

Dr. James B. Wall

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EDUCATION

University of Georgia ♦ 2011-2018

PhD in U.S. History

Dissertation: "Settling Down for the Long Haul": The Black Freedom Struggle in Southwest Georgia, 1945-1995.

Committee: Dr. Cindy Hahamovitch (Primary Advisor), Dr. James C. Cobb, Dr. John Inscoe, Dr. J. Todd Moyer (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

Modern United States History, African American History, Oral History Theory and Methods.

Secondary Fields

United States History to 1865, Latinx History, Agricultural History, Labor History, Modern Africa.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

After the Dust Settles: The Black Freedom Movement in Southwest Georgia

(under contract, University of North Carolina Press, 2022).

“The Long Shadow of Héctor P. García in Corpus Christi,” in Civil Rights in Black and Brown, eds. Max Krochmal, J. Todd Moye, Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, W. Marvin Dulaney (University of Texas Press, November 2021).

“Until Hell Freezes Over”: *Johnson v. City of Albany* and the Struggle for Equal Employment in Southwest Georgia. *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 105, No. 1, 32-63.

“The Man Who Owns the Land Owns You”: New Communities, Inc. and the Birth of the Community Land Trust Movement (to be submitted to *Agricultural History*, Spring 2021).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Oral Historian, National Museum of Forest Service History ♦ September 2021-Present

Adjunct Instructor of History, Angelo State University ♦ August 2021-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Angelo State University ♦ August 2019-May 2021

Instructor of History, Augusta University ♦ 2018-2019

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia ♦ 2011-2018

Teaching Assistant, University of Houston ♦ 2009-2011

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Robert H. Zieger Prize (for the best unpublished essay in southern labor studies), Southern Labor Studies Association, 2018.

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.

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*, No. 89 (2017): 112-114.

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

Panelist, "Oral History and the Early Career Historian: A Roundtable," Annual Meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians, 2019.

"Boss is Still Boss": Johnson v. City of Albany and the Fight for Affirmative Action in the Black Belt, D.C. Working Class History Seminar, George Washington University, 2017.

"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.

Moderator, 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.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Volunteer Judge, Regional History Day Competition, Angelo State University, February 20, 2020

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

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

J. Todd Moye, Fenton Wayne Robnett Professor of American History, University of North Texas: moye@unt.edu; (940) 565-4523

John Inscoe, Albert B. Saye Professor of History (Emeritus), University of Georgia: jinscoe@uga.edu; (706) 542-2299

Andrew Goss, Chair, Department of History, Anthropology, and Philosophy, Augusta University: angoss@augusta.edu; 706-667-1709

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