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**Reginald Ellis**  
**Tallahassee**



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General Questions:

July 19, 2019

Laurie Berlin  
Director of Administration  
Florida Humanities Council  
599 Second Street South  
St Petersburg, FL 33701

To the Florida Humanities Council Members:

Please accept this correspondence as my letter of interest to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the Florida Humanities Council. For nearly twenty years, I have been an active member in the state of Florida championing the cause of the humanities. As an undergraduate student at Florida A&M University, I worked part-time for the state of Florida's Division of Historical Resources in a clerical role, under the direction of FHC Director, Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews. Serving in this position provided me the opportunity to glean the vast historical and cultural resources that our great state has. Leaving Florida for a brief time to pursue a doctorate in history at the University of Memphis, I remained connected to the humanities community by presenting at the Florida Historical Society a number of times during my matriculation.

Upon earning my doctorate degree, I returned to my alma mater; quickly reengaging with the local humanities community by joining the John Gilmore Riley House Board of Directors. For five years, I served as a director, vice-chair and chair of the board. My experience on this board broadened my understanding of the resources and the advocacy that are needed to ensure that the state's cultural and historical resources are properly preserved and presented for our current and future citizens. It is therefore, with gratitude and humility that I accept this nomination to serve as a member of the Florida Humanities Council Board of Directors. If elected, I look forward to serving the state of Florida by advocating for the state's humanities.

Best,



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## Education:

The University of Memphis

August, 2004- May 7, 2011

**Ph.D.**

United States History Since 1875

Dissertation Title: "James Edward Shepard and the Politics of Black Education in North Carolina

During the Jim Crow Era: 1875-1947."

Florida A&M University

2004

**Master of Applied Social Sciences**

United States History

Florida A&M University

2003

**Bachelor of Science in African American Studies**

Honors: *Cum Laude*

## Employment:

Florida A&M University

August 2017-Present

**Associate Professor of History and Assistant Dean in the School of Graduate Studies and Research (Tenured)**

**Administrative:**

- Assistant Dean in the School of Graduate Studies and Research and Liaison for the Graduate Feeder Scholars Program, **2017-Present**
- Coordinator of the African American Studies Program Review at Florida A&M University, **2017-Present**.
- Member of the Institutional Review Board Committee, **2016-2017**.
- Faculty Senator, **2017-Present**.
- Academic Advisor for African American Studies/History Majors, **2011-Present**.
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grants Reviewer for NEH Dialogues Grants, **2016**.
- American Historical Association (AHA) Tuning Project: working towards revamping history curriculum(s) by meeting with key stakeholders, i.e., University Administrators, Alumni, and Community Partners. Also, created middle of curriculum course in history and adopted the scale-up method for a senior level history course, **2012-Present**.
- American Historical Association (AHA) Committee on Minority Historians, **2016-Present**.
- NCATE Liaison for the Department of History, **2011-2012**.
- FAMU Quality Enrichment Plan (QEP) Faculty Member  
Redesigned the Student Learning Outcomes as well as the Course Objectives for the Introduction to African American History Courses, **2008-2013**.

**Courses Taught:**

- Introduction to African American History
- The African American Experience
- American History 1492-1865
- American history 1865-Present
- Black Americans in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century
- The Nature of History
- Selected Topics in United States History Since 1865 (**Scale Up Method**)
- Oral Historical Studies
- The History of Florida
- Contemporary Problems in United States History (**Graduate Course**)
- Selected Topics in United States History (**Graduate Course**)
- The History of Africa (**Graduate Course**)

Florida A&M University

August 2011-2017

**Assistant Professor of History**

## Publication and Presentations: Publication

### Books

- *Between Washington and Du Bois: The Racial Politics of James Edward Shepard* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2017).
- *The Seedtime, The Work, and The Harvest: new Perspectives on the Black Freedom Struggles in America* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2018), co-editor.

### Articles

- "Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Coloreds: Thomas DeSalle Tucker and His Radical Approach to Black Higher Education," in *The Seedtime, The Work, and The Harvest: new Perspectives on the Black Freedom Struggles in America* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2018).
- "James Edward Shepard and The Politics of Black Education, 1933-1947," *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, 23 (Spring/Summer 2016), 1: 53-79.
- "Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Gray Years: 1944-1949," *The Griot: The of African American Studies*, 34 (Fall 2015), 20-30.
- "Wings Over Jordan': The Legacy of William Jasper Hale Sr., Tennessee State Agriculture and Industrial University's First President," *The Griot: The of African American Studies*, 33 (Fall 2014), 2: 9-19.
- "How to infuse the SCALE-UP Method in your History Course" (article in progress).
- "Nathan B. Young: Florida A&M College's Second President and His Relationships with White Public Officials," in David H. Jackson, Jr., and E. Canter Brown, Jr., editors, *Go Sound the Trumpet! Selections in Florida African American History* (Tampa: The University Press of Tampa, 2005), 153-172.

### Book Reviews and Other Publications

- *Reparation and Reconciliation: The Rise and Fall of Integrated Higher Education*. By Christi M. Smith. (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, c. 2016. Pp. x. 334. \$29.95, ISBN 978-1-4696-3069-4). Review in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.
- *Selected Writings and Speeches of James E. Shepard, 1896-1946: founder of North Carolina Central University*. Compiled and Edited with Commentaries by Lenwood G. Davis with the assistance of Janie Miller. (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, c. 2013. Pp. x. 235. \$75.00, ISBN 978-1-61147-544-9). Review in the *Journal of Southern History*, Spring 2015.
- *Seeing Through Race: A Reinterpretation of Civil Rights Photography*. By Martin A. Berger. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011. Acknowledgements, bibliography, notes, index. Pp. xii, 264. \$27.50 paper). Review in the *Florida*

*Historical Quarterly*, Summer 2013.

- "Nathan B. Young," *African American National Biography Online*, January, 2012.
- "Hollis Freeman Price," *Tennessee Historical Quarterly Online*, Fall 2008.

## **Selected Presentations:**

### **January, 2019**

American History Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois "How to Say Yes and When to Say No: Navigating Service Work."

### **April, 2018**

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, "The Racial Politics of Black Higher Education."

### **March, 2018**

Sam Houston University, Huntsville, Texas "Thomas DeSalle Tucker and His Racial Approach to Black Higher Education."

### **February, 2018**

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, "Between Washington and Du Bois: The Racial Politics of James Edward Shepard."

### **May, 2017**

Leon County Public Library, Tallahassee, Florida, "Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Coloreds: Thomas DeSalle Tucker and His Radical Approach to Black Higher Education."

### **April, 2017**

Center for Leadership & Social Change at Florida State University, "commUNITY Dialogue Series: Preserving the History of FAMU Way."

### **February, 2017**

Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, Tallahassee, Florida, "Historical Talk on The Founding of Florida A&M University."

### **February, 2017**

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated, "The Historical Redevelopment of FAMU Way."

### **January, 2017**

American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, "The Impact of Tuning in the Field of History."

### **May, 2016**

Florida Historical Society Conference, Orlando, Florida, "The Historical Impact of Florida A&M University on FAMU Way."

### **February, 2016**

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated, "The Impact of Teaching at an Historically Black College/University in the Twenty First Century."

### **September, 2015**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, "Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Coloreds: The Tucker Years."

### **January, 2015**

American Historical Association Annual Conference held in New York City, New York, Tuning Workshop Coordinator.



**February, 2015**

Elizabeth Popular Spring P. B. Church Annual Black History Month Program, Tallahassee, Florida, Keynote Speaker, "A Charge To Keep I Have: #BlackLivesMatter"

**February, 2015**

North Side Elementary School Annual Black History Month Program, Cairo, Georgia, Keynote Speaker, "The Power of a Solid Education: To Thine Own Self Be True."

**June, 2015**

The Association of Public Land Grant Universities HBCU Summit on Student Success held in Atlanta, Georgia, "The Impact on Tuning on a HBCU Campus."

**April, 2014**

Organization of American Historians Annual Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, "James Edward Shepard and The Politics of Black Education, 1933-1947."

**September, 2013**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, "Three Black College Presidents During the Jim Crow Era."

**July, 2013**

*Florida Footprints Documentary Series*, Interview on WFSU Television on the History of FAMU, 1923 to 1944.

**June, 2013**

Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Lakeland, Florida; Keynote Speaker for Graduation Program.

**May, 2013**

*Florida Footprints Documentary Series*, Interview on WFSU Television on the History of FAMU, 1887 to 1923.

**February, 2013**

Southern Conference on African American Studies, Incorporated, "Incorporating the Flipped Approach in History Courses"

**January, 2013**

Florida A & M University Martin Luther King, Jr., Convocation, Gave the Occasion

**May, 2012**

Florida Historical Society Conference, Tampa, Florida "FAMC and the Gray Years"

**February, 2012**

Florida A & M University Black History Month Convocation, Gave the Occasion

**May, 2011**

Florida Historical Society Conference, Jacksonville, Florida "Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Coloreds: The Tucker Years."

**February, 2011**

Main Street, Monticello, Florida "Finding Black America"

**February, 2011**

North Side Elementary School, Cairo, Georgia, Black History Month Speaker.

**February, 2011**

Southern Conference on African and African American Studies, Dallas, Texas "James Edward Shepard's Business Approach to Black Racial Uplift during the Jim Crow Era."

**November, 2010**

"The History of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University," video conference presentation for the University of Toledo's College of Education.

**October, 2010**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Raleigh, North Carolina "The Emergence of a Black Leader During the Age of Jim Crow and Black Racial Uplift in North Carolina."

**February, 2010**

Southern Conference On African American Studies, Incorporated, Jackson, Mississippi "Are You For Me or Against Me?: The Political Life of James E. Shepard."

**February, 2009**

Southern Conference On African American Studies, Incorporated, Charlotte, North Carolina "Change the Man and the Environments Will Be Changed By the Man": James E. Shepard and the Creation of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Negro Race.

**February, 2008**

Southern Conference On African American Studies, Incorporated, Atlanta, Georgia "An Emerging Leader and the Creation of A New School: The Florida State Normal and Industrial School For Coloreds."

**October, 2007**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Atlanta, Georgia "Florida State Normal and Industrial School for Coloreds: Thomas DeSalle Tucker and His Radical Approach to Black Higher Education."

**February, 2007**

Keynote Speaker at Humes Middle School Black History Month Program, Humes Middle School, Memphis, Tennessee

**October, 2006**

Black Student Association "N" Word Symposium, the University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee

Panelist

**September, 2006**

Tennessee Conference of Historians, Nashville, Tennessee "Wings Over Jordan": The Legacy of William Jasper Hale Sr., Tennessee State Agriculture and Industrial University's First President

**April, 2004**

Imhotep Conference, Tallahassee, Florida "FAMCee and the Gray Years."

**March, 2004**

Bellemy Conference, Fort Valley, Georgia "Florida A&M College's Third President William H.A. Howard and the Pitfalls of African American Educational Leadership Intent Upon Serving Too Many Masters."

**February, 2004**

L.B. Brown Conference, Bartow, Florida "Nathan B. Young: Florida A&M College's Second President and His Relationship with White Public Officials."

## Awards and Grants:

- 2016-2017 Florida A&M University Teacher of the Year
- November – 2015- 2016 --- Florida A&M University Leadership Academy
- August -2015 – Florida A&M University Innovative Teacher of the Year Nominee
- May-2014 – Florida A&M University Innovative Teacher of the Year Nominee
- July-2013 – NEH Summer Institute at Harvard University's Du Bois Institute on African-American Struggles for Freedom and Civil Rights (Harvard University)
- March-2011 – John Hope Franklin Research Grant (Duke University)

## Dissertation and Thesis Committees

- Jeffery Sims, "J.R.E. Lee: a Black Educator in the Jim Crow Era" (Master's Thesis, Florida A&M University, 2012). **Committee Member.**
- Margenia A. Christian, "John H. Johnson: A Historical Study Of The Re-Education Of The 'Negro' In Adult Education Through The Selfethnic Liberatory Nature Of Magazines "(Doctorial Dissertation: Northern-Louis University, 2013). **Committee Member.**

## Boards

- American Historical Association Tuning Project (**one of 60 Members**)
- American Historical Association Committee on Minority Historians (**2015-2018**)
- Leadership Tallahassee Board of Governors (**2014-Present**)
- Legal Aid Foundation (**2015-2018**)
- Friends of the Leon County Public Library (**2016-2017**)
- John G. Riley House Museum Chair (**2015**)
- Steele-Collins All Male Academy (**2010**)

## Organization

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated
- Leadership Florida Connect Class XI
- Leadership Tallahassee (Class 31)
- The Economic Club of Florida
- The Leadership Academy of North Florida
- Graduate Association for African American History (University of Memphis), Founding President 2005
- Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
- Golden Key National Honor Society

- Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society
- Distinguished Young Gentlemen of America (Module Coordinator, 2012)
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- Organization of American Historians
- Southern Historical Association
- Southern Conference on African American Studies
- Florida A&M University Alumni Association
- University of Memphis Alumni Association
- Bethel M.B. Church, Tallahassee, Florida