

CURRICULUM VITAE

Charles C. Bolton

Administrative Appointments

Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, 2017-January 2024, UNC Greensboro

Head, Department of History, 2005-2015, UNC Greensboro

Chair, Department of History, 2000-2005, University of Southern Mississippi

Director, Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, 1994-2000, University of Southern Mississippi

Director of Graduate Studies, 1994-1997, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi

Director, Mississippi Oral History Program, 1990-1994, University of Southern Mississippi

Academic Appointments

Professor of History, 2005-present, UNC Greensboro

Distinguished Spartan Scholar, UNCG Humanities Network and Consortium, 2016-2017

Professor of History, 2000-2005, University of Southern Mississippi

Associate Professor of History, 1994-2000, University of Southern Mississippi

Assistant Professor of History, 1990-1994, University of Southern Mississippi

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, 1989-1990, Macon College, Macon, Georgia

Education

Ph.D. - Department of History, Duke University, 1989

MA - Department of History, Duke University, 1986

BS (History) - University of Southern Mississippi, 1982

Publications

Books:

Home Front Battles: World War II Mobilization and Race in the Deep South, Oxford University Press, 2024.

William F. Winter and the New Mississippi: A Biography, University Press of Mississippi, 2013.

Winner of the McLemore Prize, Mississippi Historical Society, 2014.

With All Deliberate Speed: Implementing Brown v. Board of Education, edited jointly with Brian Daugherty, University of Arkansas Press, 2008.

The Hardest Deal of All: The Battle over School Integration in Mississippi, 1870-1980, University Press of Mississippi, 2005.

Mississippi: An Illustrated History, with Edward N. Akin, American Historical Press, 2002.

The Confessions of Edward Isham: A Poor White Life of the Old South, edited jointly with Scott Culclasure, University of Georgia Press, 1998.

A Synopsis of American History, 8th ed., with Neil R. McMillen (made updates throughout and wrote new chapters for the 8th ed.), Ivan R. Dee, 1997.

Poor Whites of the Antebellum South: Tenants and Laborers in Central North Carolina and Northeast Mississippi, Duke University Press, 1994.

Articles, essays, and encyclopedia articles:

“From the Bottom of the Mud Hole,” in People Power: History, Organizing, and Larry Goodwyn’s Democratic Vision in the Twenty-First Century, edited by Wesley C. Hogan and Paul Ortiz (University Press of Florida, 2021).

“Race and Wartime Politics During the Administration of Governor Thomas L. Bailey (1944-1946),” Journal of Mississippi History (Spring/Summer 2019).

“Brown v. Board of Education,” “Land Speculators,” “C.B. ‘Buddie’ Newman,” and “Social and Economic History, 1817-1890,” in Mississippi Encyclopedia, edited by Ted Ownby et. al. (University Press of Mississippi, 2017).

“William F. Winter: The Politician as Historian,” The Southern Quarterly (November 2016).

“William F. Winter and the Politics of Racial Moderation in Mississippi,” Journal of Mississippi History 70 (Winter 2008): 335-382.

Winner of the Willie D. Halsell Prize, Mississippi Historical Society, 2009.

“Planters, Plain Folk, and Poor Whites in the Old South,” in The Blackwell Companion to the Civil War and Reconstruction, edited by Lacy K. Ford (Blackwell Publishers, 2005), 75-93.

“Race and Ethnicity: Poor Whites,” in Poverty in the United States: An Encyclopedia of History, Politics, and Policy, edited by Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O’Connor, Volume 2 (ABC-Clio, 2004), 559-560.

“Farmers Without Land: The Plight of White Tenant Farmers and Sharecroppers,” Mississippi History Now, March 2004.

“Freedom Riders,” “Nonviolence Philosophy,” and “Redd Foxx,” in Malcolm X Encyclopedia, edited by Robert L. Jenkins (Greenwood Press, 2002), 225-226, 229-230, and 425-426.

“States’ Rights Party,” in Oxford Companion to American History (Oxford University Press, 2001), 745.

“Mississippi’s School Equalization Program, 1945-1954: ‘A Last Gasp to Try to Maintain a Segregated Educational System,’” Journal of Southern History (November 2000): 781-814.

“The Last Stand of Massive Resistance: Mississippi Public School Integration, 1970” Journal of Mississippi History (Winter 1999): 329-350.

“A Brief History of Mississippi’s Pine Hills,” Mississippi Folklife 30 (1998): 14-23.

“The Three White Classes of Antebellum North Carolina,” Tar Heel Junior Historian (Fall 1996): 23.

“Voices of Ethnic Diversity in Mississippi,” co-authored with Shana Walton and Homer Hill, Mississippi Folklife 29 (Summer/Fall 1996): 48-59.

Twenty-eight book reviews in twelve publications (Alabama Review, American Historical Review, The Journal of Mississippi History, The Journal of Southwest Georgia History, Agricultural History, The Southern Quarterly, The Journal of American History, Georgia Historical Quarterly, Labor History, North Carolina Historical Review, Oral History Review, Greensboro News and Record).

Presentations

(Presenter) “General Education Reform at UNC Greensboro,” Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting, 2022.

(Presenter) “Camp Van Dorn and the 364th Infantry Regiment: Training Black Troops in the Deep South During World War II,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, 2019.

(Invited Speaker) “World War II Home Front Mobilization in the Deep South: An Assault on Jim Crow,” 13th Annual Billy G. Hinson Lecture, University of Mobile, 2018.

(Panelist) “History of Education Reform in Mississippi,” 200 Years of Review: Education and the Mississippi Constitution, Mississippi College Law Review Symposium, Jackson, 2017.

(Invited Speaker) “The History of School Desegregation in Mississippi,” Winning the Race: Advancing Education in the Mississippi Delta Conference, Cleveland, Mississippi, 2017.

(Panelist) “Schools in Change,” Mississippi Book Festival, Jackson, 2016.

(Panelist) “Biloxi School Desegregation: A Historic First,” Biloxi, Mississippi, 2015.

(Commentator) “Colorblindness and School Desegregation in the Deep South,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 2015.

(Panelist) “Remembering Lawrence C. Goodwyn: Reflections on How to Study and Organize Around Class, Race, and Power,” Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, 2015.

(Commentator) “Is Separate Inherently Unequal? Student Empowerment in Private and Community Schools,” The Place of Education in African American History and Culture: The Eight Annual Conference of the Triangle African American History Colloquium, 2014.

(Invited Speaker) “The Battle over School Integration in Mississippi and the Nation,” University of Southern Mississippi, 2014.

(Invited Speaker) “School Desegregation in Mississippi,” Black History Expo, Biloxi, Mississippi, 2013.

(Invited Speaker) “Oral History: Listening to Our Past,” Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration, 2012.

(Commentator) “Poor Whites, Labor, and Law in the Antebellum and Civil War South,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2011.

(Commentator) “Five Years On: Emerging Crises and the Oral History Association,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2011.

(Commentator) “‘Where We Come From:’ Contested and Constructed Histories of Small Town Texas,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2010.

(Panelist) “School Desegregation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast,” 50th Anniversary Wade-In Commemoration, 2009.

(Invited Speaker) “Why the Oral History Project Matters,” Mississippi Oral History Project 10th Anniversary Celebration, 2009.

(Panelist) “With All Deliberate Speed: A Roundtable Discussion of Desegregation in Education since 1954,” History of Education Society Annual Meeting, 2009.

(Presenter) “White Memories of School Integration in Mississippi,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2007.

(Invited Keynote Speaker) “Oral History: Memories of Mississippi’s Past,” Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting, 2007.

(Commentator) “Outsiders Seeking the American Dream,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 2006.

(Presenter) “The Many Faces of Collaboration: Computers, Collections, and Call Numbers,” Association of College and Research Libraries Annual Meeting, 2005.

(Presenter) “Freedom-of-Choice School Desegregation in Mississippi: A Failed Policy,” Conference on the South, 2002.

(Panelist) “Empowerment!: Documenting African Americans Since the Civil Rights Movement,” Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting, 2002.

(Presenter) “Oral History and the Internet at the University of Southern Mississippi,” Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2000.

(Panelist) “My History is America’s History,” National Humanities Conference, 2000.

(Invited Speaker) “Mississippi’s School Equalization Campaign,” Gladys Noel Bates Teachers’ Conference: Equalization of Pay and the Struggle for Equality, 1999.

(Invited Speaker) “The Desegregation of Mississippi Public Schools,” The Third Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, 1998.

(Panelist) "Capturing the Spoken Word: Oral History in the South," Southern Archivists Conference, 1994.

(Presenter) "Making Space for NASA: Forced Migration in Hancock County, Mississippi, 1961-1963," Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 1993.

(Presenter) "Edward Isham and Poor White Labor in the Old South," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, November 1993.

Grants and Awards

Teaching American History Grant from the U. S. Department of Education, 2002-2005, co-project director with Mary Beth Farrell (\$850,000). Created a three-year series of colloquia and summer institutes to train forty Mississippi secondary social studies teachers in United States History content and pedagogy.

Mississippi Oral History Program, funded through a line-item appropriation from the Mississippi Legislature, 1999-2000, project director (\$500,000). Project done in collaboration with the Mississippi Humanities Council. This first phase of funding launched a statewide oral history program that created community-based oral history projects in five locales around the state of Mississippi. The Mississippi Legislature has continued to provide funding at various levels for this statewide initiative since 2000.

Stennis Space Center History Project, funded by NASA, 1991-2005, project director (\$375,000 over the fourteen-year period). This project set up and maintained a history archive at the John C. Stennis Space Center and also developed an oral history project to document the creation and development of the south Mississippi NASA facility.

Public Humanities Scholar Award, Mississippi Humanities Council, 2000.

Award of Merit, Mississippi Historical Society, 1999, for the radio documentary, "Mississippi Voices: A Trip through the Twentieth Century." Creator, co-producer, and narrator of this radio documentary series, which aired on Mississippi Public Radio between November 1998 and March 1999.

Civil Rights Documentation Project, funding from the Mississippi Legislature and the Mississippi Humanities Council, 1997-1999, project director (\$110,000). Project done in collaboration with the Tougaloo College Archives. This project led to a nationwide survey to create an online bibliography of existing oral histories about the Mississippi civil rights movement; the recording and preservation of new interviews in several Mississippi communities; and the development of an interactive CD-ROM about the Mississippi movement, which was distributed to Mississippi secondary schools.

Aubrey K. Lucas Faculty Excellence Award, University of Southern Mississippi, 1995.

Select Service

Professional:

Chair, John Hope Franklin Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2021-2022.

Member, Executive Council, Southern Historical Association, 2020-2022.

Faculty, Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Seminar for Department Chairs/Heads, 2020.

Member, Program Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2016.

Member, Nominating Committee, Oral History Association, 2016-2018, 2006-2008 (chair 2007-2008).

Member, Nominating Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2015.

Chair, McLemore Committee (book award), Mississippi Historical Society, 2015.

Organizer, "New Voyages to Carolina" conference, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2013.

Co-Program Chair, Oral History Association Annual Meeting, 2012.

Member, Board of Editors, Journal of Southern History, 2009-2013.

Chair, Emerging Crises Oral History Fund, Oral History Association, 2006-2007.

Chair, Book Award Committee, Oral History Association, 2005.

Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on Oral History and New Media, Oral History Association, 2003-2004.

Presenter at more than thirty professional development workshops for secondary social studies educators in a dozen states. The American Institute for History Education or the National Council for History Education organized these workshops, 2000-2014.

University:

Design Oversight Committee, Jackson Library Addition and Renovation, UNC Greensboro, 2022-2024.

Member, Strengthening University Wide Collaborative Academic Programs Task Force, UNC Greensboro, 2020-2021.

Member, Retention and Graduation Task Force, UNC Greensboro, 2019-2020.

Member, Summer Experiences for Incoming Students Committee, UNC Greensboro, 2019-2020.

Co-Chair, General Education Revision Task Force, UNC Greensboro, 2018-2019.

Chair, General Education Self-Study Task Force, UNC Greensboro, 2017-2018.

Member, Steering Committee for War and Peace Imagined Program, UNC Greensboro, 2015-2016.

Member, Auditorium Naming Committee, UNC Greensboro, 2016-2017.

Member, Board of Trustees Aycock Subcommittee, UNC Greensboro, 2015-2016.

Co-Chair, Aycock Ad-Hoc Committee, UNC Greensboro, 2015.

Member, Research Excellence Awards Committee, UNC Greensboro, 2015-2016.

Member, Search Committee, African American Studies Director, UNC Greensboro, 2007-2008.

Member, Task Force on Faculty Diversity, College of Arts and Sciences, UNC Greensboro, 2006-2008.

Member, Search Committee, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Southern Mississippi, 2004-2005.

Council of Chairs, University of Southern Mississippi, 2000-2004 (Executive Committee, 2003-2004).

Co-Chair, Search Committee, Director for the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Southern Mississippi, 1999.

Member, Environment Committee, University of Southern Mississippi, 1998-2001.

Faculty Senate, University of Southern Mississippi, 1997-2000.

External Review Committees:

Member, External Review Team, Program Review, Department of History, Central Missouri University, 2022.

Member, External Review Team, Program Review, Department of History, Appalachian State University, 2018.

Member, External Review Team, Program Review, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2013.

Member, External Review Team, Program Review, Department of History, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 2011.

Member, Site Visit Team, National Endowment for the Humanities, Program Review, Mississippi Humanities Council, 2008.

Member, External Review Team, Program Review, Department of History, University of Colorado Denver, 2008.

Community:

President, Grimsley Band Boosters, Grimsley High School, Greensboro, North Carolina, 2015-2016

Parent Representative, Leadership Council, Grimsley High School, Greensboro, North Carolina, 2014-2015.

Public Outreach (select)

“Mississippi Unbound: The Life of William Winter,” Museum of Mississippi History, August 2020 (via Facebook Live)

“The Battle over School Desegregation in Mississippi and the Nation,” Hattiesburg Public Library, June 2020 (via Zoom)

“The South and the New Deal,” High Point Museum, January 2018

Leader of book discussion of *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, Friends of the UNCG Libraries, March 2017

Op-ed on the renaming of UNCG's Aycock Auditorium, *Greensboro News and Record*, November 16, 2016

(Panelist) "Schools in Change," Mississippi Book Festival, Jackson, August 2016, C-Span, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?414028-3/panel-discussion-education>

Interviewed for episode of "Carolina Curious," WFDD, "ABC Stores: Prohibition and the Price of a Good Drink," May 2016

"Poor Whites of the Antebellum South," January 2015, C-Span, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?324064-1/poor-whites-antebellum-south>

Interview appearances in documentary films: *State of Siege: Mississippi Whites and the Civil Rights Movement* (2018) and *The Toughest Job: William Winter's Mississippi* (2014)

Narrator, "Waking Up To War: The Shock of Pearl Harbor," Audiobook, Tulane University, Deep South Regional Humanities Center (2003)

Teaching and Mentoring

- Taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in U.S. History, history of the U.S. South, and oral history, including:
 - Survey courses: U.S. History since 1865; The World in the Twentieth Century, 1945-2000
 - Advanced undergraduate courses: Historical Skills and Methods; The Twentieth Century South
 - Graduate seminars: Colloquium in American History Since 1865; Oral History Seminar; The United States: Depression and War, 1929-1945
 - Honors course: "Oral History and the Veterans Experience," taught in partnership with the Greensboro Public Library and StoryCorps, 2016
 - Team-taught course: "Doing Visual History," with a documentary filmmaker from the UNC Greensboro Department of Media Studies, 2007 and 2010
 - Study-abroad course: "Oral History and Public History," France, 2004, Summer Study Abroad program at the University of Southern Mississippi
- Mentored more than 40 MA students at two institutions: The University of Southern Mississippi and UNC Greensboro
- Mentored 18 students who completed the Ph.D. degree in History at two institutions: The University of Southern Mississippi and UNC Greensboro