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EDUCATION:

Community Trustbuilding Fellowship, Hope in the Cities/Initiatives of Change, Jan. – May 2017

Ph.D., American History, University of Virginia, 2002, *Crucible in the Classroom: The Freedpeople and Their Teachers, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1861-1876*. Dissertation director, Edward Ayers

M.A., American History, Virginia State University, 1993, *More Than an Image: Black Women Reformers in Richmond, Virginia, 1910-1928*. Thesis director, Edgar Toppin

B. A., Communications, Mundelein College (of Loyola University Chicago), 1985

Oral History Training:

Kenyon College, fundamentals workshop in oral history, June 2004

University of California, Berkeley, advanced oral history workshop, August 2004

Oral History Association, fellowship recipient, September 2004

PUBLICATIONS:

ESSAY, "1865-1875 'Reaching out for Something Better': The Jefferson School's Founding Years," in *Pride Overcomes Prejudice, A History of Charlottesville's African American School* (Jefferson School African American Heritage Center), 2013.

Editorial, "To Bind up the Nation's Wounds", *Richmond Times Dispatch*, April 8, 2012, co-authored with Edward Ayers

Monograph, "Making the American Dream Work: A Cultural History of African Americans in Hopewell, Virginia (commissioned by Hopewell City Council), 2008

Book review, "John Vlach, *The Planter's Prospect: Privilege and Slavery in Plantation Paintings*," *Journal of Southern History*, November 2004

Essay, "A Strong Partnership: Reflections and Memories," *Footsteps Magazine*, February 2004

Book Review, "Ethel Morgan Smith, *From Whence Cometh My Help: The African American Community at Hollins College*," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES: Principal: L. L. Lee & Associates, 2001 to present. A public history consultancy: specializing in community engagement through interpretation, teaching and public speaking. Guest Curator: Belmead/FrancisEmma (2016); Sweet Briar College (2015); Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center (2014); Legacy Museum in Lynchburg (2010-2012). Faculty member in teachers' institutes: Stratford, VCU/ODU, Chesterfield, Charlottesville, Richmond, and Roanoke

University of Richmond, School of Professional and Continuing Studies (2012 to present); Jepson School of Leadership Studies (2013 to present); John Tyler Community College (summer and fall 2015); Virginia Union University (2007-2011); Virginia Commonwealth University (2006-2010)

Founding Curator of African American History, the Virginia Historical Society, Jan. 2001 – May 2016. Conceptualized and researched thirteen exhibitions, represented VHS at public events, interacted with various departments on institutional projects including a digital history page with the Richmond Chapter of The LINKS, Inc. entitled, Linking to our Past, Documenting the African American Experience in Virginia (2006-07); liaison to the Department of Historic Resources on the diversity committee for the historic highway marker program and the editorial review board (2004-2010); project leader, historian and community outreach for a genealogy digital project, Unknown No Longer: A Database of Virginia Slave Names (2010-2016).

Maymont House, Community Outreach Coordinator, June 1999 – December 2000. Researched, planned and publicized a new interpretive exhibition, In Service and Beyond: Domestic Work and Life in a Gilded Age Mansion

Old Dominion University, full-time instruction, fall 1997-May 1999, fall 1995; taught American Civilization in a World Setting, American Survey, African American Studies and African American Women's History

Chesterfield County Public Schools, substitute teacher, 1998-91; taught history and social studies to students in grades 5-12

SERVICE:

Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, 2015 to present, chair, fellowship committee

Capitol Square Preservation Council, 2015 to present

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, 2009 to present

Virginia Africana Associates, 2010 to present, historian

Ministering to Ministers, 2011 to present, historian

Citizens' Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion, 2010 to present, historian

State Review Board, Department of Historic Resources, 2006 to present (vice chair 2008-2015)

Literary Awards adjudication committee, Library of Virginia, 2007,'08, '12,'13, and '14

Virginia Civil Rights Video Initiative, board member, 2004 to 2015

Past historian: First Baptist Church Midlothian, St. Paul Baptist Church; current historian: Metropolitan Community Church, Richmond