

Texas State-San Marcos VITA

Academic/Professional Background

Name	Title
Dwight David Watson	Assistant Professor of History

Degree	Year	University	Major	Thesis/Dissertation
Ph.D.	1999	University of Houston	History	“A Change Did Come: The Transformation of the Houston Police Department 1930-1984.”
M.A.	1990	Texas Southern University	History	N/a
B.A.	1974	Henderson State University	Political Science	

Experience

University	Position	Date
Texas State University-San Marcos	Assistant Professor of History	8/99-Present
University of Houston	Visiting Assistant Professor/Adjunct History	1/96-5/99
Prairie A&M University	Lecturer in History	3/90-1/96
Houston Community College	Adjunct Lecturer History	3/91-12/98

Teaching Awards and Honors

Runner-up for Presidential Excellence in Teaching 2002 College of Liberal Arts

Courses Taught

U.S. History 1310 and 1320
African-American History 3359
The Desegregation of the South, 3380
Topics in Black Texas History, 3369
The Transformation of the South, 5345-E

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Organizations

Honorary

n/a

Professional

Southern Historical Association
American Historical Association
Texas State Historical Association
Southern Conference of African-American Studies

Service

University:

Departmental:

Strategic Planning Outcomes Committee
Graduate Committee
African American History Month Coordinator

in
Texas

January 27, 2003, James Taylor Lecture "Lulu B. White and N.A.A.C.P. Houston." Dr. Merline Pitre, Dean of the College of Social Sciences,

Southern University, Houston, Texas. This Years attendance was 325 students, faculty and guest.

March 21, 2002, James Taylor Lecture "Texas Gospel Music: Featuring Chester D. T. Baldwin and the Music Ministry Mass Choir."

February 26, 2002, "African-American Civil Rights History through Music: Ruthie Foster and Cyd Cassone."

February 21, 2002, "The Fight To Desegregate Higher Education In Texas." Dr. Amilcar Shabazz, Director of African-American Studies University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. This years event had a total 1000 plus students, faculty and local community present.

February 6, 2001: "African-American History Through Music: From Spirituals to Classical." Featured artist: Dr. Danny Kelley, Chair of the Department of Music and Drama at Prairie View A & M University.

February 21, 2001: James Taylor Lecture Series Presents: "Breaking the Barriers of Race and Intellect--Women and Their Fight for Legitimacy in Education and Civil Rights." Dr. Jewel Prestage, Dean of Benjamin Bannaker Honors College at Prairie View A & M University and Featuring Jazz pianist, Mr. Robert Sanders. Both programs had a total of 600 plus students.

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February 10, 2000, Dr. Joe S. Ratliff, Senior Pastor, of Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, presented "Christ, Martin Luther King and the Black Churches as Social Activist."

February 23, 2000: "African American History Month 2000 through Art and Music." Featuring jazz pianist, Mr. Robert Sanders, and artist Ms.

Lauren Kelley. Both programs had a total attendance of approximately 500 students.

Campus:

Community:

2002 Live-in faculty, SWT Residential College, Brogdon Hall. Conducted three seminars for the residents of the Residential College on various topics. Held evening tutorials before each test in the Beretta dormitory and Taylor-Murphy classroom.

2001 Live-in faculty, SWT Residential College, Brogdon Hall. Conducted six seminars for the residents of the Residential College on various topics. Held evening tutorials before each test in the Beretta dormitory classroom.

2000 Live-in faculty, SWT Residential College, Brogdon Hall. Conducted five seminars for the residents of the Residential College on various topics. Held evening tutorials before each test in the Beretta dormitory classroom.

Books Manuscript At Press:

“A Change Did Come: The Racial, social and Political Transformation of the Houston Police Department, 1930-1987.” (Texas A&M University, forthcoming, Fall 2004)

Articles

Journal Articles

R “In the Name of Progress and Decency: The Bi-Racial Response of Houston’s Civic Leadership’s following the 1928 Lynching of Robert Powell,” *Houston Review Journal*.
Spring 2003

Abstracts

Book Reviews

I *Black Unionism in the Industrial South*. By Earnest Obadele-Starks, *Southwest Historical Quarterly*: (Fall 2001)

I *In Struggle Against Jim Crow: Lulu White and the NAACP, 1900-1957*. By Merline Pitre, *Southwest Historical Quarterly*: (Fall 2000)

Fellowships

Research Enhancement Grant 2002
Southwest Texas State University

National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship 1994-95

Prairie View A & M University

Cullen Dissertation Research Grants 1997-99
University of Houston

Papers Presented At Professional Conferences

“Smith V. Alwright and Blacks in Texas Politics. (Organized the Plenary Session) Southern Historical Association annual meeting in Houston, Texas November 2003

“Blacks and Sports in Texas.” Chaired and commented on a session at the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting in Austin, Texas, March 2001.

“The Ordeal of Black Policing, in Houston, 1930-1959.”
Presented at the Texas State Historical Association Meeting in Austin, March 2000.

"The Smoldering Pot: The Changing Political Consciousness of Houston African American Community." Presented at the Southern Historical Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 1996.

"From Smoke to Fire: Causes of the 1967 Texas Southern University Riot".
Presented at the Texas State Historical Association Meeting in San Antonio, March 1995.

"The Smoldering Pot: The Changing Political Changing Consciousness of Houston's African American Community". Presented at the African-American History in Texas Conference, February 1993.

"Texas Southern University Riot: What Really Happened?"
Presented at the African-American History and Life Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 1993.

Invited Talks, Lectures

Spring 2004 Interdisciplinary Symposium on Affirmative Action, Black Student Alliance.

Spring 2003 Lecture delivered to the Ethnic Studies Class “Jim Crow to Civil Rights 1880-1971.

February 2002 Lecture on “The History of the Harlem Renaissance.” New Horizon Christian Academy, Dallas, Texas.

Spring 2001 Lecture delivered to the Ethnic Studies Class “Jim Crow Policing in Houston, 1900-59.”

Fall 2001 Residential College seminars “Surviving College and Having Fun.”

September 11, 2001, What Does Terror Mean To You. Brogdon Hall Residential College.

November 15, 2001, Symposium History, Folklore & Fiction in African-American Texas. Southwestern Writers Collection, Alkek Library.

Spring of 2000, I conducted a workshop, "On Overcoming Racism," for the Area Coordinators of SWT's Residential Life department.

Campus Christian Community Presentation, "Almost the Law: Jim Crow Policing in Houston, 1900-59."

Multi-Cultural Student Affairs presentation, "Career Choices," April 2000

In the Fall 2000 Residential College seminars "Surviving College and Having Fun."