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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 Assistant Professor
Labor Education Program/School of Labor and Employment Relations, University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2020-2022 Postdoctoral Research Associate
Labor Education Program/School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

EDUCATION

2020 **Ph.D.,** in History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Committee: Sundiata Cha-Jua (Advisor/Director of Research), Rana Hogarth, Kathryn Oberdeck, Terri Barnes, Ruby Mendenhall
Dissertation: "Apartheid and Resistance in the Political Economy of Gentrification: The Dialectics of Black Working Class Struggles in Atlanta, 1970-2015"

2012 **M.A.,** in History, Clark Atlanta University

2007 **B.A.,** in History, Morehouse College

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Specialty: African American History, Modern U.S., U.S. Urban/Labor History, Social Movements

Intellectual Interests: Political Economy & Racial Oppression/Gentrification, Working Class Labor, and Social Movements in Late 20th & Early 21st African American Urban History; Historical Materialism/Marxism in African American History.

PUBLICATIONS (KEY: *In Progress, +Accepted, #In Print)

Books

+ Augustus Wood, *Class Warfare in Black Atlanta: African American Grassroots Struggles, Resistance, and Repression under Gentrification, 1966-2015* (Under Contract with University of North Carolina Press).

* Augustus Wood and Antoinette Burton. *Untitled edited collection on Black radical*

historiography (Book proposal currently in drafting stage, expected to be complete in 2022.)

Refereed Journal Articles

+ Augustus Wood, "Towards a Theory of Super-Exploitation: The Subproletariat, Harold "Hal" Baron and the Crisis of the Political Economy of Black Labor." (Accepted with *Labor Studies Journal*, Waiting on Final Proofs.)

* Augustus Wood, "They Trapped Me in Chain and Gun": Proto-Nationalism, Labor, and Intraracial Class Struggle in Black Power Era Atlanta, 1966-1975." (Not yet under review, preparing for submission to *Journal of African American History* no later than May 2022.)

* Augustus Wood "The Role of Police in the Neocolonial State: Atlanta, Georgia as a Case Study, 1975-1995." (Not yet under review, In progress, preparing for submission to a peer-reviewed journal no later August 2022)

Book Chapters

+ Augustus Wood, "African American Women and Working-Class Movements in the Civil Rights and Black Power Eras," chapter in John Solomos (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism.* 8,500 words.

+ Augustus Wood, "African American resistance in the Antebellum Era," chapter in John Solomos (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism.* 9,000 words.

Augustus Wood and Sundiata Cha-Jua, "Black Marxism," chapters in Karin Stanford, Akinyele Umoja, and Jasmin Young (eds.) *Black Power Encyclopedia: From "Black is Beautiful" to Urban Uprisings"* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Books, 2018). 1,700 Words.

Sundiata Cha-Jua, and Augustus Wood, "Floyd McKissick," chapters in Karin Stanford, Akinyele Umoja, and Jasmin Young (eds.) *Black Power Encyclopedia: From "Black is Beautiful" to Urban Uprisings"* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Books, 2018). 7,000 Words.

Sundiata Cha-Jua, and Augustus Wood, "Urban Rebellion," chapters in Karin Stanford, Akinyele Umoja, and Jasmin Young (eds.) *Black Power Encyclopedia: From "Black is Beautiful" to Urban Uprisings"* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Books, 2018). 4,000 Words.

Augustus Wood, "The Crisis of the Black Worker, the U.S. Labor Movement and Democracy For All," *Labor Studies Journal,* Volume 44, Issue 4, 2020.

Review Essays

* Augustus Wood, "Why Dialectics Matter in African American Urban History: Revisiting Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua's *America's First Black Town: Brooklyn, Illinois, 1830-1915.*" (preparing for submission to *The Journal of African American History.*)

Book Reviews

Augustus Wood, review of Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, *Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership. Œconomia.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022	United States Labor History (Extension Course) Political Economy and Labor (Extension Course) Collective Bargaining and Strike Preparation (Extension Course) LER100: Introduction to Labor Studies Odyssey Project: HUM: Introduction to the Humanities, U.S. History
2021-2022	Global Labor Studies 120: Contemporary Labor Problems
2020-2022	History of Race and Labor Collective Bargaining Communications Community Stewardship Political Economy of Race and Labor Internal Organizing
2018-2019	HIS373: Origins of the Civil War (Instructor of Record)
2015-2016	United States History to 1865 (Teaching Assistant) Constructing Race in America (Teaching Assistant)
2008-2013	Instructor, Benjamin E. Mays High School, Atlanta, GA United States History, AP World History, Economics, U.S. Government/Civics, World Geography

AWARDS, GRANTS, & OUTSTANDING ACHIVEMENTS

2021	Teachers Ranked as "Excellent" Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2021	Humanities Research Institute Research Cluster Grant, Humanities Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2020	Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant, The School of Labor and Employer Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship Grant, The Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019 Teachers Ranked as "Excellent" Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2018 Widenor Teaching Award, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2018 Graduate College Academic Excellence Award, The Graduate College, University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2017 Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities Fellowship, University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign

2017 ABD Fellowship Grant, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2016 Distinction awarded on African American History Preliminary Exam

2016 Distinction awarded on United States Urban History Preliminary Exam

2016 Distinction awarded on Comparative Race and Labor in the United States and South Africa Preliminary Exam

2015 Pre-Dissertation Grant Award, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2015 Outstanding Social Justice Annual Award, The McKinley Foundation, University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2013 The Graduate College Fellowship Grant, The Graduate College, University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign

2013 Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Benjamin E. Mays High School, Atlanta Public Schools

2012 Social Studies Teacher of the Year, Benjamin E. Mays High School, Atlanta Public Schools

2011 Teacher of the Year Runner Up, Benjamin E. Mays High School, Atlanta Public Schools

INVITED LECTURES/TALKS/ROUNDTABLES

2022 "History of Labor Struggles at the University of Illinois," The Black Graduate Student Association, University of Illinois, April 19, 2022

2022 "Black Struggles in the United States," Indivisible Illinois, March 30, 2022

2022 "The Logic of Social Movements Today in Grassroots Struggles," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 3, 2022

2022 "Civil Rights Struggles in History and Today: Social Movement Development in Context with James Baldwin," Champaign, Illinois, February 19, 2022

2021 "Social Movement Theory and Social Change in the United States," University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 6, 2021

2021 "Let's Talk: Police Accountability and Community Control: Reimagining Policing," Ubuntu Project Champaign-Urbana, September 25, 2021

2021 "A Movement or a Moment: An Assessment of Black Lives Matter," Webinar Panel, Ubuntu Project Champaign-Urbana, May 23, 2021

2021 "Black Liberation, Social Movements, and Their Importance," Webinar Panel, Ubuntu Project Champaign-Urbana, May 16, 2021

2021 "African American History and the Blues," Webinar on the Contemporary Conversations at the Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 1, 2021.

2021 "Communities Under Attack: The Gig is Up," Webinar, January 19, 2020.

2021 "The Importance of Storytelling to Historians, Labor Unions, and Community Building: A Panel Discussion," Urbana-Champaign Independent Media center, January 13, 2021.

2020 "Spurlock Museum Contemporary Conversations: The Political Landscape of Illinois," November 5, 2020.

2020 "Friday Forum Series: The State of Democracy in America," University of Illinois YMCA, October 23, 2020

2020 "Healing the Nation: Healthcare Workers on the Frontline," *Facebook Live* Webinar, October 11, 2020.

2020 "Neither Rain, Sleet, Snow, or Partisan Politics: Delivering Democracy to America's Doorstep," *Facebook Live* Webinar, September 13, 2020

2020 "Pay What You Owe: Reparations for Stolen Black Wealth," *Facebook Live* Webinar, August 16, 2020.

2020 "African Americans and Equal Opportunity and Access in the Workplace and Housing," Black Lives Movement Retreat, Illinois Legislative Black Caucus,

August 11, 2020.

2020 "Praised but Not Paid: COVID-19 and Black Workers," *Facebook Live* Webinar May 31, 2020.

2019 "The History of Nat Turner and *The Birth of a Nation:* Analyzing Nate Parker's 2016 film," *Urbana Public Library,* February 2019

2018 "African Americans and the 13th: A Panel Discussion of the documentary and the History of Racialized Incarceration," *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library,* Urbana, IL August 2018

2018 "African Americans and Electoral Politics: Critiques and Interventions," *Independent Media Center,* Champaign, IL June 2018

2018 "Social Movement Theory and Organizing for Social Change Today," *Independent Media Center,* Champaign, IL May 2018

2018 "African Americans at Universities: Problems and Interventions," *Illinois Congressional Black Caucus,* Springfield, IL May 2018

2018 "Graduate Student Unions and Access to Higher Education," *The News Gazette Newsroom,* March 2018

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Plenaries/Panels/Roundtables Organized

Augustus Wood, "Worker Resistance or Resistance to Work: Is This the Labor Renewal We've Heard So Much About For So Long?," Panel, Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference, June 4, 2022.

Augustus Wood, "More Expendable than Essential: African American Workers Under the COVID Crisis." Plenary, United Association for Labor Education, Virtual Conference, May 24, 2021.

Augustus Wood, "More Expendable than Essential: African American Workers Under the COVID Crisis," Individual Paper Session, United Association for Labor Education, Virtual Conference, May 26, 2021.

Augustus Wood, "Anthropology as WORK: Interacademic Labor Solidarities," American Anthropological Association: Raising Our Voices Conference, November 6, 2020.

Augustus Wood, "Politically Oriented, Liberation Minded: Black Student Power and Social Movement Organizing at the University of Illinois." *Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Indianapolis, October 2018.

Augustus Wood, "History and Culture of Black Atlanta," *The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History,* Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017.

Papers Presented

Augustus Wood, "Towards a Theory of Super-Exploitation: Harold "Hal" Baron and the Political Economy of Black Labor," *United Association of Labor Educators,* Virtual Conference, May 2021.

Augustus Wood, "Black Space as Commodity: The Political Economy of Race, Class, and Space in Atlanta, 1970-2010," *Association for the Study of African-American Life and History,* Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2018.

Augustus Wood, "The Logic of Black Labor Social Movements: Black Power and Labor in Atlanta, 1970-1973," *Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017.

Augustus Wood, "The Stakes of Community in Black Urban History: Revisiting Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua's *America's First Black Town: Brooklyn, Illinois, 1830-1915," Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2017.

Augustus Wood, "Debt as Neoliberal Policy: How Student Debt and Credit Card Debt Fuel Late Capital," *Symposium on the Debt Economy,* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 2017.

Augustus Wood, "Our Communities vs. Your City: Redirecting African American Urban History Towards a Critical Dialectical Approach through Black Community Studies, *"Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Richmond, Virginia, October 2016.

Augustus Wood, "If There's a Hell Below, We're All Going to Go!: The Black Worker and Black Power in the Atlanta Freedom Struggle," *Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Atlanta, Georgia September 2015.

Augustus Wood, "The Architects of Fear: Black Self-Determination and Redemption Politics in Galveston, Texas, 1850-1900," *National Council of Black Studies,* Miami, Florida, March 2014.

Augustus Wood, "Seeds of Deprogramming: The Critical Condition of Black Local Political Historiography," *National Council of Black Studies,* Miami, Florida, March 2014.

Augustus Wood, "Children of Panic: Jack Johnson, Muhammad Ali, and the Symbols of Disorder In Global Sports," *Association for the Study of African American Life & History,* Jacksonville, Florida, October 2013.

Augustus Wood, "Ninety Years Without Slumbering: Jack Johnson, Muhammad Ali, and the Question of Black Masculinity," *Association for the Study of African American Life and History,* Jacksonville, Florida, October 2013.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-Present	Principal Investigator for project on Atlanta's Black working class struggle Against Gentrification and New Urban Poverty (See first Book).
2016-2020	Research Assistant for Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua, focusing on Black Power, Floyd McKissick, and urbanity in Soul City, North Carolina
2016-2018	Research Assistant for Antoinette Burton, focusing on Global Empire and And Colonialism
2004-2009	Research Assistant for Alton Hornsby Jr., focusing on Atlanta history and African American biographical methodology

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSION

2021-Ongoing	Guest Editor, Special Edition of *Labor Studies Journal,* "More Expendable than Essential: African American Workers and the COVID Crisis"
2020-Ongoing	Host, "Off the Shelf: Revolutionary Readings in Times of Crisis," Podcast, Humanities Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2020-Ongoing	Host, "The Labor Forum," Podcast/Live Webinar Series, Labor Labor Education Program, School of Labor and Employer Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016-2017	Diversity Committee Member, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2015-2016	Graduate Committee Member, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2015-Ongoing	Academic Program Committee Member, Association for the Study of African American Life and History
2014-2016	Diversity Committee Member, Department of History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2022	Member, Executive Board, Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center, Urbana, Illinois
2021-Ongoing	Member, Board of Governors, University YMCA, University of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign

2015-Ongoing Host, Radio Free Labor, WEFT Champaign Community Radio In Champaign, Illinois

2014-Ongoing Blues in the School: Teaching African American Blues History to Elementary School Children, Prairie Cross Blues Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)
United Association for Labor Education (UALE)
Urban Historians Association (UHA)
Labor Employment Relations Association (LERA)