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**EDUCATION**

Duke University, Post-Doctoral Training, History of Medicine and History of Science	1974-76
University of Virginia -- Ph.D. -- American History	1970-75
University of Virginia -- M.A. -- American History	1969-70
University of Rochester School of Medicine -- no degree -- Medicine	1965-68
Colgate University -- A.B. -- History	1961-65

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

Professor (1987- ), Associate Professor (1982-87), Department of Medical Humanities, and  
Adjunct in Department of History.

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Associate Professor (1981-82), Assistant Professor (1976-81), Department of Community  
Health and Family Medicine (Division of Social Sciences and Humanities), and Department  
of History.

Acting Chief (Dec 1981-June 1982), Division of Social Sciences and Humanities,  
Department of Community Health and Family Medicine.

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

L. Stacy Davidson Chair (Visiting Professor) of Liberal Arts (Spring 1997)

Institute of Medicine & Humanities, Missoula, Montana

Visiting Professor (Fall 1994)

National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland

Visiting Historical Scholar (1991-92)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Organizations**

#### American Association for the History of Medicine

Secretary-Treasurer, 1998-2007

AAHM Representative to Conference of Administrative Officers, American Council of Learned Societies, 2002-2007

Program Committee, 1977-78, 1979-80, 1984-85 (Chair), 1996-97 (Chair)

Council Member, 1981-84

Committee on Annual Meetings, 1986-89 (Chair)

Committee on Medical Students, 1989-90

Seminars Committee, 1990-92, 1992-93 (Chair)

Workshops on Writing Medical History, 1991, 1992-1994 (Coordinator)

#### American Society for Bioethics & Humanities

Program Committee 1997-98, 1998-99, 2001-02

Committee on Affinity Groups, 1999-2007

Committee on Status of the Field, 1999-2003

Nominating Committee, 2001-02

#### Southern Historical Association

Membership Committee, 1978-79, 1980-81

Program Committee, 1981-82, 1988-89

#### Historical Society of North Carolina

President, 2001-02

Program Committee, 2001-02 (Chair)

Connor Award Committee (for best article published in North Carolina Historical Review), 1994-95, 1998-99

#### Association of Historians in North Carolina

Program Committee, 1990-91

#### North Carolina Medical History Group

Co-organizer and member, 1985-87, 1989-1995

Association for Faculty in the Medical Humanities  
Program Committee, 1982-83, 1983-84  
Nominating Committee, 1987, 1989

**Boards**

Country Doctor Museum, Bailey, N.C.  
Board Member, 1989-1995  
Board President, 1992-1995

University of Virginia, School of Nursing, Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry  
Advisory Board, 1992-95

North Carolina Humanities Council  
Member, 1986-91

Florida Endowment for the Humanities  
Board Member, 1981-82

**Editorial Boards**

*Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 1986-1994

*Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 1983-85, 1997-99

*The Cambridge World History of Human Disease*, 1986-92 (Book published 1993, Kenneth Kiple, Senior Editor).

*American National Biography*, Area Editor for History of Medicine, 1992-1998 (Book published 1998, John A. Garraty, General Editor).

*Journal of the National Medical Association*, 2006-

**Grant Panelist and Reviewer**

National Institutes of Health  
History of Medicine Study Section, National Library of Medicine, 1979-80, 1989-91, 1993-,  
Chair, 1998-2005

National Endowment for the Humanities  
Challenge Grants Program, July 1997  
Humanities Projects in the Media Program, October 1993  
Libraries and Archives Program, October 1992, August 1995  
Pilot Grant Program, 1978  
Individual grant applications, 1978-

**Consulting**

1. Somerset Place State Historic Site (restored plantation in Creswell, N.C.), to assist in preparing and presenting history of newly rebuilt slave hospital, 2001-

2. North Carolina Museum of History (Raleigh), to help develop exhibit entitled "Health & Healing Experiences in North Carolina," 1995-1998.
3. Medical College of Georgia (Augusta), to prepare a proposal for the National Park Service to have the Old Medical College Building in Augusta designated a National Historic Landmark, 1994 (Building was so designated on 19 June 1996)
4. Meharry Medical College Library (Nashville), to develop a black medical history archives, 1986-89
5. Center for the Study of Southern Culture (University of Mississippi), 1979-1985

### **TEACHING (courses taught)**

#### Medical Students

- 1st year - Social and Ethical Issues in Medicine
- 2nd year - Social and Ethical Issues in Medicine
- 2nd year - Cultural and Social Dimensions of Medical Practice
- 3rd year - Ethics Conferences in Medicine, Pediatrics, and Family  
Medicine Clerkships
- 4th year - Elective: History of Medicine
- 4th year - Elective: Literature and Medicine

#### Undergraduate College Students

- History of American Medicine
- Development of Medical Thought
- Humanities and Medicine
- American History 1607-1877

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### ***Monograph***

1. *Medicine and Slavery: The Diseases and Health Care of Blacks in Antebellum Virginia*, Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1978. Issued in paperback, 1981. Reissued in paperback, 2002.

#### ***Edited books***

1. *Dictionary of American Medical Biography*, Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1984. Co-edited with Martin Kaufman and Stuart Galishoff.
2. *Disease and Distinctiveness in the American South*, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1988. Co-edited with James Harvey Young.
3. *Science and Medicine in the Old South*, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1989. Co-edited with Ronald L. Numbers.
4. *Medical Readers' Theater: A Guide and Scripts*, Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 2002.

5. *Race and Medicine in Nineteenth- and Early-Twentieth-Century America*, Kent, Ohio: Kent State University Press, 2007.

### **Exhibit Booklet**

1. *Fevers, Agues, and Cures: Medical Life in Old Virginia*. Richmond: Virginia Historical Society, 1990. Long essay to accompany exhibit of same name.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

1. "James E. Copeland, A Country Doctor in an Age of Medical Change," *Virginia Cavalcade*, 23 (Summer 1973), 11-18.
2. "Smothering and Overlaying of Virginia Slave Children: A Suggested Explanation," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 49 (1975), 400-404.

*Reprinted in:* Paul Finkelman, ed., *Women and the Family in a Slave Society* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1989), 334-338.

3. "The Early Years of the University of Virginia Hospital: An Analysis of Patients' Records," *Virginia Medical Monthly*, 102 (1975), 542-545, 714-724.
4. "Filariasis [Elephantiasis] in the United States," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 32 (1977), 140-150.
5. "Slave Life Insurance in Virginia and North Carolina," *Journal of Southern History*, 43 (1977), 583-600.

*Reprinted in:* Paul Finkelman, ed., *Economics, Industrialization, Urbanization, and Slavery* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1989), 441-458.

6. "Historical Perspectives on Sickle Cell Anemia," in Ronald A. Carson, Richard C. Reynolds, and H. Gene Moss, eds., *Patient Wishes and Physician Obligations*, (Gainesville: The University Presses of Florida, 1978), 118-145.
7. "The Social and Medical History of Crib Death," *Journal of the Florida Medical Association*, 66 (1979), 853-859.
8. "The Invisible Malady: Sickle Cell Anemia in America: 1910-1970," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 73 (1981), 739-746.
9. "Health Care from Early to Modern Times," in Marcia V. Boyles, Margaret K. Morgan, and Mary H. McCaulley, eds., *The Health Professions* (Philadelphia: Saunders, 1982), 3-21.
10. "The Use of Blacks for Medical Experimentation and Demonstration in the Old South," *Journal of Southern History*, 48 (1982), 331-348.

*Reprinted in:*

- a. Paul Finkelman, ed., *Medicine, Nutrition, Demography, and Slavery* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1989), 273-290.
- b. Wanda Teays and Laura M. Purdy, eds., *Bioethics, Justice and Health Care* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, 2001), 215-224.

- c. Scott Plous, ed., *Understanding Prejudice and Discrimination* (New York: McGraw-Hill Higher Education, 2003), 134-139.
11. "Politics in Medicine: The Georgia Freedmen's Bureau and the Organization of Health Care, 1865-1866," *Civil War History*, 28 (1982), 45-64.  
*Reprinted in:* Donald G. Nieman, ed., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Freedom* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1994), 293-312.
  12. "The Evaluation of a Tay-Sachs Screening Program on a College Campus," (with Jeffrey P. Krischer, et al.), *Southern Medical Journal*, 75 (1982), 169-174.
  13. "Understanding the Medical Past Through Literature: Bloodletting and the Louisiana Swamp Doctor," *Journal of the Oklahoma Medical Association*, 75 (1982), 174-177.
  14. "Patient Letters to a Nineteenth Century Virginia Physician," *Journal of the Florida Medical Association*, 69 (1982), 688-694.
  15. "The Education of Physicians at Shaw University, 1882-1918: Problems of Quality and Quantity," in Jeffrey Crow and Flora J. Hatley eds., *Black Americans in North Carolina and the South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1984), 160-188.
  16. "Lincoln University Medical Department: A Forgotten Black Medical School," *Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences*, 40 (1985), 42-65.
  17. "Entering a White Profession: Black Physicians in the New South, 1880-1920," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 61 (1987), 507-540.
  18. "Black Health on the Plantation: Masters, Slaves and Physicians," originally prepared for Ronald L. Numbers and Todd L. Savitt, eds., *Science and Medicine in the Old South* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1989), 327-355.  
  
*Reprinted in:*
    - a. Judith Walzer Leavitt and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., *Sickness and Health in America: Readings in the History of Medicine and Public Health* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2nd ed., 1985), 313-330.
    - b. *Medical Heritage*, 2 (1986), 368-382.
  19. Todd L. Savitt and James Harvey Young, eds., *Disease and Distinctiveness in the American South* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1988), 120-153.
  20. Paul Finkelman, ed., *Medicine, Nutrition, Demography, and Slavery* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1989), 243-271.
  21. "Herrick's 1910 Case Report of Sickle Cell Anemia," *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 261 (1989), 266-271 (with Morton F. Goldberg).
  22. "Abraham Flexner and the Black Medical Schools," in Barbara M. Barzansky and Norman Gevitz, eds., *Flexner and the 1990s: Medical Education in the 20th Century* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1992), 65-81.
  23. "Self-Reliance and the Changing Physician-Patient Relationship in Nineteenth and Early

- Twentieth Century America," in Yosio Kawakita & Shizu Sakai, eds., *History of the Doctor-Patient Relationship: Proceedings of the 14th International Symposium on the Comparative History of Medicine-East and West* (Tokyo, Japan: Ishiyaku EuroAmerica, Inc. Publishers, 1995) pp. 73-98.
24. "Jefferson's Vision of Medical Education and His Quest for a Professor of Medicine," *Virginia Medical Quarterly*, 122 (Fall 1995) 245-251.
  25. "'A Journal of Our Own': The *Medical and Surgical Observer* at the Beginnings of an African-American Medical Profession in Late Nineteenth-Century America," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 88 (1996), 52-59, 115-122.
  26. "The Second Reported Case of Sickle Cell Anemia: Charlottesville, Virginia, 1911," *Virginia Medical Quarterly*, 124 (1997), 84-92.
  27. "How Did a Regional Medical School Building Qualify as a National Historic Landmark?" *Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia*, 86 (1997), 309-319.
  28. "Training the Consecrated, Skillful, Christian Physician": Documents Illustrating Student Life at Leonard Medical School, 1882-1918," *North Carolina Historical Review*, LXXV (1998), 250-276.
  29. "Straight University Medical Department: The Short Life of A Black Medical School in Reconstruction New Orleans," *Louisiana History* 41 (2000), 175-201.
  30. "Four African-American Proprietary Medical Colleges: 1888-1923," *Journal of the History of Medicine & Allied Sciences*, 55 (2000), 203-255.
  31. "Money versus Mission at an African-American Medical School: Knoxville College Medical Department, 1895-1900," *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 75 (2001), 680-716.
  32. "Sisters' Hospital: The Sisters of Providence and the First Years of St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, Montana, 1873-1890," (with Janice Willms), *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, 53 (Spring 2003), 28-43.
  33. "Walking the Color Line: Alonzo McClennan, *The Hospital Herald*, and Segregated Medicine in Turn-of-the-Twentieth Century Charleston, South Carolina," *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 104 (2003), 228-257.
  34. "Abortion in the Old West: The Trials of Dr. Edwin S. Kellogg of Helena, Montana," *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, 57 (Autumn 2007), 3-20, 93-94.
  35. "African American Physicians and Organized Medicine, 1846-1968: Origins of a Racial Divide," *JAMA*, 300 (July 16, 2008), 306-313. (Authors as listed on article: Robert B. Baker, Harriet A. Washington, Ololade Olakanmi, Todd L. Savitt, Elizabeth A. Jacobs, Eddie Hoover, Matthew K. Wynia)
  36. "Creating a Segregated Medical Profession: African American Physicians and Organized Medicine, 1846-1910," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 101 (June 2009), 501-512. (Authors as listed on article: Robert B. Baker, Harriet A. Washington, Ololade Olakanmi, Todd L. Savitt, Elizabeth A. Jacobs, Eddie Hoover, Matthew K. Wynia)

37. "Segregation, Civil Rights, and Health Disparities: The Legacy of African American Physicians and Organized Medicine, 1910-1968," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 101 (June 2009), 513-527. (Authors as listed on article: Harriet A. Washington, Robert B. Baker, Ololade Olakanmi, Todd L. Savitt, Elizabeth A. Jacobs, Eddie Hoover, Matthew K. Wynia)
38. "In the *Journal of the National Medical Association* 100 Years Ago: Salutatory," *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 101 (November 2009), 1173-1175.
39. "In the *Journal of the National Medical Association* 100 Years Ago: "The 1908 Annual Meeting," *Journal of the National Medical Association* 102 (February 2010), 140-143.
40. "The *Journal of the National Medical Association* 100 Years Ago: A New Voice of and for African American Physicians," *Journal of the National Medical Association* 102 (August 2010), 734-744.

### **Encyclopedia and Dictionary Entries**

1. Biographical sketches of 122 physicians in Martin Kaufman, Stuart Galishoff, and Todd Savitt, eds., *Dictionary of American Medical Biography* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1984).
2. "Infanticide," "Slave Life Insurance," and "Slave Health Care," in Randall M. Miller and John David Smith, eds., *Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1988), 364-365, 403-404, and 312-317.
3. "Black Health and Medical Care," in Charles Reagan Wilson and William Ferris, eds., *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989), 164-166.
4. "Filariasis" and "Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," in Kenneth F. Kiple, ed., *The Cambridge World History of Human Disease* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1993), 724-730 and 1017-1020.
5. "Minorities as Research Subjects," in Warren T. Reich, ed., *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, Rev. Ed. (New York: Simon & Schuster Macmillan, 1995) Vol. 3, pp. 1776-80.
6. "Wyndham Bolling Blanton," in Sara Bearss, et al., eds., *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 2001), Volume 2, pp. 19-22.
7. "Lynk, Miles Vandahurst," in Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Higginbotham, eds., *African American Lives* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004) pp. 548-549.
8. "Minorities as Research Subjects," in Stephen G. Post, ed., *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, 3rd Ed. (New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004) Vol. 3, pp. 1846-50.

### **Commentaries**

1. "Medical History and Medical Humanities: A Commentary," in Jerome J. Bylebyl, ed., *Teaching the History of Medicine at a Medical Center* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University

Press, 1982), 41-45.

2. "The Development of Pediatrics as a Specialty," in Loretta Kopelman and John C. Moskop, eds., *Children and Health Care: Moral and Social Issues* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989), 275-279.
3. "American Social and Political Thought and the Federal Role in Child Health Care," in Loretta Kopelman and John C. Moskop, eds., *Children and Health Care: Moral and Social Issues* (Dordrecht, The Netherlands, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1989), 67-71.

### **EXHIBITS**

1. "African-American Physicians in Nineteenth Century America," Exhibit at the Country Doctor Museum, Bailey, NC (1993).
2. "Revolt Against the Doctors: Alternative Healing in 19th Century America," Exhibit at the Country Doctor Museum, Bailey, NC (1993).
3. Guest Curator, "Fevers, Agues, & Cures: Medical Life in Old Virginia," at Virginia Historical Society, Richmond (October 1990 - April 1991). Traveling exhibit in Norfolk, Radford, Harrisonburg, Alexandria, and Charlottesville, Virginia (May 1991 - June 1992), and National Library of Medicine.
4. "Horses, Autos, and Phones: The Transformation of Rural Medical Practice," Exhibit at the Country Doctor Museum, Bailey, NC (1991).
5. "Medicine Evolving," University of Florida (1978). On display at East Carolina University School of Medicine, 1983-.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

1. June-September 1967 -- Performed, as a Public Health Service Fellow, (using PL 480 funds), a field study and wrote a report entitled "Factors Influencing the Utilization of Medical Facilities in Agricultural and Industrial Populations," in Belgrade, Cuprija, and Mijatovac, Jugoslavia.
2. November 1973-June 1976 -- National Institutes of Health (National Library of Medicine) Research Grant -- "Medicine and Slavery: The Health Care and Diseases of Blacks in the Old South" -- Principal Investigator.
3. September 1977-August 1980 -- Lilly Endowment Post-Doctoral Teaching Awards Fellowship Program -- Fellow, 1977-1978; Associate Director, 1978-1979, 1979-1980.
4. April 1979-April 1980 -- University of Florida Seed Money Research Grant from College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Medicine to begin a study of the health care problems of blacks in the South after the Civil War -- Principal Investigator.
5. June 1979 -- American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid (Declined after awarding of University of Florida Seed Money Grant).

6. July 1980-June 1982 -- National Institutes of Health (National Library of Medicine) Research Grant -- "Medicine After Emancipation: The Health Care Problems of Blacks in the Postbellum South" -- Principal Investigator.
7. January 1981-December 1986 -- Charles E. Culpeper Foundation History of Medicine Lectureship Award to foster interest in history of medicine at home institution through a speaker series -- Administrator.
8. July 1998-June 1999 -- East Carolina University School of Medicine Starter Grant for research travel on project "A Medical Portrait of Montana's Capital City a Century Ago."

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