

*Curriculum Vita*

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

The Citadel, Assistant Professor of African American History, 2019- present

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., History, The Ohio State University, 2013

Dissertation: "Slavery and the Charleston Orphan House, 1790-1860"

Dissertation advisor: Stephanie J. Shaw

Comprehensive examination areas: African American History (Stephanie Shaw and Kenneth Goings), Early American History (Margaret Newell), and African History (Ousman Kobo)

M.A., History, The College of Charleston and The Citadel (Joint Master of Arts in History Program), 2006

B.A. Honours, History, Rhodes University (South Africa), 2003

B.A., History, Furman University, 2002, Magna Cum Laude

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**EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS**

The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, Assistant Professor, Department of History, August 2019-present

The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, August 2018- May 2019

Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio, Adjunct Instructor of History, Department of Humanities, August 2013-May 2018

Denison University, Granville, Ohio, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History/Center for Black Studies, August-December 2014

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, Lecturer, Department of History, January- May 2014

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Articles and Book Chapters**

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“No Easy Road: My Journey to Tenure Track Employment.” In *(When) Will the Joy Come? Black Women in the Ivory Tower*. Edited by Robin Chapdelaine, Michelle D. Thompson, and Abena A. Asare. Under advance contract with University of Massachusetts Press. Manuscript submitted, November 2021; peer-review completed May 2022; revisions completed, August 2022; revised manuscript submission deadline, September 2022; publication expected, August 2023.

“The Charleston Orphan House and the Institutionalization of Bondage and Benevolence.” *The Journal of the South Carolina Historical Association* (formerly *The Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*). Submitted March 2020; accepted Fall 2021; publication expected Spring 2023.

“Fred Henderson Moore, Part I.” Oral history interview in *Champions of Civil and Human Rights in South Carolina: Volume 1, Dawn of the Movement Era, 1955-1967*. Edited by Marvin Ira Lare, 25-43. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2016.

### Digital Exhibit

“Champions of Civil and Human Rights in South Carolina: A Digital Exhibition.” Contributor. The Department of Oral History at the University of South Carolina, February 2022.

<https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/>

- URLs for my contributions:

- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-1-2/part-3/marjorie-amos-frazier-paving-the-way/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-1-2/part-3/lillie-mae-doster-birthing-we-shall-overcome/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-1-2/part-3/william-bill-saunders-part-nobody-said-nothing/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-1-2/part-6/william-bill-saunders/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-2-contents/volume-1-part-2/fred-henderson-moore-part-i-expulsion/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-3-2/part-4/william-bill-sanders-planning-to-die/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-4-2/part-ii/william-bill-saunders/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-4-2/part-ii/mary-moultrie/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-4-2/part-iii/joseph-p-riley-jr/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-4-2/part-5/herbert-fielding/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-5-2/part-1/bernard-fielding/>
- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-5-2/part-1/fred-henderson-moore/>

- <https://digital.library.sc.edu/exhibits/champions/volume-5-2/part-3/willis-t-goodwin/>

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *The Ledger and The Chain: How Domestic Slave Traders Shaped America* (New York: Basic Books, 2021), by Joshua Rothman. Forthcoming, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, Spring 2023.

Review of *Slavery's Capitalism: A New History of American Economic Development* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), edited by Sven Beckert and Seth Rockman. *National Political Science Review*, Spring 2020.

Review of *The Business of Slavery and the Rise of American Capitalism, 1815-1860* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015), by Calvin Schermerhorn. *Journal of African American History* 102, no. 3 (Summer 2017): 388.

### **Publications in Progress**

“Untold Stories: Enslaved and Free Black Workers at The Citadel, 1842-1865” (peer-reviewed journal article for *Carolina Currents* <https://www.fmarion.edu/carolinacurrents/>; expected submission date: May 2023)

*The City's Slaves: Enslaved Workers at the Charleston Orphan House* (book manuscript)

### **Other Publications**

“Commentary: Commission Ready to Address Charleston’s Racial Justice Issues.” *Charleston City Paper*, co-authored with Daron Lee Calhoun, Tracy Doran, Jerome Harris, Alvin Johnson, Crystal Rouse, and Kimberly Butler Willis, October 6, 2021.

<https://charlestoncitypaper.com/commentary-commission-ready-to-address-charlestons-racial-justice-issues/>

*Report and Recommendations of the Special Commission on Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation, City of Charleston*, co-authored with Daron Lee Calhoun, Tracy Doran, Jerome Harris, Amber Johnson, Alvin Johnson, Crystal Rouse, and Kimberly Butler Willis, August 2021. <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/29874/Special-Commission-on-Equity-Inclusion-and-Racial-Conciliation-Report---August-2021>

“Statement of Solidarity,” The Citadel’s Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center’s Community Solidarity Statement, co-authored with Jaye Goosby Smith, June 2020.

<https://www.citadel.edu/root/trht-solidarity-statement>

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## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“The Institution Cannot be Supported Without Servants,” 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Forthcoming, Montgomery, Alabama, October 1, 2022.

“Creating Inclusive Narratives 101,” with Tessa Updike, American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute on Truth, Racial, Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers, virtual platform, June 23, 2022.

“The Citadel’s Universities Studying Slavery Committee,” South Carolina Universities Studying Slavery Conference, Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina, November 19-20, 2021

“Charleston Bound: Encountering Ties between the City’s Past and Present,” International Conference on Romanticism, Roundtable, Charleston, SC, October 14, 2021

“Enslaved Families at The Charleston Orphan House,” 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, virtual platform, September 23, 2021

“Digging Deeper,” with J. Goosby Smith and Tessa Updike, American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute on Truth, Racial, Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers, virtual platform, June 2021.

“The Citadel’s Truth Racial Healing and Transformation Center,” Panel: Restorative Responses Beyond CofC, part of a public lecture series called *Telling Truer Stories, Critical Conversations, Part II*, Center for the Study of Slavery in Charleston, College of Charleston, virtual platform, April 7, 2021.

“The Charleston Orphan House and the Institutionalization of Bondage and Benevolence,” The South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, virtual platform, February 27, 2021.

“Garnering Local Media Coverage of TRHT Work,” with J. Goosby Smith and Tessa Updike, American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute on Truth, Racial, Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers, virtual platform, June 18, 2020.

“Slavery, Its Legacies, & the Built Landscapes of South Carolina’s Universities,” Roundtable. Architectures of Slavery: Ruins and Reconstructions Conference, Charleston, SC, October 25, 2019

“Island-City Migrations: The Gaillard Family in Slavery and Freedom,” 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, SC, October 2, 2019

“Historical Research, Public History, and Telling the Truth,” with Tessa Updike, American Association of Colleges and Universities Institute on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, June 26, 2019

“The Charleston Orphan House and the Culture of Mastery in the Slaveholding South,” 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, IN, October 5, 2018

Panelist, “Next Steps: Understanding and Responding to Racism and Inequality in Our Communities and Abroad,” Teach-In, Denison University, Granville, OH, December 9, 2014

“Slavery and Child Welfare in the Early Republic, 1790-1840,” 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Sciences Spring Symposium, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, OH, April 16, 2018

“Working Around Illness, Childbirth, and Death among Slaves Owned by the Charleston Orphan House, 1804-1830,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, St. Louis, MO, July 21, 2013

Panelist, Slavery, Abolition, and the Transition to Freedom, Freedom Stories Conference, Roundtable, Furman University/Upcountry History Museum, Greenville, SC, October 28, 2012

“On the Records: Broadening Our Knowledge of Civil and Human Rights Activism in Charleston through Oral Histories,” Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Louisville, KY, October 15, 2009

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## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS**

Invited Lecturer, “Black Carolina Lecture Series,” Center for African American Studies at the University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC, November 3, 2022. Lecture entitled: “The City’s Slaves: Enslaved Workers at the Charleston Orphan House, 1790-1860”

Public Radio Interview with Dr. Bernard E. Powers, Jr., host of “Black History Talks” Radio Program, WOHM 96.3, Charleston, SC, August 1, 2022

Co-producer with Tessa Updike and Aaron Wimer, “Narrative Change at The Citadel,” documentary produced by The Citadel Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center, for American Association of College and Universities (funded by a grant from the [National Collaborative for Health Equity](https://www.aacu.org/initiatives/trht/truth-racial-healing-transformation-trht-campus-center-videos)), April 2022 <https://www.aacu.org/initiatives/trht/truth-racial-healing-transformation-trht-campus-center-videos>

Keynote Speaker, Juneteenth Celebration, APL Logistics, virtual platform, June 15, 2022. Lecture entitled: “Why Celebrate Juneteenth?”

Guest Speaker, Black History Month Program, West Ashley High School Parent Advocate Group, virtual platform, February 24, 2022. Lecture entitled: “Gullah/Geechee History and Culture”

Keynote Speaker, South Carolina National Guard Black History Month Special Observance Ceremony, Johnson Hagood Stadium, The Citadel, Charleston, SC February 23, 2022. Lecture

entitled: “Rooted and Grounded: The Quest for Landownership Among Gullah/Geechee People, 1861-1865”

Interviewer, “A Conversation with Steve Locke,” 2021 Gibbes Museum of Art Distinguished Lecturer Sponsors Brunch, Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC, November 3, 2021

Lecturer, City of Charleston Department of Tourism and Livability Continuing Education Lecture Series, virtual platform, October 15, 2021. Lecture entitled: “The City’s Slaves: Enslaved Workers at the Charleston Orphan House”

Media Interview, “Citadel professor Dr. Felice Knight discusses Juneteenth,” WCIV ABC News 4, television, June 18, 2021, <https://abcnews4.com/news/local/watch-dr-felice-knight-discusses-the-importance-of-juneteenth>

Keynote Speaker, Juneteenth Celebration, IBM Enterprise Operations, virtual platform, June 18, 2021. Lecture entitled: “What is Juneteenth?”

Discussion Facilitator, Virtual Film Screening with Q & A “I am Somebody” (film), South Carolina State Museum, September 12, 2020  
<http://scmuseum.org/calendar/virtual-film-screening-with-q-a-i-am-somebody/>

Interview with Thomas Sobol, Park Ranger, National Park Service, Volunteer Program Manager Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park, Charles Pinckney National Historic Site, August 14, 2020. <https://fb.watch/1RRu6cEdM6/>

Roundtable Participant, “How did we get here: Monuments, Memory, and Memorials.” Wofford College, Anti-Racism Teach-In, virtual platform, July 28, 2020. <https://youtu.be/91gAhiBG53U>.

Co-presenter with Tessa Updike and Alexander Adler, “Finding Your Voice,” presentation to West Ashley High School students, West Ashley High School, Charleston, SC, February 26, 2020

Keynote speaker, 2020 African American History Month Celebration, U.S. Department of State Charleston Campus, The Federal Complex, Charleston, South Carolina, February 19, 2020. Lecture entitled: “A Brief History of African American Voting”

Discussion Facilitator, Film Screening, “Jail, No Bail,” presented by the ETV Endowment of South Carolina, South Carolina ETV, and Charleston Country Public Libraries, Mt. Pleasant Regional Library, Charleston, SC, February 3, 2020

Presenter, “Historical Records, Migration, and Family History,” meeting of the Charleston Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Addlestone Library, The College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, November 9, 2019

Presenter, “African American Women and Healthcare Disparities, Past and Present,” League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area CONNECTS Group, Main Branch, Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, SC, September 16, 2019

Panelist, panel discussion of film Screening for “Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story,” moderated by Martin Doblemeier, Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC, May 9, 2019

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Citadel Foundation (TCF) Research Grant (\$1,478.76), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Citadel, FY23 (November 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

The Citadel Foundation (TCF) Presentation of Research Grant (\$1,449.80), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Citadel, FY23 (November 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

The Citadel Foundation (TCF) Professional Development Grant (\$495), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Citadel, FY23 (November 1, 2022-June 30, 2023)

Officers in Professional Organizations Travel Grant (\$646.62), Office of the Provost, The Citadel, October 2023.

[National Collaborative for Health Equity](#) Grant (\$5,000), awarded to The Citadel Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center (during my term as co-director), to produce a documentary on Narrative Change (one of the 6 pillars of the [TRHT Framework](#)), March 2022. Documentary completed, April 2022 <https://www.aacu.org/initiatives/trht/truth-racial-healing-transformation-trht-campus-center-videos>.

Officers in Professional Organizations Travel Grant (\$451.27), Office of the Provost, The Citadel, December 2021.

Invited to be on the editorial board of *Carolina Currents*, December 2021, <https://www.fmarion.edu/carolinacurrents/>

Elected as treasurer of the South Carolina Historical Association, February 2021

Selected as a faculty mentor for the Citadel Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, May 2020

The Citadel Foundation Presentation Grant, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Citadel, Spring 2019

Alumni Grant for Graduate Research and Scholarship, The Graduate School, Ohio State University, 2011

Short-Term Research Fellowship, The Institute for Southern Studies, The University of South Carolina, 2011

Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Small Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, Ohio State University, 2011

Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, The Graduate School, Ohio State University, 2006

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## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Organizer and chair of panel, “Public Institutions, Pharmacists, and Physicians: Racial Inequities in Healthcare in South Carolina, 1790-1950,” 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Forthcoming, Montgomery, Alabama, October 1, 2022.

Treasurer of the South Carolina Historical Association, February 2021- present

Member of the editorial board of *Carolina Currents*, December 2021- present  
<https://www.fmarion.edu/carolinacurrents/>

Chair and commentator for panel, “New Perspectives from the Palmetto State,” The South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, virtual platform, March 12, 2022.

Chair and commentator for panel, “Telling and Retelling South Carolina Stories,” The South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, virtual platform, February 27, 2021.

Organizer and chair of panel, “Reshaping Narratives: South Carolina Families in Slavery and Freedom,” 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, virtual platform, September 23, 2021

Organizer of panel, “Kissing Cousins: The Charleston-New Orleans Connection Via The African Diaspora,” 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, SC, October 2, 2019

Organizer of roundtable discussion, “The Challenges of Interpreting Slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Roundtable Discussion and Display of Slave Artifacts,” Friends of Daniel Library Lecture Series, Daniel Library, The Citadel, Charleston, SC, January 31, 2020

Chair of panel, “Teaching Trauma, Part II,” Universities Studying Slavery 2019 Fall Symposium, Cincinnati, OH, October 11, 2019

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## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENT**

Member, Curriculum Committee, History Department, The Citadel, August 2022-present

- Assessed new history courses for inclusion in The Citadel’s Course Catalog



Member, Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center Team, The Citadel, August 2019-present

- Team Member (Citadel TRHT Center), AAC&U Summer Institute on TRHT Campus Centers (virtual platform), June 2021
  - Contributed to Strategic Action Plan for AY 2021-2022
- Co-facilitated CitListen Session (with Alex Adler) for Cadet Summer Institute participants, June 2020
- Team Member (Citadel TRHT Center), AAC&U Summer Institute on TRHT Campus Centers (virtual platform), June 2020
  - Contributed to Strategic Action Plan for AY 2020-2021
- Team Member (Citadel TRHT Center), AAC&U Summer Institute on TRHT Campus Centers (virtual platform), June 2019
  - Contributed to Strategic Action Plan for AY 2019-2020

Co-Director, Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Center, The Citadel, March 2022-October 2022

- Co-facilitated CitListen Session (with Robert Pickering and Kevicia Brown) for TAC Officers and Commandant's Department, July 14, 2022
- Team Lead (Citadel TRHT Center), AAC&U Summer Institute on TRHT Campus Centers (virtual platform), June 21-24 2022
  - Produced Strategic Action Plan for AY 2022-2023
- Co-produced (with Tessa Updike and Aaron Wimer) documentary on Narrative Change (one of the 6 pillars of the [TRHT Framework](#)), March 2022. Documentary completed, April 2022 <https://www.aacu.org/initiatives/trht/truth-racial-healing-transformation-trht-campus-center-videos>

Chair, Black History Month Committee, Office of Multicultural and International Student Services, The Citadel, November 2021-March 2022

Member, Internship Committee, History Department, The Citadel, August 2021-present

Faculty Advisor to the Gospel Choir, The Citadel, August 2021-present

Co-chair, Building Names Subcommittee, President's Task Force on Race, Inclusion, and Diversity, The Citadel, August 2020-present

Chair, Universities Studying Slavery Committee, The Citadel, August 2019-present

Faculty Mentor, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, The Citadel, June-July 2020

Faculty co-advisor to the History Club, The Citadel, August 2019-May 2021

Member, Reference and Instruction Librarian/Head of Public Service Search Committee, Daniel Library, The Citadel, December 2019-March 2020

Member, Universities Studying Slavery Committee, The Citadel, August 2018-May 2019

Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 2008-2009

Member, Planning Committee, Arts and Humanities Day at OSU, Community Partnership Office, The Ohio State University, 2007-2008

Chair, Community Service Committee, Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus, The Ohio State University, 2007-2008

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## **SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC/COMMUNITY**

Consultant with Leilani Brown, LLC for The Gibbes Museum of Art IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) Learning Sessions, Charleston, SC, August 2022-present

SME/Tour Guide for “Est. 1619 Pilgrimage Tour to Charleston, SC” hosted by Freedom Road, LLC and Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago, IL, June 21, 2022, Charleston, SC.

Chair, History and Culture Subcommittee, City of Charleston Special Commission on Equity, Inclusion, and Racial Conciliation, Charleston, SC, July 2020-September 2021

Consultant for the Near East Side Community History Project, a service-learning project for public school students sponsored by Columbus City Schools and The Ohio Historical Society, 2007

Co-facilitator of the Avery Scholars Program, Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, 2005-2006

Co-facilitator of the African American History Summer Camp, Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, Summer 2005 and 2006

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## **GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

U.S. Non-Plantation Slavery  
Historiography  
Slavery and The University  
Research Seminar in U.S. Slavery Studies

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## **UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT**

American History Capstone

African American History to 1865  
African American History since 1865  
Principled Leadership in American Government and Society  
American History to 1865  
Slavery, Memory, and the Making of the American South  
Monumental Myths in Early American History  
Western Civilization To 1648  
Western Civilization Since 1648  
African American History to 1877  
African American History since 1877  
American History to 1877  
American History since 1877  
African American History  
Making America Modern: American Civilization to 1877

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## COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS, MASTERS AND HONORS THESES SUPERVISED

**Lauren Davila**, MA Candidate, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, “Charleston’s Domestic Slave Trading District, 1820-1845.” MA Thesis (forthcoming May 2023). Serving as second reader.

**Abigail Rice**, MA Candidate, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, “Sickness in the Sand-hills: Aiken Cottages Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, 1870-1920.” MA Thesis (forthcoming May 2023). Serving as second reader.

**Chayyim (Megan) Holtkamp**, MA Candidate, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, “Resistance in a Mental Institution: The South Carolina Lunatic Asylum as a Site of Patient Agency.” MA Thesis (May 2022). Served as second reader.

**Jack Schaffer**, MA Candidate, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, Comprehensive Exam in American Slavery (April 2022). Served as principal examiner.

**Bond Ruggles**, MA, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, “Madams, Pimps, and Prostitutes’ Agency in New Orleans, 1850-1920.” MA Thesis (May 2021). Served as second reader.

**Joseph Williams**, MA, The Citadel and The College of Charleston Joint MA in History Program, Comprehensive Exam in American Slavery (March 2021). Served as principal examiner.

**Taylor Diggs**, BA, The Citadel, “The Untold Story of Arthur B. Mitchell: The Citadel Fifer.” Undergraduate Honors Thesis (December 2020). Served as thesis director.

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## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
South Carolina Historical Association