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## Education

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PhD Candidate, Department of History, Mississippi State University, August 2015 - May 2024 (expected)

Dissertation: “‘Sissy Man Blues’: The Queering of Stagger Lee”  
Dissertation Committee: Joseph Thompson (Chair), Mark Hersey, Leigh Soares, and Alexandra Hui  
Fields: Modern American; Early American History; Popular Music History; African American History

BA, Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA, 2019

Major: History  
Minors: Philosophy and Biology

## Publications

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### *Public Writing*

- 2022 “Black trans women face a unique threat rooted in centuries of history.” *Washington Post*, March 18.  
2021 “Fear of A Black-Brown Planet: Pushing ‘Replacement Theory’ and Banning CRT to Save White Supremacy.” *Mississippi Free Press*, August 18.

## Presentations

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- 2022 “Metadata Musical: Perspectives on Digital Archives Management.” Society of Mississippi Archivists Annual Meeting, April 21.  
“Darktown on Tin Pan Alley: Race and the Early Popular Music Industry.” Charles H. Templeton Sr. Ragtime Music Festival, Mississippi State University Libraries, Mississippi State University, March

## Fellowships, Awards, and Recognitions

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- 2022-2023 Advanced Doctoral Fellow, The Center for Black, Brown, and Queer Studies (BBQ+)  
2022 Society of Mississippi Archivists Distinguished Student Presentation Award, Society of Mississippi Archivists Annual Meeting, Society of Mississippi Archivists.  
2021 William E. Parrish Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Department of History, Mississippi State University.

## Teaching Experience

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### *Instructor*

- 2022 Mississippi History, Department of History, Mississippi State University.  
2021 Early World History, Department of History, Mississippi State University.  
2020 African American History, Department of History, Mississippi State University.

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- 2022 Modern World History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Matthew Himel (Instructor), Spring Semester
- 2021 Early U.S. History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Anne Marshall (Instructor), Spring Semester
- Early U.S. History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Andrew Lang (Instructor), Fall Semester
- 2020 Early World History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Julia Osman (Instructor), Fall Semester
- Modern U.S. History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Matthew Lavine (Instructor), Spring Semester
- 2019 Modern U.S. History, Department of History, Mississippi State University, James Giessen (Instructor) Fall Semester

### **Public History and Digital Humanities Experience**

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- 2021 – 2022 Volunteer Archivist and Digital Collection Curator, Special Collections, Mississippi State University Libraries
- 2014 – 2015 Docent and Interpreter, 1750 courthouse Museum, Historic Smithfield Inc., Smithfield, VA

### **Professional Organizations**

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- 2021- Present Association for the Study of African American Life and History