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EDUCATION

PhD, African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX (May 2024)

M.A., History, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN (May 2016)

B.A., Psychology, Middle Tennessee (December 2010)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Black Studies, Northwestern University

Conduct research and teach classes within the Black Studies Department

Research Associate/Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Talitha LeFlouria (Fall 2022 - Summer 2024)

Research in areas related black women's incarceration, incarcerated labor, and the histories of slavery, jails, and prisons.

Internship Coordinator, Campus Contextualization and Commemoration Initiative (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Community Internship class support through organizing collaboration student interns, community, and campus partners.

Managing Editor, *Black Perspectives* (Fall 2022-Spring 2024)

Plan, organize, and prepare academic blog posts for publication.

Assistant Editor, *Black Perspectives* (Summer 2021-Spring 2022)

Assist senior and managing editors in preparing blog posts for publication.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript in Progress

Black Women's Abolitionist Thought: Imprisoned Black Women Intellectuals and the Formation of a Tradition

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Crutchfield, Joshua, "'We cannot reform...We can only do away with it': Charlene Mitchell, the National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and The Case for Abolition, 1970-1972," *The Journal of Women's History* (Forthcoming)

Brown, Aleia and Joshua Crutchfield, "Black Scholars Matter: #BlkTwitterstorians Building a Digital Community." *The Black Scholar; Journal of Black Studies and Research* 47.3, Black Code (Fall 2017).

Commissioned Scholarly Essays

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'All the Prison's Doors Would Be Opened': The Abolitionist Legacy of Ericka Huggins," *Global Black Thought* (**Forthcoming**)

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Rethorizing Who Theorizes." *The Carryall*, March 3, 2025.
<https://thecarryall.org/retheorizing-who-theorizes/>.

Book Reviews

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Review: Ronald Angelo Johnson and Ousmane K. Power-Greene, eds., *In Search of Liberty: African American Internationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World*." *The Journal of African American History* 109, no. 3 (Summer 2024).

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Review: Black Power in Washington, D.C. 1961-1998." *Reviews in Digital Humanities*, April 2022. <https://reviewsindh.pubpub.org/pub/black-power-in-washing-dc/release/1>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Other Side of Black Success in Martin Kilson's Odyssey." *Black Perspectives*, September 28, 2021. <https://www.aaihs.org/the-other-side-of-black-success-in-martin-kilsons-odyssey/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "'Otherwise' Futures: Resistance, Revolution, and Redress." *E3W Review of Books* 21 (Spring 2021): 69-70.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Interior Lives of Black Youth." *Black Perspectives*, January 29, 2021.
<https://www.aaihs.org/the-interior-lives-of-black-youth/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The History of Black College Football." *Black Perspectives*, September 2, 2020.
<https://www.aaihs.org/the-history-of-black-college-football/>.

Encyclopedia Entries

Crutchfield, Joshua, "The Black Church," *Black Power Encyclopedia: From "Black is Beautiful" to Urban Uprisings*, 2018.

Online Publications

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Mary Church Terrell's Influence on Black History Month." *Black Perspectives*, February 21, 2024. <https://www.aaihs.org/mary-church-terrells-influence-on-black-history-month/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "The Early Activism of Angela Davis." *Black Perspectives*, February 7, 2024.
<https://www.aaihs.org/the-early-activism-angela-davis-and-intergenerational-organizing/>.

Crutchfield, Joshua L. "Black Power and Anti-Carceral State Infrastructure." *Black Perspectives*, July 12, 2021. <https://www.aaihs.org/black-power-and-anti-carceral-state-infrastructure/>.

"Opinion: We Need Leaders: City Budget Misses the Mark," *The Austin Chronicle*, 2020.

"Disunion of the State: Church, Community & New Power in Flint," *The BTS Center*, 2016.

"The Story of Jesus and the Gift of Black Children," *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

Black, Conscious & Christian," *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

"3 Simple Ways Churches Can Participate in the #BlackLivesMatter Movement," *New Sacred: A United Church of Christ Blog*, 2015.

"Beyond Reconciliation: Race, Religion, and Reparations in the White Church." *The BTS Center*, 2015.

"Ferguson and the Church's Responsibility: A Call to Black Power," *Theology of Ferguson*, 2014.

AWARDS, GRANTS, and HONORS

2024, University of Texas College of Liberal Arts Dean's Distinguished Graduate

2024, Graduate Association for African American History Memphis State Eight Paper Prize (2nd Place)

2023, University of Texas at Austin Thematic Continuing Fellowship AY 2023-2024

2022, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School Summer 2022 Fellowship

2021, Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Women and Politics (honorable mention)

2021-2022, Harry Ransom Center UT-Austin Fellowship

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations

"Black Women, The National United Committee to Free Angela Davis, and the Case for Abolition," Twenty-fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference African American History, 2024

"Imprisoned Intellectual: Safiya Bukhari and the Politics of Abolition," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2022

"We are not a civil rights group...We are a revolutionary organization": Safiya Bukhari, the Black

Liberation Army, and the Politics of Abolition, Association of the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference 2022

"Angela Davis, the Struggle to Free Political Prisoners, and Building a Case for Prison Abolition," OAH Conference on American History & 2022 Annual Meeting, 2022

"'We, the Black people of Treacherous Babylon Refuse': Safiya Bukhari, Black Power Abolition, and Defunding the Police," African American Intellectual History Society Seventh Annual Conference, 2021

"Safiya Bukhari and Anti-Carceral State Infrastructure," National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates 2021 Virtual National Conference, 2021

"Aliens, Anomalies, and Faceless Women: Angela Davis and the Black Radical Tradition," 5th Annual African American Intellectual Historical Society Conference, 2020

"#BlkTwitterstorians and the Work of African American Intellectual History," Roundtable, 1st Annual African American Intellectual Historical Society Conference, North Carolina University at Chapel Hill, 2016

"Stokely Carmichael, Albert Cleage, James Cone, and Black Power: The Role of the Black Church During the Black Power Movement," Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2014

Panelist

"Recall: Reframed Screening and Discussion," University of Texas at Austin, 2023

Monuments, Memory, and White Supremacy: A Conversation with Connor Towne O'Neil, Author of *Down Along with That Devil's Bones*, Middle Tennessee State University, 2020

"On America: Calls to Remove Confederate Statues in America," The Center for Popular Fiction, 2020

"#BurytheBust," Democratic Socialist of Middle Tennessee, 2020

"Voting Rights 1965-2015: Commemorating 50 Years," Panel, 24th Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium, Middle Tennessee State University, 2015

"Making Space for Activists: Public History in the Age of Ferguson," Panel, National Council on Public History, 2015

Discussant

"'The truth...will make us all free': Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Workers' Rights in Charleston," Anna Julia Cooper Workshop, 2022

Facilitator

Graduate Luncheon with Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian, University of Texas at Austin Department of History Institution, 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow

Northwestern University (2025-2026)

African American History (to 1865)

The Politics of Abolition

Introduction to Black Studies

African American History (from 1865)

Adjunct Instructor

Huston-Tillotson University (Fall 2022)

African American History (to 1865)

Middle Tennessee State University (Fall 2017)

United States History (to 1865)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Texas at Austin (2020-2023)

Intro to Black Women's History

Black Cops in Black Popular Media

United States History (to 1865)

Introduction the Black Studies

Blackness and Comics

Black Film at the Oscars

Middle Tennessee State University (2014-2015)

United States History (1865-Present)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Black Women Historians

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

African American Intellectual History Society

EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer, *Global Black Thought* (2025)

Manuscript Reviewer, University of North Carolina Press (2024)