

## EDUCATION

- Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL** December 2000  
Ph.D., United States Public Policy History  
Additional Specialization: African American History
- Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL** December 1992  
Masters in Art, Major: History
- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ** December 1985  
Bachelors of Art, Major: Psychology

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Benedictine University, Lisle, IL** August 2005 –  
Present  
*Professor*  
Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies  
*Chair*
- Department of History August 2000 –  
Present  
*Associate Professor of History*
- Department of History August 1995 –  
2000  
*Assistant Professor of History*
- Taught a variety of undergraduate courses in American History including:
- United States History survey
  - African American History from 1865
  - Race Relations in America
  - Racial and Ethnic Groups
  - America in Vietnam
  - First Year Seminar
  - Maintain scholarly and service commitments to the University
- Department of History January 1993 – May 1995  
United States History Survey  
*Instructor*
- Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL** August 1991 – Dec. 1992  
*Teaching Assistant*
- East Aurora School District 131, Aurora, IL** August 1990- Dec. 1992  
*Substitute Teacher*

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Lilly Foundation Scholars Seminar: June 2005  
*Power, The New American Century: Christian Perspectives.*
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Research Grant June 1997
- Illinois Consortium Educational Opportunity Fellowship, at the State of Illinois August 1994
- Carter G. Woodson Fellowship, Northern Illinois University August 1992
- Rhoten A. Smith Scholarship, Northern Illinois University August 1991

### PUBLICATIONS

Author and Project Director for the Department of Education's UISFL Title VI Award 2009, "Developing a China Studies Concentration within a Global Studies Major." The award was in the amount of \$200,000

*Black Face, White Utopia: Reflections on African Americans in Advertising in Utopian Images and Narratives in Advertising: Dreams for Sale* Luigi Manca ed. (New York: Lexington Books, 2012)

Book Review of *The Life of Herbert Hoover: Imperfect Visionary*, by Kendrick A. Clements, in *Journal of American History* (2011) 98 (1): 235-236.

Book Review of *The Life of Herbert Hoover: Fighting Quaker, 1928–1933*. By Glen Jeansonne, in *Journal of American History* (2013) 100 (2): 563.

Herbert Hoover, *Unemployment and the Public Sphere: A Conceptual History, 1919 – 1933*. (Lanham: University Press of America, 2005)

*Albert Camus' The Plague: Finding Meaning in a Post-Modern World* in Patrick T Flynn ed. *Substance, Judgment and Evaluation: Seeking the Worth of a Liberal Arts, Core Text Education* (Lanham: University Press of America, 2010)

### PRESENTATIONS (Brief Selection)

- Elgin Community School District U-46** November 2015  
*Race, Education, and Prisons: Connections and Solutions*  
*Two day Workshop*
- City of Elgin Martin Luther King Jr.. City Breakfast** January 2015  
*Where DO We Go From Here: Chaos or Community*
- AsiaNetwork Conference** April 2014  
*Moving Spirits: Modernity and Animism in Vietnam*
- AsiaNetwork Annual Conference** April 2013  
*Vietnam in the Era of Doi Moi: A Personal Reflection*
- Benedictine Pedagogy Conference** May 2012  
*Conversatio: Transformational Teaching for the Public Good*  
*Using the Radical Pedagogy of the Rule of St. Benedict*
- Midwest Culturally Inclusive Conference** September 2011  
Plenary Speaker  
*Mothership Connection: Love, Soul, Music and Revolution*

**Benedictine Pedagogy Conference**

May 2010

Benedictine University's Faith and Reason Symposium:

*The Search for Transformation from the Local to the Institutional to the Global*

**Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference**

September 2010

*The Nihilistic Threat and the Political Economy of the Prison Industrial Complex*

**Phi Alpha Theta Biannual Conference**

January 2010

*Power, Place and the Preacher: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Power of Redemptive Suffering; Birmingham 1963*

**The Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference**

April 2009

*Reading Race, Reading Community; Martin Luther King Jr.*

*'Why We Can't Wait' as Core Text*

**State of Illinois**

Appointment to the African-America Employment Plan Advisory Council

2011-2014

This is a gubernatorial appointment

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Organization of American Historians
- American Studies Association
- Global Studies Association- North America
- Fox Valley Ministerial Alliance
- DuPage County NAACP
- Quad-County Urban League
- Phi Alpha Theta, The National History Honor Society, Chapter Advisor
- Northern Illinois Jobs with Justice, Advisory board