

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Name of Institution	Location	Dates Attended	Degree/Major
• Florida State University	Tallahassee, FL	08/92-05/03	Ph.D. History
Dissertation: "A History of Straight College, 1869-1932"			
• Southern University	Baton Rouge, LA	08/88-07/90	M.A. Social Science (History)
Thesis: "A History of Creoles and Mulattoes of African Ancestry in New Orleans, Louisiana"			
• Southern University	Baton Rouge, LA	06/84-05/88	B.A. History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Full Professor, 08/15
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Program Director/Associate Chair, 08/13-Present
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Chairman, 09/10-08/13
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Interim Chairman, 08/10-09/10
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Associate Professor, 08/10-07/15
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Assistant Professor, 08/95-07/10
- Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL, Adjunct Instructor, 01/95-04/95
- Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Graduate Assistant, 08/93-04/94
- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Adjunct Instructor, 08/90-05/92

- Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA, Graduate Assistant, 08/88-05/90

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

- Life Member, Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., 1995
- Member, Phi Alpha Theta, International Honor Society in History, 1991
- Member, Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Science, 1990
- Member, Kappa Phi Kappa Professional Education Fraternity, 1986

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Southern Federation of Teachers, Local #113, (American Federation of Teachers), 2012
- Life Member, Southern University Alumni Association, 1995
- Life Member, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 1990

AREA(S) OF SPECIALIZATION

African-American History, with World Civilization and graduate history courses teaching experience

SUMMARY OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The quest to advance in the profession, thus far, has been both personally and professionally rewarding. My goals, however, are to become a more effective administrator and professor, and possibly submit more material for publication. Much of my career has included teaching World Civilization and African American History courses. My main area of interest, however, has been African American History, particularly African American education in America. I have also been presented with several opportunities to share knowledge of the African American experience in America with the community through school, church, and organizational programs and presentations.

PUBLICATIONS/PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Comminey, Shawn C. "National Black Conventions and the Quest for African American Freedom and Progress, 1847-1867, *International Social Science Review*, Vol. 91, Issue 1, 2015.
- Comminey, Shawn C. "Laurel Valley Sugar Plantation, Louisiana," *The SAGE Encyclopedia of African Cultural Heritage in North America*, 2015.
- Comminey, Shawn C. "The Origin, Organization, and Progression of Straight University, 1869-1880," *Louisiana History* 51, (Fall 2010): 404-441.

- Comminey, Shawn C. "Black Political Consciousness in Massachusetts, 1741-1788," *The Griot: The Journal of African American Studies* 29, (Spring 2010): 8-14.
- Comminey, Shawn C. "A History of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and Black Education in South Carolina, 1702-1764," *Journal of Negro History* 84 (Fall 1999): 360-369.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Laity Speaker, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Laity Sunday, "Disciples of Christ: Creating Unity in Ministry," Donaldsonville, Louisiana, October 18, 2015
- Guest Speaker, Knights of St. Peter Claver, Council #351, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 19, 2014
- Guest Speaker, Pride of Donaldsonville, Chapter #80, Order of Eastern Star, Kwanzaa Program, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, December 29, 2013
- Guest Speaker, Donaldsonville High School Black History Program, Donaldsonville, LA, February 28, 2013
- Guest Lecturer, Early Risers Kiwanis Club Black History Month Lecture Series, Baton Rouge, LA, February 12, 2013
- Guest Speaker, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Pack the Pew Program, Donaldsonville, LA, July 31, 2011
- Presenter, Dutchtown Middle School Career Day Program, Geismar, LA, February 18, 2011
- Guest Speaker, Belfair Elementary School Fifth Grade Graduation, Baton Rouge, LA, May 15, 2010
- Presenter, "Kappa Protocol," Alpha Sigma Chapter, Nu Iota Chapter, Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Undergraduate/Alumni Leadership Summit, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 28, 2009
- Guest Speaker, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Men and Women's Day Program, Donaldsonville, LA, August 17, 2008
- Ascension Parish Library (Galvez Branch), "The African American Struggle: A Brief Overview of Black Americans in American History," Black History Month Presentation, February 12, 2008
- Guest Speaker, Exxon/Mobil Black Employee Success Team (B.E.S.T), Black Cultural

Awareness Program, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 26, 2007

- Session Presider, Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA, February 2007
- Guest Speaker, Baton Rouge Preparatory Academy, Black History Program, Baton Rouge, LA, February 28, 2007
- Speaker, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance, Donaldsonville, LA, January 14, 2007
- Guest Speaker, Iberville Parish Retired Teachers Association, Black History Month Celebration, Plaquemine, LA, February 23, 2006
- Guest Speaker, St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church, Black History/Family & Friends Day Program, Donaldsonville, LA, February 27, 2005
- Guest Speaker, (Striving Toward Excellence through Positive Images & Self-esteem) S.T.E.P.S. Ahead Public Speaker Network, Inc., Black History Lecture Series, Franklin, LA, February 14, 2005
- Guest Speaker, Ascension Parish Retired Educators Association, Annual Dinner Meeting, Donaldsonville, LA, August 26, 2004
- Presenter, Baton Rouge Walk of Faith Collaboration (Beech Grove Baptist Church), Career Day, Baton Rouge, LA, May 1, 2004
- Guest Speaker, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Black History Month Program, Donaldsonville, LA, February 29, 2004
- Guest Speaker, Fifth Ward Elementary School, Black History Month Program, St. James, LA, February 27, 2004
- Guest Speaker, White Castle High School, Black History Month Program, White Castle, LA, February 27, 2004
- Guest Speaker, National Association of University Women, Bi-Parish Bayou Branch, Black History Youth Retreat, Donaldsonville, LA, February 14, 2004
- Guest Speaker, Southern University Department of Social Work, Black History Month Program, Baton Rouge, LA February 6, 2004
- Comminey, Shawn C. "The Origin and Organization of Straight University, 1869-1872," Paper presentation, Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., Nashville, TN, February 2003

- Guest Speaker, Carter G. Woodson Historical Society (Southern University Black History Club), Black History Month Program, Baton Rouge, LA February 2003
- Guest Speaker, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Psi Chapter (Southern University), Black History Month Program, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2003
- Program Lecturer/Moderator, Southern University and A& M College, Department of Visual and Performing Arts-Music Presentation, “Vanisme, Spiritual Swings” featuring Van-Anthoney Hall, Tenor, Mallalieu Turner, Accompanist, St. Peter United Methodist Church, Donaldsonville, LA, April 22, 2001
- Presenter, Broadmoor Middle Magnet School Career Day Program, Baton Rouge, LA, May 2000
- Guest Lecturer, Crescent Elementary School, Plaquemine, LA, March 2000
- Comminey, Shawn C. “A History of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and Black Education in South Carolina, 1702-1764,” Paper presentation, Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., Little Rock, AR, February 2000
- Guest Speaker, Donaldsonville Elementary School Honor’s Program, Donaldsonville, LA, January 15, 1999
- Guest Speaker, Career Day, Lowery Middle School, Donaldsonville, LA, March 21, 1997

RESEARCH PROJECTS/GRANTS

None

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Interim Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), January, 2014
- Member, College of Education, Arts & Humanities Tenure and Promotion Appeals Committee, January 2014.
- Committee Member, Bears to Jaguars Partnership (Southern University-Baton Rouge’s Articulation Agreement/Bridge Program with Baton Rouge Community College [BRCC]), 2013
- Member, College of Education, Arts & Humanities Endowed Professorships Applications Review Committee, November, 2013

- Member, Dean of the College of Education, Arts & Humanities Search Committee, October 15, 2013
- Chairman/Thesis Advisor, Derrick M. Mills, “The Political Career of Richard Arrington Jr., 1971-1999: A Case Study on the Civic Duty of African American Mayors,” Master’s thesis, August 15, 2013
- Committee Member, Summer Davis, “Forever Red and Gold: A History of Capitol High School,” Master’s thesis, July 26, 2013
- Consultant/Program Participant, Southern University Departments of English, History, Music, and the SUBR/SUSLA Partnership, “Lest We Forget Our Rich African American Heritage—Moving Forward: A Celebration of Black History Month 2013,” February 28, 2013
- Consultant/Program Presenter, Southern University Department of History, “Soiree Musicale: A Tribute to the African American Music Experience in America,” February 26, 2012
- Committee Member, Demetrich Williams Arcenaux, “Women Representation in the Louisiana Legislature: A Comparative Analysis to Determine the Impact of Women in the Louisiana Legislature for the Past Thirty Years” Master’s thesis, November 7, 2012
- Committee Chairman/Thesis Advisor, Lamika Montague, “A History of Scotlandville High School, 1951-2008” Master’s thesis, July 2012
- Committee Chairman/Thesis Advisor, Erica A. Myers, “Re-Opening Old Wounds: The History of, and Struggle for, Unitary Status of Avoyelles Parish High Schools, 1954-2012” Master’s thesis, May, 2012
- Committee Member, Shern G. Sanders, “Policy Collision: Immigration and Health Care Reform Among Hispanic Immigrants in America,” Ph.D. dissertation, April 17, 2012
- Committee Member, Sheronda P. Webb, “Quality Public Choice and Governance of Louisiana Public Schools: A Comparative Performance Analysis of Louisiana Public Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools,” Ph.D. dissertation, April 17, 2012
- Committee Chairman/Thesis Advisor, Lena M. Johnson, “A History of Sickle Cell Anemia in the African American Community,” Master’s thesis, April 3, 2012
- Committee Member, Trenicia A. Brown, “An Analysis of Supreme Court Rulings and Public Opinion on Euthanasia,” Master’s thesis, April 3, 2012
- Committee Chairman/Thesis Advisor, James B. Papillion, “A Brief History of Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School, 1920-2011,” Master’s thesis, July, 2011

- Committee Member, Krysta'Lynn Ricard, "The Role of Presidential Leadership and its Impact on Health Care Reform," Master's thesis, July, 2010
- Committee Chairman/Thesis Advisor, Mia Crawford, "The Life and Times of Leonard Julien, Sr.: African American Musician, Inventor/Engineer, and Farmer, 1910- 1994." Master's thesis, July, 2010
- Committee Member, Byron Henderson, "African American Education in Donaldsonville, Louisiana Since *Brown v. The Board of Education*, 1954-1970." Master's thesis, July, 2010
- Committee Member, Lionel Brown, "A Tale of Two Storms: The Public School System's Failure and Hurricane Katrina's Effects on African American Education in New Orleans, Louisiana." Master's thesis, July, 2010
- Committee Member, Benny Gilbeaux, "A Tale of Modern Day Slavery: A History and Analogy of the African American Collegiate Football Player at Predominantly White Institutions of Higher Learning," Master's thesis, July, 2010
- Committee Member, Adrienne Pinkney, "A Warrior for His People: Zelma Wyche and the Fight for Black Equality in Madison Parish, 1947-1994." Master's thesis, April, 2010
- Committee Member, John J. McCree, "White Flight or Black Triumph: The Desegregation and Merging of Four Lake Charles, Louisiana, Public High Schools." Master's thesis, April, 2010
- Committee Member, Fred-Alan Williams, "New Iberia, Louisiana: Segregation, Integration and the Civil Rights Movement." Master's thesis, April, 2010
- Committee Member, Phelesha Hamilton, "Yes We Can: The Historical Journey of African Americans and the Subsequent Election of Barack Hussein Obama." Master's thesis, April, 2010
- Committee Member, Constance Savoy, "The Desegregation of Rapides Parish Public Schools, 1969-2001." Master's thesis, April, 2010
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 7th Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, April 15, 2010
- Co-Advisor, Southern University Speech/Debate Team, 2010
- Member, Academic/Financial Aid Appeals Committee, 2009-2010
- Committee Member, Tasheba Pratt, "Felton G. Clark: Great Educator or Uncle Tom?"

Master's thesis, November 11, 2009

- Committee Member, Sheron Wheeler-Sanders, "The Impact of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie and the Italian-Ethiopian War on African American Solidarity," Master's thesis, November 11, 2009
- Participant, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, 2009-2010
- NCAA Division I, Athletics Certification Self-Study, Academic Integrity Committee, 2009-2010
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 6th Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, March 19, 2009
- Judge, Beta Psi Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 101% Male: Mr. Pink and Green Pageant, March 4, 2009
- Coordinator, Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union/Division of Student Affairs, Black History Quiz Bowl, February 5, 2009
- Committee Member, Willmarine Brown Hurst, "A Comparison and Contrast of the Mardi Gras Indians of New Orleans," Master's thesis, July 2008
- Committee Member, Sophia Gordon, "A Comparison and Contrast of the Philosophies of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X," Master's thesis, July 2008
- Committee Member, Glenn Barnes, "John Miles: Negro Baseball Legend," Master's thesis, July 2008
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 5th Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, April 15, 2008
- Committee Member, Claudette Smith-Brown, "A Re-Examination of Selected Primary Source Documents Regarding Oscar James Dunn, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, 1868-1871," Master's thesis, November 2007
- Committee Member, Shera M. Maiden, "Abortion: Its History, Emergence, and Effects on Black America," Master's thesis, July 2007
- Advisory Committee Member, Alpha Sigma Chapter (Southern University and A & M College) and the Nu Iota Chapter (Louisiana State University), Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, June 2007
- Committee Member, Mary Green, "Chronicle: The Accomplishments of the First Black Senator of Baton Rouge, Richard 'Dick' Turnley, Jr." Master's thesis, April 2007

- Committee Member, Valerie W. Moore, “The Life and Times of H. Rap Brown (Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin)” Master’s thesis, April 2007
- Committee Member, Kenyota G. Combs, “The Motivational Factors Behind the Civil Rights Movement and Their Impact on the Leadership and the Masses of the Movement” Master’s thesis, April 2007
- Committee Member, Derek Parnell, “The Challenges African American Legislators Face as Public Servants,” Master’s Degree Candidate in Public Administration, April 2007
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 4th Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, March 16, 2007
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 3rd Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, April 18, 2006
- Committee Member, Shaiyla Belk, “A Depiction of Urban Race Riots and Their Consequences on the Black Community,” Master’s thesis, December 2006
- Committee Member, Renada S. Smith, “Weathering the Storm: A. Z. Young and His Fight in Bogalusa Civil Rights,” Master’s thesis, December 2005
- Committee Member, Rob R. Marks, “The Civil Rights Movement in Ascension Parish,” Master’s thesis, November 2005
- Member, Catalog Committee, November 2005
- Academic Content Coach, Capitol College Preparatory Academy for Boys/Girls, Bill and Melinda Gates/Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Grant in Partnership with Southern University Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish School System, November 2005
- Member, General Education Committee, October 2005
- Board Member, “The All the King’s Men Initiative,” The Foundation for Historical Louisiana, March 2005
- Member, Southern University Athletic Academic Advisory Committee, July 2005
- Committee Member, Nawieta L. Hamilton, “When Employment Disappears: The Life of the Urban Community,” Master’s thesis, July 2005
- Committee Member, Tia T. Mills, “The Dream, The Dreamer: The Legacy of Thomas A. Levy,” Master’s thesis, July 2005

- Committee Member, Evelyn R. Joseph, “And Still We Fought: Black Militia in Colonial Louisiana, 1729-1803” Master’s thesis, July 2005
- Committee Member, Kenya T. Green, “Historical Depictions of African Americans in the Modern South” Master’s thesis, July 2005
- Committee Member, Adrienne Thompson-Hayes, “The Detrimental Effects of Incarceration on African American Males in Louisiana” Master’s thesis, July 2005
- Member, Southern University-Baton Rouge 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, April 5, 2005
- Participant, Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology, 2nd Annual Faculty/Student Basketball Game, March 17, 2005
- Judge, Southern University Laboratory School, Social Studies Fair, 2004
- Lecturer, Southern University Department of History, History Week, April 2004
- Member, Southern University Athletic Council, October, 2004
- Judge, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Chapter (Southern University), Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant 2004, February 11, 2004
- Committee Member, Edwin B. Smith, “Colonel Charles Young: An American Hero,” Master’s thesis, July 2003
- Judge, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Chapter (Southern University), Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant 2003, February, 2003
- Member, Teacher Education (Social Studies) Advisement Team for the Southern University College of Education, 2002
- Judge, Southern University, Departments of Psychology and Sociology, 4th Annual Social and Behavioral Sciences Conference, November, 2002
- Judge, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Chapter (Southern University), Miss Krimson and Kream Pageant 2000, February 16, 2000
- Advisor/Sponsor, College Campuses Against Destructive Decisions (CCADD), Southern University Chapter, 2002
- Ad Hoc Committee for Determining Criteria for Accepting 5% of Freshmen Students Not Meeting Selective Admissions Criteria, Southern University Selective Admissions

Committee Subcommittee, 2001

- Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science, Louisiana Epsilon Chapter, 1996
- Faculty Advisor/Sponsor, Southern University Student Historical Society (formerly Southern University History Club), 1995

PROFESSIONALLY RELATED SERVICE

- Chapter Historian, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2013-2015
- Chapter Reporter, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2013 - 2014
- Keeper of Records, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2011 - 2013
- Board of Directors, Raymond J. Lockett Foundation, 2010
- Member, Chapter Expansion Committee, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Province, 2007
- Administrative Board, Chairman, St. Peter United Methodist Church, 2007
- Executive Operating Assistant to the Province Polemarch, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Province, 2004-2006
- Sergeant at Arms, Louisiana Kappa Caucus, February, 2004 - 2006
- National Beta Club, District IV, Jr. Beta Day, Special Talent Judge, Gonzales Middle School, Gonzales, Louisiana, January 31, 2004
- Polemarch, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2001 - 2003
- Quiz Bowl Award Committee, Southern Conference on African-American Studies, Inc., Greensboro, NC, February, 2001
- Judge, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tau Kappa Omega Chapter (Plaquemine, LA), Mr. & Miss Tau Kappa Omega Pageant, Plaquemine, LA, May 7, 2000
- Vice Polemarch, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 1999 - 2001

- Guide Right Director, Opelousas Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 1999 - 2003
- National Nominating Committee Outstanding Young Women of America 1997
- National Nominating Committee Outstanding Young Men of America 1996

AWARDS/HONORS

- Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc., #1 Member, 2014
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Opelousas (LA) Alumni Chapter, Arthur Giron Kappa Man of the Decade, 2011
- Southern University Business and Industry Cluster Quality Award, 2010
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Province, Edward R. Ellois, Jr., Alumni Brother of the Year, 2010
- Nominee, Southern University Business and Industry Cluster Quality Award, 2008
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Southwestern Province, Polemarch's Award, 2005-2007
- Ascension Parish Retired Educators Association Achievement Award, August 2003
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Opelousas (LA) Alumni Chapter, Richard B. Millspaugh Kappa Man of the Year, 2001
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Chapter (Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA), "Professor of Achievement Award," November 1999
- Outstanding Young Men of America 1998, 1992, 1988