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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Caribbean Atlantic World History	University of Chicago, Chicago IL	August 2015
M.A.	Caribbean Atlantic World History	University of Chicago, Chicago IL	August 2015
B.A.	History	Morehouse College, Atlanta GA	May 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS & AREAS OF EXPERTISE

African American History	Tourism
Caribbean History	Black Travel in the 20 th century
U.S. History	Emancipation Commemorations
Atlantic World Slavery	Race & Racial Segregation

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

C.V. Maxwell, A. Mairs-Kessler, T. Francis, *Prudent Rebels: Bermudians and the First Age of Revolution* The National Museum of Bermuda Press & the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs – Government of Bermuda, Hamilton Bermuda, 2019

T. Francis, "Fingerprints of Smuggling: Slavery, Race and the making of America" *Maritimes Magazine* Vol. 32, 2019

GOVERNMENT & POLICY PUBLICATION(S)

Bermuda Race Relations Initiative: The Big Conversation Final Report 2008. Published on behalf of the Bermuda Race Relations Initiative by The Bermuda Government, Hamilton Bermuda, April 2009.

AWARDS

Spring 2019	Teacher of the Year – The Department of Humanities and Fine Arts Huston-Tillotson University, Austin TX
Spring 2019	Faculty of the Year – College of Arts and Sciences Huston-Tillotson University, Austin TX

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4/5-4/6, 2019	Medgar Evers Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Southwestern Regional Division, Baton Rouge LA
6/10-6/14, 2018	"The Civil War in American Memory" faculty seminar directed by Dr. David W. Blight, The Council of Independent Colleges and the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History at Yale University, New Haven CT.

INVITED LECTURES/TALKS

- 9/21/20 "Reflections on Hitler's American Model" *The Summit: A Christian Response to White Supremacy: Where Do We Go From Here, Chaos or Community?* Abilene Christian University & the Carl Spain Center for Race Studies and Spiritual Action, Abilene Texas
- 2/7/2020 "*Diaspora, Travel, Race, and Resistance*" The 39th Annual Conference of the Research Association of Minority Professors, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas
- 9/22/2019 "*Vacations for Liberation? Bermuda, Black Tourism and the Global Politics of Traveling while Black*" ThinkFest 2019 sponsored by Think Media Group, The Bermuda College Bermuda
- 7/11/2019 "*Blackness Across Borders: Navigating Relations between African American and Afro-Caribbean Communities*" The African American Leadership Summit sponsored by The Carl Spain Center on Race Studies and Spiritual Action of Abilene Christian University, Memphis Tennessee
- 6/6/2019 "*Black Bermudian Fingerprints: Smuggling, Slavery and Race in the Makings of America*" Historical Heartbeats Lecture Series sponsored by The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the Government of Bermuda with the National Museum of Bermuda, The Bermuda College, Bermuda
- 5/16/2019 "*The Diasporic Dilemma: the Construction and Policing of Race in the United States and Caribbean*" The Racial Unity Leadership Summit sponsored by The Botham Jean Foundation and the Carl Spain Center on Race Studies and Spiritual Action - Abilene Christian University, Dallas West Church of Christ Dallas Texas
- 11/3/2018 "*In the Future we will Call: Reconsidering 1959 and the Long Struggle for Desegregation in Bermuda*" Race and Resistance: Understanding Bermuda Today Symposium, The Oxford University Research Center in the Humanities (TORCH) The Bermuda College, Bermuda
- 10/17/2018 "*Sun, Sand, and Civil Rights? The Politics of Black Tourism in the Segregated Colony of Bermuda*" Diaspora Talk Series – Afro-Local ATX Embracing Austin's African Diaspora, The John L. Warfield Center for African & African American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin Texas
- 3/23/2018 "*The Origin of Racism in America*" HBCU Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin Texas

CONFERENCE PAPERS &/ PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- 10/10/2020 "Many Histories One Burial Ground" - panellist *All Here Together: A Community Symposium for Discovery and Remembrance*, Austin Oakwood Cemetery. City of Austin Texas
- 9/29/20 *National Youth Summit 2020* "Teen Resistance to Systemic Racism" Moderator George Washington Carver Museum with the Smithsonian Institute, Austin Texas
- 5/28/2020 "*Covid-19 & the Africana World: A Trotter Institute Webinar*" William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture, University of Massachusetts Boston

- 1/6/2020 *"New Directions in Caribbean and Latin American Studies: Black Internationalism, Travel and the Modern Caribbean"* Caribbean Studies Committee Meeting of the American Historical Association 134th Annual Meeting and Conference, Sheraton Hotel New York
- 3/24/2017 *"Fair Weather Friends? Black Tourism, Diaspora and Desegregation in Bermuda"* as part of the "Migration, Travel and Black identity" panel at the **African American Intellectual History Society** Annual Conference, Nashville Tennessee
- 10/6/2016 *"Race at the Races: Black Tourism, Desegregation and the Bermuda Jockey Club"* as part of the panel "Race and the Limits of Leisure: Black Travel and Tourism in the Age of Jim Crow" at **The Association for the Study of African American Life and History** 101st Annual Conference, Richmond Virginia

MEDIA APPEARANCES &/ INTERVIEWS

- 6/19/20 **KXAN News Austin TX, The History of Juneteenth** discussed the history of Juneteenth, its relevance to contemporary national politics, and recent uprisings for racial justice with Cathy Rodriguez
- 6/5/20 **'Discussing Race Relations in Austin and Beyond' KXAN News Austin TX** discussed the history of slavery, race and policing to contextualize recent uprisings for racial justice following the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor.
- 2/1/19 **'Professor Discusses the Importance of Learning Black History' Spectrum Cable News Austin TX** discussed the history of Black History Month, Carter G Woodson and the contemporary relevance of Black History to the national narrative of the United States
- 4/4/2018 **'50 Anniversary of Martin Luther King's Assassination'** interviewed and answered live callers on the Forum Talk Show KAZi Radio regarding the history and significance of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King.
- 3/28/2017 **"B-Movies and Bad History: American Slavery Films"** The Bullock Texas State History Museum. Panelist discussing the historical issues and influence of several films about slavery.
- 4/15/2015 **Good Day Austin, Fox 7 KTBC Interviewed for Jackie Robinson Day** Discussed the history of Jackie Robinson as Huston College's basketball coach and physical education instructor in the 1940s with Huston alumnus, Mr. Roland Harden.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 8/9/2018 *"The Construction and Policing of Race in the United States and British West Indies in the 19th & 20th Centuries"* The Racial Unity Leadership Summit and The Carl Spain Center on Race Studies and Spiritual Action of Abilene Christian University, Charleston Metropolitan Church of Christ, Charleston South Carolina
- 9/26/2019 *"Traveling while Black: Historical and Contemporary Problems, Possibilities and Solutions?"* The George Washington Carver Museum Cultural Lounge, Austin, Texas
- 3/2/2018 **Historian and Moderator** of a community dialogue on the film "The Witness from Balcony 306" George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center Austin Texas . Contextualized the film in light of the fiftieth year of Dr. King's assassination and moderated a community dialogue.

- 3/23-24/2018 **The HBCU Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project**, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2/18/2017 **Faculty Mentor and Planning Committee Member** for The HBCU Truth & Reconciliation Oral History Project, Texas Southern University Law Center, Houston TX
This project was sponsored by seven Historically Black Colleges/Universities, two independent Texas universities and the United States Christian Leadership Organization. After training in oral history methods, students conduct and record interviews on experiences of racial discrimination.
- 3/20/2016 *"The Middle Passage of the Transatlantic Slave Trade"* **Black Leadership Academy Sunrise Rd Round Rock TX**. Presented a talk on the history and dynamics of the slave trade for middle school aged students

TEACHING

Huston Tillotson University, Austin TX

- 8/2019-12/2019 **The History of Women and Families in Africa and the African Diaspora**
- 1/2017-5/2017 **World Cultures and Civilizations II**
- 1/2017-5/2017 **Historical Methods**
- 2017-2020 **Historical Seminar**
- 2016- 2020 **African American History I**
- 2017-2019 **African American History II**
- 2016 - 2019 **History of the Caribbean II - Special Topics in History**
- 2016 - 2019 **History of the Caribbean I - Special Topics in History**
- 1/2016-5/2016 **Twentieth Century United States History**
- 2016-2018 **Introduction to United States History I (Honors Section)**
- 2013 – 2020 **Introduction to United States History I**
- 8/2015-12/2015 **Introduction to United States History II**
- 2012 – 2018 **Introduction to African & African-American Studies**

St. Edward's University, Austin TX

- 2013 – 2015 **Contemporary World Issues: Caribbean Societies in Transition**
- 8/2012 – 2015 **The History and Evolution of Global Processes**

University of Chicago: The College, Chicago, IL

- 1/2009 – 3/2009 **Instructor - History of Colonizations I**

REFERENCES: Available on request
