

James B. Wall

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia ♦ 2011-Present

PhD Candidate in U.S. History

Dissertation: “Settling Down for the Long Haul”: The Black Freedom Struggle in Southwest Georgia, 1945-1995, Anticipated Defense: March 2018.

Committee: Dr. Robert A. Pratt (Primary Advisor), Dr. Cindy Hahamovitch, Dr. James C. Cobb, Dr. J. Todd Moye (Outside Reader).

University of Houston ♦ 2009-2011

MA in U.S. History

Thesis: “Redefining Success”: The Struggle for Freedom Rights in Southwest Georgia, 1962-1985, Passed with Distinction, April 2011.

Committee: Dr. Linda Reed (Primary Advisor), Dr. Gerald Horne, Dr. Nancy Beck Young

University of North Texas ♦ 2008

BA in History with a Minor in English

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Major Fields

United States History from 1865-Present, African-American History, Oral History Theory and Methods

Secondary Fields

United States History to 1865, Mexican-American History, Twentieth Century South, Agricultural History, Labor History, Modern Africa.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“The Long Shadow of Hector P. García,” in *Civil Rights in Black and Brown*, eds. Max Krochmal, J. Todd Moye, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, W. Marvin Dulaney (under consideration, University of Texas Press, 2018).

“The Man Who Owns the Land Owns You”: New Communities, Incorporated and the End of the Rural War on Poverty, (in progress, to be submitted to *Agricultural History*, Winter 2017).

“Boss is Still Boss: The Rise and Fall of Affirmative Action in the Black Belt,” (in progress, to be submitted to *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Winter 2017).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Shirletta J. Kinchen, *Black Power in the Bluff City: African-American Youth and Student Activism in Memphis, 1965-1975* (Knoxville, 2016) in *Journal of East Tennessee History*, (forthcoming, Winter 2017).

Review of Steve Estes, *Charleston in Black and White: Race and Power in the South after the Civil Rights Movement* (Chapel Hill, 2015) in *The Oral History Review*, Vol. 44, No. 2 (September 2017): 450-452.

Review of M. J. O’Brien, *We Shall Not Be Moved: The Jackson Woolworth’s Sit-In and the Movement it Inspired* (Oxford, MS, 2013) in *The Journal of Mississippi History*, Vol. 75, No. 1 (Spring 2013).

Review of Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson, *Dreams and Nightmares: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and the Struggle for Black Equality* (Gainesville, 2012) in *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, Vol. 19, No. 1, (Spring 2013).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Man Who Owns the Land Owns You: New Communities, Inc. and the End of the Rural War on Poverty,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, 2017.

Panelist, Roundtable Discussion of Greta de Jong’s *You Can’t Eat Freedom: Southerners and Social Justice After the Civil Rights Movement*, Southern Labor Studies Biennial Conference, 2017.

“Settling Down for the Long Haul: The Struggle for Cohesive Black Protest in Southwest Georgia.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, 2014.

“Switching Courses: The Struggle for School Desegregation in Albany, Georgia, 1963-1968.” Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians, 2012.

“A Successful Failure? Reinterpreting the Albany Movement.” Annual Meeting of the University of Memphis Graduate Association for African-American History, 2010.

“One Hundred Per Cent Americanism: Ku Klux Klan Newspapers and Their Legacy of Hate.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Historical Association, 2010.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Lee Roy B. Giles Encouragement Award, Institute for African American Studies, University of Georgia, 2017.

Phelps-Stokes Graduate Fellowship, University of Georgia Graduate School, 2015-2016.

Gregory Graduate Research Award, University of Georgia History Department, 2012-2017.

Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship, University of Georgia Graduate School, 2015.

Graduate Research Award, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia, 2015.

Research Grant, John Hope Franklin Research Center for African American History and Culture, Duke University, 2013.

APPLIED EXPERIENCE

Oral Historian, Civil Rights in Black and Brown ♦ 2016

With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, this collaborative research initiative between the University of Texas, Texas Christian University, University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of North Texas, collects, interprets, and disseminates new oral history interviews with civil rights activists throughout the state of Texas on an innovative digital humanities website (www.crbb.tcu.edu). Working with a teammate, I arranged and conducted 65 interviews with local subjects in the Corpus Christi area.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Georgia ♦ Spring 2016

Taught a self-designed section of U.S. History from 1865-present for 35 students focused on the theme of “Citizenship,” emphasizing writing assignments based on primary source research.

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia ♦ 2011-Present

Led discussion sections of 25-30 students, graded student work, helped draft exams and paper prompts, and performed fill-in lectures for U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History from 1865-present, and the African American Civil Rights Movement.

Teaching Assistant, University of Houston ♦ 2009-2011

Led discussion sections of 25-30 students, graded student work, helped draft exams and paper prompts, and performed fill-in lectures for U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History from 1865-present, and History of Capitalism.

ACTIVITIES

Discussion Moderator, “What’s my role in social justice?”, Charleston Syllabus Symposium, University of Georgia, September 23, 2016.

Invited Panelist, “Post-Voting Rights Act ruling, what’s next?”, University of Georgia Young Democrats, February 19, 2014.

REFERENCES

Robert A. Pratt, Professor of History (Primary Advisor), University of Georgia:
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Cindy Hahamovitch, B. Phinizy Spalding Professor of Southern History, University of Georgia: cxhaha@uga.edu; (757) 741-8161

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