- University of West Florida
- Villanova University

**University of South Carolina History Department and University Service:**

**Administrative Positions**

**History Center, Director** (2011-2013)

**History Department, Director of Graduate Studies**, 2016-2017.


**Department and University Committees**

**History Department Undergraduate Committee** (2009-10; 10-11)

History Department Colloquium Committee (2009-10)

History Department P & T Committee (2010-11; 11-12; 15-16; 16-17)

History Department Executive Committee (11-12, 14-15; 15-16 Chair)

History Department, 19th Century South Search Committee (15-16)

History Department 2-year VAP Committee, 2 jobs searches on omnibus committee for positions in US to 1877 and Latin American (2010-11)

History Center, Director (2011-2013) Appointed Nov. 2010 and began work as director to prepare programming and activities for academic year 2011-12.

University of South Carolina, Graduate Council (16-17)

University of South Carolina, Graduate School, Humanities Graduate Committee (16-17)

University of South Carolina, Graduate School, Advisory Committee on Professional Development for Graduate Students (16-17)

University of South Carolina, Fulbright Campus Committee (16-17)

Southern Studies, Search Committee for Director of Southern Studies (2011)

VACARGA Latin American Colonialist Seminar, University of South Carolina. Organizer with Michael Scardaville of small conference hosted at University of South Carolina attended by 25+ scholars from the southeast, April 16-17, 2010 supported by the History Department, the Walker Institute, and the Latin American Studies Program.

Florida State University History Department and University Service:
FSU Faculty Senate (2003-04; 04-5; 05-06)

FSU Faculty Senate Library Committee (2005-06)

FSU Faculty Senate Primary Source Grants Committee (2005-06)

Winthrop-King Spanish Scholarship Committee (2003-04; 04-05; 05-06)

African Search Committee, Florida State University (2003-04; 04-05)

African-American Search Committee, Florida State University (2005-06; interviewed candidates at the American Historical Association meetings)
**Latino Search Committee**, Florida State University (2005-06; interviewed candidates at the American Historical Association meetings)

**Preparing Future Faculty Committee**, Florida State University (2001-02; 02-03; 03-04; 04-05; 05-06)

**Allen Morris Conference Committee**, Florida State University (2001-2; 02-03; 03-04; 04-05; 05-06)

**Undergraduate Essay Committee**, Florida State University (2001-02)

**Conference on Latin American History Proposal Committee**, Florida State University (2001-02)

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies Speaker Series Committee**, Florida State University (2001-02; 02-03; 03-04; 04-05; 05-06)

**History Department By-Laws Revision Committee**, Florida State University (2002-03; 2003-04)

**History Department Executive Committee**, Florida State University (Spring 2003, Fall 2003)

**History Department Salary Committee**, Florida State University (2003-04; 05-06)

**History Department Diversity Speakers Committee**, Florida State University (2005-06)

**History Department Graduate Committee**, Florida State University (Spring 2003; 03-04; 04-05; 05-06)

**VACARGA Latin American Colonialist Seminar**, Florida State University
Organizer with Rod Anderson of conference hosted at Florida State University and the Mission San Luis, April 8-9, 2005 supported by the Office of the president of FSU.

**University of Texas at Austin History Department Service**

**History Graduate Co-Op Fellowship Committee**, University of Texas at Austin (2001)

**Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection Director Search Committee**, Graduate Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin (2000-2001)

**Brazilian Search Committee**, Graduate Student Representative, University of
Texas at Austin (1999-2000)

**Graduate Program Committee.** Graduate Student Representative, University of Texas at Austin. (1999-2000)

**Organizations:**
Phi Alpha Theta, International history honorary society.

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

American Society for Ethnohistory (ASE)

American Historical Association (AHA)

African Studies Association (ASA)

Southern Historical Association (SHA)

Latin American and Caribbean Section of SHA (LACS-SHA)

SouthEastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)

Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH)

Yoruba Studies Council, African Studies Association (YSC-ASA)