

**CURRICULUM VITA
GEORGE CARLTON WRIGHT**

EDUCATION:

Duke University
Ph.D., History, 1977

University of Kentucky,
M.A., History, 1974

University of Kentucky,
B.A., History, 1972

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Professor, Department of History, Texas A&M University, August 2018-

President, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, August 2003 to August 2017.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, The University of Texas at Arlington, September 2000 to August, 2003.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, The University of Texas at Arlington, January 1998 to August 2000.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at Arlington, February 1996 to January 1998.

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, The University of Texas at Arlington, July 1995 to February 1996.

William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of American History, Duke University, August 1993-February 1996.

Vice Provost for University Programs and Director, African and Afro-American Studies Program, Duke University, August 1993-July 1995.

Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1993.

Mastin Gentry White Professor of Southern History, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1993.

Professor, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1993.

Director, Center for African and Afro-American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 1986-1990.

Associate Professor, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, 1986-1990

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, 1980-86

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Kentucky, 1977-1980

BOOKS:

A History of Blacks In Kentucky: In Pursuit of Equality, 1890-1980, Volume II. Frankfort: Kentucky Historical Society, November 1992.

Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule, and "Legal Lynchings." Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, May 1990. Recipient of the "Governor's Award" presented by the Kentucky Historical Society for the best book on Kentucky history published between 1986-1990. Selected by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in the United States as an "Outstanding Book" on the subject of human rights.

Life Behind a Veil: Blacks in Louisville, Kentucky, 1865-1930. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, September 1985. Co-recipient of the "Governor's Award" presented by the Kentucky Historical Society for the best book on Kentucky History published between 1982-1986.

SELECTED ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND ESSAYS:

"Growing Up Segregated," in Elizabeth Jacoway and C. Fred Williams, eds., *Understanding the Little Rock Crisis: An Exercise in Remembrance and Reconciliation.* Fayette: University of Arkansas Press, 1999.

"Lessons I Learned from My Teachers," in Judy Reinhartz and Don M. Beach, eds., *Teaching and Learning in the Elementary School.* New York: Prentice Hall, 1997.

"By the Book: The Legal Executions of Kentucky Blacks," in W. Fitzhugh Brundage, ed., *Under Sentence of Death: Lynching in the South.* Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1997.

"Commentary on Raymond Arsenault's 'The Folklore of Southern Demagoguery,'" in Charles Eagles, ed., *Is There A Southern Political Tradition?* Jackson: University of Mississippi Press, 1996.

"The Contexts of Southern Lynchings: New Answers to Old Questions," *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, Summer 1995.

"The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky, 1900-1970," in W. Marvin Dulaney, ed., *Essays on the Significance of the Civil Rights Movement in American History.* College Station: Texas A&M University Press, November 1993.

"Afro-Americans in Kentucky," in *The Encyclopedia of Kentucky.* Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, August 1992.

"Race Relations After 1865," in James Klotter, ed., *Our Kentucky: A Study of The Bluegrass State.* Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, June 1992.

"The End For Me, But A Beginning For Others: My Years of Research On Kentucky Blacks," *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, June 1992.

"Executions of Afro-Americans in Kentucky, 1870-1940," *The Georgia Journal of Southern Legal History*, Winter 1991.

"The Forced Removal of Afro-Americans from Rural Kentucky," *Reflections: Occasional Papers on Research in Kentucky Public Records*, Volume 1, Number 1, 1990.

History Museum Review, "Harlem Renaissance: Art of Black America," *Journal of American History*, June 1990.

"William H. Steward: Moderate Approach to Black Leadership," in August Meier and Leon Litwack, eds., *Black Leaders of the 19th Nineteenth Century*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, March 1988.

"The Billy Club and the Ballot: Police Intimidation of Blacks in Louisville, 1880-1930," *Southern Studies*, Spring 1984.

"Black Political Insurgency in Louisville, Kentucky: The Lincoln Independent Party of 1921," *Journal of Negro History*, Winter 1983. This article was the co-recipient of the Carter G. Woodson Award for the best article published in the *Journal of Negro History* for the years 1983-1987.

"Oral History and the Search for the Black Past in Kentucky," *Oral History Review*, Fall 1982.

"Desegregation of Public Accommodations in Louisville, Kentucky," in David Colburn and Elizabeth Jacoway, eds., *Southern Businessmen and Desegregation*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1982.

"The NAACP and Residential Segregation in Louisville, Kentucky, 1914-1917," *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, January 1980. This article won the Richard Collins Award as the best article appearing in the Journal for 1980.

"The Faith Plan: A Black Institution Grows During the Depression," *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, October 1977.

"The Founding of Lincoln Institute," *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, January 1975. Reprinted in *Kentucky: Its Heritage and People*, Fred Hood, ed. St. Louis: Forum Press, 1978.

BOOK REVIEWS:

John Hope Franklin, *Race and History: Selected Essays, 1938-1988*. *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, January 1992.

David R. Colburn, *Racial Change and Community Crisis: St. Augustine, Florida, 1877-1980*. *The Public Historian*, 1987.

Houston A. Baker, *Blues, Ideology, and Afro-American Literature*. *Journal of Southern History*, 1985

Mary A. Rothschild, *A Case of Black and White*. *The Oral History Review*, 1984.

Louis Harlan, *Booker T. Washington: The Wizard of Tuskegee, 1901-1915*. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Spring 1984.

John D. Wright, *Lexington: Heart of the Bluegrass*. *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Autumn 1983.

Howard N. Rabinowitz, ed., *Black Political Leaders of the Reconstruction Era*. *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Spring 1983.

Charles P. Roland, *The Improbable Era: The South Since 1945*. *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, July 1977.

Robert P. Williams, By the Bulls That Redeemed Me. *The Filson Club History Quarterly*, January 1976.

SPECIAL REPORT:

"A Report on the History of Blacks in Texas to 1950, with Special Emphasis on the Desegregation of the University of Texas School of Law," May 1994. This report was written and prepared for the Defendants in the case of *Cheryl J. Hopwood, Douglas W. Carvell, Kenneth R. Elliott, and David A. Rogers, Plaintiffs v. The State of Texas, University of Texas Board of Regents, and the University of Texas School of Law, Defendants*.

HONORS:

Hall of Distinguished Alumni, University of Kentucky, May 2005.

Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Kentucky, May 2004.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

Friar Society Centennial Fellow for Teaching Excellence, University of Texas at Austin, 1990.

Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Liberal Arts and College of Natural Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin, 1988.

Silver Spurs Centennial Teaching Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin, 1987-88.

The "Eyes of Texas" Award for "Excellence in Service" to the University of Texas at Austin, presented by the Friar Society, 1986 and 1988.

Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin, 1985-86.

Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship, Harvard University, 1983-84.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Award for "Outstanding Black Faculty Member," The University of Texas at Austin, 1983.

"Best Faculty Poll," *UTmost* Magazine, The University of Texas: 1982, 1983, 1987, 1989 and 1990. Selected in March 1992 for the *UTmost* Best Professor Hall of Fame.

Oral History Fellowship, Duke University, 1974-1977.

Haggin Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 1973-1974.

CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, COLLOQUIA:

"African-Americans in Texas: The Nineteenth-Century Legacy." Paper presented at the Symposium on the African-American Experience in Texas," Houston, Texas, February 2002.

"Distance Education at the University of Texas at Arlington." Paper presented at the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications 13th Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, October 2001.

"Action Research: Building A Teacher Research Academy." Paper presented at the Global Conversations Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands, August 2000.

"Race Relations in Texas." Paper presented at the Texas Historical Association meeting, Austin, Texas, March 2000.

"Oral History and the Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky." Keynote presentation, Kentucky Civil Rights Oral History Symposium, Frankfort, Kentucky, February 2000.

"The Kentucky Racial Justice Act." Paper presented at the Kentucky Bar Association, Louisville, Kentucky, June 1999.

"Rethinking The University Reward System to Support Educational Renewal." Paper presented at the In Praise of Education Conference, Seattle, Washington, June 1999.

"Restructuring the Reward System: An Overview from the Provost Perspective." American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Washington, D.C., February 1999.

"Lawyers and Historians Confront Capital Punishment in the South: A Roundtable Discussion." Presentation at the Southern Historical Association meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1998.

"Growing Up Segregated." Paper presented at the Little Rock Conference, Remembrance and Reconciliation: Understanding the Little Rock Crisis of 1957," September, 1997.

"Race Relations in Present-Day America." Paper presented at De Montfort University, Leicester, England, January 1995.

"Southern Demagogues: Is There A Southern Political Tradition?" Session Commentator, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, October 1994.

"Justice or 'Just Us': Continuity and Change in the Lives of Southern Blacks." Paper

presented at Black and White Perspectives on the American South, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, September 1994.

"Notes of a Native Son: Growing Up Black in Kentucky During the Civil Rights Movement.." Paper presented at The Fifth Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference on North American Studies, Helsinki, Finland, April 1994.

"Black Texans in the Nineteenth Century." Paper presented at the Texas Southern University Symposium on Texas History, Houston, Texas, October 1992.

"Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin: His California Years." Paper presented at the Western History Association, New Haven, Connecticut, October 1992.

"Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin: Newspaper Editor." Paper presented at The Fourth Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference on North American Studies, Helsinki, Finland, September 1992.

"Robert Charles O'Hara Benjamin: Forgotten Black Leader." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch, Kona Coast, Hawaii, August 1991.

"Oral History and Race Relations in Kentucky." Paper presented at the Kentucky Conference on Oral History, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1991.

"Changing the Core Curriculum: A Case in Point." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Higher Education, National Conference on Higher Education, Washington, D.C., March 1991.

"The Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky, 1930-1970." Paper presented for the Walter Webb Lecture Series, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas, March 1991.

"The Forced Removal of Afro-Americans from Rural Kentucky." Paper presented at the International Oral History Conference, Essen, West Germany, March 1990.

"Racial Violence in Rural Kentucky." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Lexington, Kentucky, November 1989.

"Duke University Oral History Program: Toward A Biracial History of the South." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Galveston, Texas, October 1989.

"Those Who Stayed Home During the Great Migration, 1915 to the Present." Paper presented at the Jackson State University National Symposium, Jackson, Mississippi, September 14-15, 1989.

"Eligibility Requirements of College Athletes and Racial Discrimination." Paper presented at the Sports Law Conference, Austin, Texas, March 1989.

"Black Texans: What Do We Need to Know?" Paper presented at the African-American History in Texas: Preserving and Sharing the Legacy Conference, Dallas, Texas, February 1989.

"The Forced Migration of Afro-Americans from Rural Kentucky." Paper presented at the Conference on the African-American Urban Community, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., February 1988.

"Race Relations in a Border City: Black Louisville, 1914-1930." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, November 1984.

"History from the City." Paper presented at the Kentucky Conference on Oral History, Louisville, February 1983.

"Desegregation of Louisville in the 1960s." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, November 1981.

"Oral History and Kentucky Blacks." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Burlington, Vermont, October 1981.

"The Black Church in Kentucky: From Oral History Collection to Television Documentary." Paper presented at the Kentucky Conference on Oral History, Owensboro, Kentucky, September 1981.

"Race, Class and Politics." Session Commentator at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Eugene, Oregon, August 1981.

"Historians and Slavery." Session Commentator at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1980.

"Civil Rights Organizations in Louisville in the 1910s and 1920s." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, California, April 1980.

"Housing Discrimination in America." Session Commentator at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 1979.

"Park Segregation in Louisville." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, New York City, October 1979.

"Oral History and the Civil Rights Movement." Session Commentator at the Annual Meeting of the Oral History Conference, Savannah, Georgia, October 1978.

"Race Relations in Louisville, 1900-1920." Paper presented at the Duquesne University History Forum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 1978.

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES:

"The Quest of Blacks to Become Full Partners in American Democracy." One Out of Many: The Great American Experience of Unity in Diversity, Sesquicentennial Observance, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, November 1994.

"Research on Race Relations in Kentucky," University of Louisville, October 1992

"From Project To Project: In Search of Our Multicultural Past." Keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association, Cleveland, Ohio, October, 1992.

"The Value of Multicultural Education In American Society," College of Education, University of Kentucky, March 1992.

"University Initiatives Concerning Multicultural Education," Alliance for Undergraduate Education meeting, Tucson, Arizona, January 1992.

"Life Behind A Veil: Dreams of the Blacks in Southern History," The Institute for the Humanities at Salado, Salado, Texas, October 1991.

"The Value of Multicultural Education in Our Changing World," Beaumont Rotary Club and the John Grey Institute, Beaumont, Texas, May 1991.

"Blacks in Texas History," African-American Heritage Series Lecture, Dallas Museum of African-American Life and Culture, Dallas, Texas, 1991.

"Institutional Racism in White Universities," Grayson County College, Sherman, Texas, January 1990.

"The Rest of the Dream: A History of Civil Rights In Kentucky," Kentucky Center for the Arts, Louisville, Kentucky, February 1989.

"Legal Lynchings in Kentucky," Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, March 1988.

Keynote Speaker, Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program (for outstanding high school students), Louisville, Kentucky, July 1986- July 1992.

"Black History and Appalachian History," Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, October 1984, April 1984.

"Racial Violence in Kentucky: Lynchings and Mob Rule," Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts, January 1984.

"Racial Violence in America," Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, June 1983.

"An Overview of Afro-American History," University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky, Cultural Awareness Seminar, October 1982.

"The Age of Booker T. Washington," Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, July 1982.

"Slaves and Free Blacks in Antebellum Kentucky," University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Black History Month Program, January 1980.

"The Importance of Afro-American History," Midway Junior College, Midway, Kentucky, February 1979.

"Blacks in Contemporary America," Kentucky State University, Frankfort, Kentucky, Freshman Honor's Program, June 1978.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Member, Humanities Texas Board of Directors, Austin, Texas, January 2005 to 2011..

Member, City of Arlington Chamber Foundation Board of Directors, Arlington, Texas, January 2002 to August 2003.

Member, Board of Directors, Medical Center of Arlington, Arlington, Texas, January 2001 to August 2003.

Member, University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, Lexington, Kentucky 2000 to 2006.

Member, Editorial Board for the Southern Biography Series, Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1994-2002.

Member, Board of Editors of the Journal of Southern History, 1992-2002.

Member, Southern Historical Association Program Committee, 1989.

Member, National Endowment for the Humanities panels responsible for reviewing Summer Grant Proposals and Travel to Collections Proposals, 1987-90.

Co-director, "Trouble Behind," television documentary on the Corbin, Kentucky, "race riot" of 1919. (1988)

Judge, Historical Museum Grant Proposals for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C., 1985-86.

Co-director, "Upon this Rock: The Black Church in Kentucky," a documentary for Kentucky Education Television broadcast in February 1982.

Director, Oral History Project on "The Black Church in Kentucky," 1979.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Speaker, "Changing Definitions of the American Family: Implications for Policy and Practice," Duke University, October 1994.

Speaker, "Duke Directions," Continuing Education Conference for Duke Alumni, September 1994.

Speaker, "Into the Twenty-First Century," Faculty Seminar for New Student Orientation, Duke University, August 1994.

Testified as an expert witness for the Defendants in the case of Cheryl J. Hopwood, Douglas W. Carvell, Kenneth R. Elliott, and David A. Rogers, Plaintiffs v. The State of Texas, University of Texas Board of Regents, and the University of Texas School of Law, Defendants, May 1994.

Commencement Address, College of Education, The University of Texas at Austin, May 1992.

Keynote Speaker, The University of Texas Honors Colloquium, The University of Texas at Austin, July 1991.

Member, University Committee on the Undergraduate Experience, The University of Texas at Austin, 1990-91.

Member, Newly created Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Teaching Effectiveness, The University of Texas at Austin, 1989-90.

Chair, University Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Students, The University of Texas at Austin.

Member, University Committee on Undergraduate Education that reviewed the work of the Dolusio Committee, The University of Texas at Austin.

Member, task force concerned with minority faculty and related issues, Department of English, The University of Texas at Austin.

Chair, Search Committee in Afro-American History, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin.

Chair, Search Committee for Director, Center for African and Afro-American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin.

Speaker, Liberal Arts Honors Day Program, The University of Texas at Austin, April 1990.
Chair, Steering Committee, of the Heman Sweatt Symposium on Civil Rights, The University of Texas at Austin, 1986-1990.

Member, Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Committee to award fellowships to minority students, The University of Texas at Austin, Spring 1985.

Member, Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Committee, The University of Texas at Austin, September 1982.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Brackenridge Hospital Foundation Board, Austin, Texas, 1986-1991

Annual Black History Month presentations to public schools assemblies, church groups, and various other civic groups.

For 25 years donated services to groups and organizations such as the Lexington, Kentucky Human Rights Commission, the Louisville NAACP and the League of Women Voters.

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