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## **EDUCATION**

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**University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, Milwaukee, WI (current)

Ph.D. Candidate in United States History

Committee: Dr. Amanda I. Seligman (Chair), Dr. Joe Austin, Dr. Joseph Rodriguez, Dr. Robert S. Smith (Marquette University)

Dissertation Title: "Black Cops, Cream City: African-American Police Officers in Milwaukee"

Fields of Specialization: 20th Century U.S. History / African-American Urban History / Race, Policing and Punishment / Digital Public History / Archival Records Management / Oral History

**American University**, Washington, D.C., 2011

M.A., United States History, Public History Concentration

**Suffolk University**, Boston, MA, 2006

B.S., United States History

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-reviewed**

With Robert S. Smith, "Brew City Bellwether: The Changing Landscape of the Black

Family in Milwaukee" in *Contemporary African American Families: Achievements, Challenges, and Empowerment Strategies in the 21st Century*, edited by Dorothy Smith-Ruiz and Sherri Lawson-Clark, (New York: Routledge, 2016)

Forthcoming, Various entries in Margo J. Anderson, Thomas J. Jablonsky, James Marten, and Amanda I. Seligman, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*, Dekalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2017, emke.uwm.edu

### **Non-refereed**

"Long before Sterling Brown's arrest, Milwaukee struggled with a policing problem," *The Washington Post*, June 3, 2018, <https://wapo.st/2z6o92I>

"Not Examined, But Rectified": Let Milwaukee Heed Khalif Rainey's Advice," *Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service*, August 17, 2016, <http://bit.ly/2bAjsxTY>

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship, UW-Milwaukee, AY 2018-2019

Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship, UW-Milwaukee, AY 2017-2018

Chancellor's Graduate Student Award, UW-Milwaukee, AY 2012-2013  
Graduate Student Travel Award, UW-Milwaukee, 2013  
Graduate Fellowship, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, AY 2010-2011  
American University College of Arts and Sciences Academic Merit Award, 2010  
Suffolk University History Department Book Prize, 2005, 2006

## TEACHING

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Pending, Instructor of Record, African and African Diaspora Studies 111, *Introduction to African-American History to 1865*, Spring 2019  
Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Chia Youyee Vang), History 297/497: *Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam: History and Culture*, Winter 2018  
Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Robert S. Smith), History 150: *Multicultural America*, Fall 2016  
Instructor of Record, History 446: *African American History Since the Civil War*, Spring 2016  
Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Robert S. Smith), History 150: *Multicultural America*, Fall 2015

## EMPLOYMENT

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### **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, Milwaukee, WI

Project Assistant, Hmong Diaspora Studies Program, AY 2017–2018  
Project Assistant, Cultures & Communities Program, AY 2014–2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017  
Web Developer, Golda Meir Library, Digital Humanities Lab, AY 2014–2015  
Archival Assistant, The American Geographical Society Library, 2012–2014  
Research Assistant, *The Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*, AY 2013–2014  
Project Assistant, *The Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*, AY 2012–2013

### **American University**, Washington, DC

Senior Library Assistant, Bender Library, 2010–2011  
Web Developer, History Department, Summer 2011

### **Smithsonian Institution**, Washington, DC

Anacostia Community Museum, Web Developer, Paid Internship, Summer 2011  
National Museum of American History, Web Developer, Paid Internship, AY 2010–2011

## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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In progress, “March on Milwaukee 50th Anniversary: 200 Nights of Freedom” Oral History Committee Chair. Project developed in partnership with Wisconsin Historical Society, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries, Wisconsin Black Historical Society, Marquette University Libraries, and Milwaukee County Historical Society, 2017-2018.

In progress, “African Americans in the Milwaukee Police Department Oral History Project.”  
Developed in partnership with Wisconsin Black Historical Society and Museum and University

of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Archives, 2016-2017.

## SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Pending, "Pulling Back the Curtain of Chaos: Historicizing Local Impacts of Trump Revanchism," Roundtable Organizer, Labor and Working-class History Association, Durham, NC, May 2019
- Pending, "In King's Name: The League of Martin's Struggle to End Police Racism in Milwaukee," Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Indianapolis, IN, October 2018
- "To Defuse a 'Powder Keg': Historicizing the 2016 Milwaukee Uprising," Roundtable Organizer, Labor and Working-Class History Association, Seattle, WA, June, 2017
- "Brew City Bellwether: Lessons from Milwaukee, WI," National Council on Black Studies Annual Conference, Charlotte, N.C., March, 2016
- "Historicizing the Channels and Landscapes of Power and Struggle in the Neoliberal City," Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., May 2015
- "All Eyes on the Block: Racial Liberals and Community-based Crime Control in Milwaukee During the Mass Incarceration Era," Urban History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 2014
- "'Fighting Back Against the Crime Menace,' Liberal Integrationists and the Criminalization of Milwaukee's Urban Spaces During the Reagan Era," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2013
- "A Conflicted Reality: Liberal Integrationists and the Criminalization of Urban Space in Milwaukee," University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate History Conference on Race and Ethnicity, Milwaukee, WI, February 2013
- "The Fight to Make Higher Education Relevant to Black College Students in Milwaukee," Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, October 2013
- "Perceptions, Strategies, and Consequences: Addressing Crime in Milwaukee's Sherman Park Community, 1980-1992," UW-Milwaukee Urban Studies Program Annual Student Forum, Milwaukee, WI, May 2013
- "Teaching Digital History and New Media," Working Group Participant, National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON, April 2013
- "University-NPS Partnerships and the Benefits of Creative Space: Placing Arlington House in Transnational History," Roundtable, The Future of Civil War History: Looking Beyond the 150th Conference, Gettysburg, PA, March 2013
- "'Partiality Invested With Power: Race, Police Brutality, and the Death of Ernest Lacy,'" Midwest Labor and Working Class History Graduate Student Colloquium, Milwaukee, WI, February 2013
- "Public History Online: Using the Web to Collaborate and Share," Working Group Facilitator, Organization of American Historians and National Council On Public History Joint Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, April 2012
- "Interpreting the Lives of People of Color at Arlington House," Poster Session, National Council on

Public History Annual Meeting, Pensacola, FL, April 2011 (Voted Top Poster)

## INVITED TALKS & WALKING TOURS

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- “A Prince Among Slaves,” Film Discussion Facilitator, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Hosted by UWM Muslim Student Association, February 22, 2017
- “From Marshall Clark to Dontre Hamilton: Connecting Racial Terror Lynchings and Anti-Black Police Violence in Milwaukee,” Walking Tour, Urban Underground, Milwaukee, WI, August, 2016
- “Civilian and Police Relations in Milwaukee,” Invited Lecture, Medical College of Wisconsin, Wauwatosa, WI, August 2016
- “The Black Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution,” Film Discussion Facilitator, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI, February 9, 2016
- “Museums and Memory on the Internet: Creating the *Stitching History* Digital Exhibit,” Discussant, with Rachel N. Baum, E.J. Basa, and Allain Daigle, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, February 2015
- “Digital Humanities Methods: Omeka and Neatline,” UW-Milwaukee Libraries Digital Humanities Lab, Milwaukee, WI, November 2014

## PUBLIC HISTORY INTERNSHIPS

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- Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC  
Anacostia Community Museum, Web Developer, Paid Internship, May 2011–October 2011  
National Museum of American History, Web Developer, Paid Internship, August 2010–May 2011
- Milwaukee County Historical Society, Milwaukee, WI  
Processing Assistant, Brewery Collection, June 2010–August 2010
- Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial, Arlington, VA,  
Furnishing Plan Developer, National Park Service, January 2010–May 2010
- Museum of African American History, Boston, MA  
Research Assistant, *Gathering Place For Freedom* exhibit, January 2006–May 2006

## DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECTS

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- Pending, “African Americans in the Milwaukee Police Department,” Omeka and OHMS Oral History Collection, Web Designer, Winter 2018 (anticipated completion)
- UW-Milwaukee Cultures & Communities Program Website, College of Letters & Sciences, Web Designer, 2015, <http://uwm.edu/cultures-communities>
- “Stitching History from the Holocaust,” Online Museum Exhibition, UW-Milwaukee Digital Humanities Lab, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Project Lead and Web Designer, 2014, <http://uwm.edu/stitchinghistory>
- “Transforming Justice: Rethinking the Politics of Security, Mass Incarceration, and Community Health,” UW-Milwaukee, Center for 21st Century Studies Transdisciplinary Challenge Award

project, Web Designer and Developer, 2014-2015, <http://uwm.edu/transformingjustice>  
THATCamp Milwaukee 2014, Conference Website, Web Designer, 2014,  
<http://milwaukee2014.thatcamp.org>  
“The Milwaukee Crime Map Project,” Web Designer, Final Project for History-717, History and the  
New Media, 2013, <http://historicize.us/map>  
“Historicize,” Student Website and Blog, Web Designer, 2013, <http://historicize.us/blog>  
THATCamp NCPH 2012, Conference Website, Web Designer, 2012, <http://ncph2012.thatcamp.org>  
“Community Documentation Initiative,” Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community  
Museum, Co-Web Designer, 2011, <http://cdi.anacostia.si.edu>  
“Public History Online: Using the Web to Collaborate and Share,” Web Designer, National Council on  
Public History Annual Meeting Working Group, 2012 (no longer hosted, CSS disabled)  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20131224001520/http://www.pastvoices.net/historyonline>  
“Community Documentation Initiative,” Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum,  
Co-Web Developer, 2011, <http://cdi.anacostia.si.edu>  
American University Public History, Program Website, Co-Web Designer, 2011, (no longer hosted)  
<http://american.edu/cas/history/public/index.cfm>  
“American Enterprise,” Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History,  
Pre-Exhibition Website, Co-Web Developer, 2010,  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20121016035317/http://americanenterprise.si.edu/>  
“Mapping the Brew City,” American University, Independent Study in Historical GIS, Web Designer,  
2010 (no longer hosted),  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20131224000841/http://pastvoices.net/brewcity/>  
“Past Voices,” Student Website and Blog, Web Designer, 2010 (no longer hosted),  
<http://web.archive.org/web/20121106095307/http://www.pastvoices.net/>

## **CONFERENCE & EVENT ORGANIZING**

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Oral History Committee, Chair, “March on Milwaukee 50th Anniversary: 200 Nights of Freedom,”  
Milwaukee WI, February 2017-Present  
Communications and Logistics Assistant, Imagining America National Conference, Milwaukee, WI,  
October 2016  
Co-Coordinator, The Humanities and Technologies Camp (THATCamp) Milwaukee, Milwaukee,  
WI, May 2014  
Co-Organizer, UW-Milwaukee History Graduate Student Conference, “Racial  
Formation, Racial Blindness,” Milwaukee, WI, February 2014  
Co-Organizer, Midwest Labor and Working-class History Graduate Student  
Colloquium, Milwaukee, WI, February 2013  
Local Outreach Coordinator, The Humanities and Technologies Camp (THATCamp) Organization  
of American Historians and National Council On Public History Joint Annual Meeting,  
Milwaukee, WI, April 2012

## **UNIVERSITY & ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE**

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UW-Milwaukee Libraries Digital Humanities Lab Advisory Board Member, 2015-Present  
Associate Developer, Lab Consultant, UW-Milwaukee Libraries Digital Humanities Lab, 2013-Present  
Digital Drop-in Consultant, National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Spring 2013  
Graduate Student Liaison, UW-Milwaukee History Graduate Affairs Committee, 2012-2013  
Digital Humanities Consultant, UW-Milwaukee Digital Futures Grant, Spring 2012

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Organization of American Historians  
Urban History Association  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Labor and Working-Class History Association  
National Council on Public History  
Phi Alpha Theta