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Academic Appointments

Professor of Law and History & Distinguished Faculty Scholar,
University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 2011-2017.
Senior Research Fellow, Homerton College, University of Cambridge,
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Presidential Distinguished Professor, Emory University School of Law,
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Distinguished Historian in Residence, American University, 1995-96.
James Pinckney Harrison Visiting Professor of History, The College of
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Visiting Distinguished Professor of History, The Cooper Union, New
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Senior Fellow, The Twentieth Century Fund, New York, N.Y., 1991-1993.
Visiting Fellow, Virginia Center for the Humanities, Charlottesville,
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Professor, City College of New York and the City University Graduate
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Associate Professor, City College of New York and the City University
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Visiting Fellow, Joint Center for Political Studies, Washington, D.C.,
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Visiting Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced
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Instructor, Duke University, 1978-1979.

Publications

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1980; Open Road EBook, 2015.

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 - The Walking City: The Montgomery Bus Boycott, 1955-1956*. (Vol. 7).
 - Birmingham, Alabama, 1956-1963: The Black Struggle for Civil Rights*. (Vol. 8).
 - Atlanta, Georgia, 1960-1961: Sit-Ins and Student Activism*. (Vol.9).
 - St. Augustine, Florida, 1963-1964: Mass Protest and Racial Violence*. (Vol. 10).
 - Chicago 1966: Open Housing Marches, Summit Negotiations, and Operation Breadbasket*. (Vol. 11).
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Honors and Awards

- M.A., University of Cambridge, 2009. (The Cambridge M.A. is awarded for service to the collegiate university.)
- 1995 Distinguished Alumnus Award, Wesleyan University.
- Project Award from The Twentieth Century Fund to support the research and writing of *Liberty and Sexuality*, 1991-1993.
- Individual Grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities to support research for *Liberty and Sexuality*, 1991.
- 1989 Julia Cherry Spruill Prize for the best published work in southern women's history (Co-Winner), for *The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Women Who Started It*.
- 1988 G. Wesley Johnson Award of the National Council on Public History for the year's best journal article, for "FBI Political Harassment."
- 1987 Pulitzer Prize in Biography, for *Bearing the Cross*.
- Seventh Annual Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, for *Bearing the Cross*.
- 1987 Harvey Kantor Memorial Award for "Outstanding Work in Oral History," for *Bearing the Cross*.
- 1987 Gustavus Myers Human Rights Book Award (Co-Winner with Derrick Bell and John Dower), for *Bearing the Cross*.
- Individual Grant from the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute to support my research on Dr. King and civil rights during the 1950s, 1985-1986.
- Individual Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Association for State and Local History to support my research on the Albany (Ga.) Movement, January 1984-December 1985.
- Individual Grant from the Ford Foundation to support my research on Dr. King, April 1979-December 1980.
- Individual Grant from the Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation to support my research on Dr. King, 1979-1980.
- 1979 Chastain Award of the Southern Political Science Association for the best book on southern politics, for *Protest at Selma*.
- 1978 Robert S. Rankin Prize in Constitutional Law, Duke University.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Wesleyan University, 1975.

Selected Professional Activities

- Featured Historian, *FBI vs. MLK*, History Channel "America's Book of Secrets" Episode, 8 June 2021.
- Featured Historian, *MLK/FBI*, Academy Awards Oscar-shortlisted IFC documentary feature film based on *The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.*, released January 2021.
- Featured Historian, *Who Killed Malcolm X?*, Emmy Award-nominated documentary series streamed on Netflix, 2020.
- Senior Advisor, *Eyes on the Prize*, a fourteen part television documentary series broadcast on PBS in 1987 and 1990.
- Senior Advisor, *George Wallace: Settin' the Woods on Fire*, the Sundance prize-winning documentary broadcast on PBS in April 2000.
- Senior Advisor, *Vote For Me: Politics in America*, the Peabody Award-winning 1996 PBS documentary on American elections.
- Senior Advisor, *At the River I Stand*, the prize-winning 1993 PBS documentary on the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers strike.

Senior Consultant, *The Roots of Roe*, the 1997 PBS documentary on the history of reproductive rights.

Member, Board of Advocates, Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Chairperson, Public Safety Subcommittee, Pittsburgh Mayor-Elect Bill Peduto Transition Committee, 2013-14.

Member, Board of Directors, Death With Dignity National Center, 2003-2005.

Member, Board of Directors, Oregon Death With Dignity, 2003-2005.

Fellow, Society of American Historians.

Scholarly Consultant, National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN.

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Policy History*, 1990-2001.

Board Member, Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Stanford University, 1986-

Manuscript reviews for Basic Books, Beacon Press, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, D.C. Heath, the Free Press, George Mason University Press, Harvard University Press, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Joint Center for Political Studies, Louisiana State University Press, Macmillan, New York University Press, Northern Illinois University Press, W.W. Norton, Oxford University Press, Penn State Press, Praeger, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Syracuse University Press, Temple University Press, the University of Alabama Press, the University of Arizona Press, the University of California Press, the University of Georgia Press, the University of Illinois Press, the University of North Carolina Press, the University of North Texas Press, the University of Tennessee Press, the University of Virginia Press, the University Press of Florida, the University Press of Kansas, the University Press of Kentucky, the University Press of Mississippi, West Publishing Co., and Yale University Press.

Article reviews for the *American Historical Review*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Fire!!!*, the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *The Historian*, the *Journal of American History*, the *Journal of Policy History*, the *Journal of Politics*, the *Journal of Southern History*, the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*, the *Journal of the Historical Society*, *Law and History Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *Peace & Change*, *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, *Religions*, *Social Problems*, *Southern Cultures*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, and *The Sixties*.

Proposal and nomination reviews for the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Philosophical Society, the Association of Theological Schools, the Guggenheim Foundation, the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the National Park Service, the National Science Foundation, the Open Society Institute and the Smithsonian Institution.

Homerton College Cambridge Service

College Council, 2006-11. Elected (unanimously), 2006; re-elected (unanimously) 2008.

Standing Appointments Committee, 2008-11.

Junior Research Fellowships Selection Committee, 2006-09.

Director, Colophon Ltd., 2007-10.

Admissions Interviewing (Law, Land Economy, Politics, Sociology and Psychology), 2006-08.

Selected Lecture Presentations, 1981-2025:

- "The Evolution of Dr. King's Political Thought," Congressional Black Caucus Symposium, Washington, DC, 4 April 1981. (*Congressional Record*, 14 May 1981, pp. E2353-54).
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.," plenary session address at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Louisville, KY, 24 March 1982.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man, the Legend, the Legacy," annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Memphis, TN, 4 November 1982.
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr.," annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, 6 November 1982.
- "The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, 9 December 1982.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Nobel Peace Prize," annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, 28 March 1984.
- "Twenty Years Later: New Myths About the Movement," at "The Civil Rights Act Two Decades Later," a conference sponsored by the Joint Center for Political Studies & the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, 28 June 1984.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement: Spiritual and Political Growth," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 8 December 1984.
- "American Social Protest Movements," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, 30 August 1985.
- "Leadership and Competition in the Civil Rights Movement," Chancellor's Symposium on Southern History, University of Mississippi, Oxford, 3 October 1985.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.," The Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, 9 November 1985.
- "Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., 1955-1968," Columbia University Faculty Seminar in American Civilization, New York, 17 April 1986.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Spirit of Leadership," at "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Leader and the Legacy," a conference sponsored by the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, 15 October 1986.
- "FBI Surveillance of the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1970," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, 30 December 1986.
- "Dr. King's Later Evolution, 1964-1968," The Schomburg Center, New York Public Library, 10 January 1987.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Presbyterian Church USA General Mission Board, Atlanta, 12 January 1987.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: The Man and the Meaning," Kresge Lecture, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, 20 January 1987.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Friends of the New York Public Library Lecture, Bartos Forum, 15 October 1987.
- "Race and the Constitution," annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, DC, 28 December 1987.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," King Lecture, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 13 January 1988.
- "Litigation, Protest, and Politics," Smithsonian Institution Symposium on Afro-Americans and the Evolution of a Living Constitution, Washington, DC, 15 March 1988.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," 18th Annual Rayford W. Logan Lecture, Howard University, Washington, DC, 6 April 1988.
- "The Private Lives of Public Men--The Question of Relevance," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington,

- DC, 1 September 1988.
- "The Biography of Political Figures," Symposium on American Lives, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, 29 October 1988.
- "Protest, Politics, and Litigation," SUNY Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, NY, 10 November 1988.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 17 February 1989.
- "Protest, Politics, and Litigation," University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, 16 March 1989.
- "Teaching the History of the Modern Civil Rights Movement," annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, 8 April 1989.
- "The Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement," Florida State University Law School, Tallahassee, 4 November 1989.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement," 1st Annual Delos Davis Lecture, University of Windsor Law School, Windsor, Ontario, 14 November 1989.
- "New Topics in Civil Rights Historiography," Burke Library Lecture, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 16 November 1989.
- "Civil Rights Historiography and 'Eyes on the Prize,'" National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 11 January 1990.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Annual King Lecture, University of Georgia, Athens, 17 January 1990.
- "The Personal and Political Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," College Convocation, Morehouse College, Atlanta, 18 January 1990.
- "Testimony on FBI Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act," Civil and Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 1 March 1990.
- "The Voting Rights Act in Historical Perspective," Smithsonian Institution/American University Symposium on the 25th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, Washington, DC, 5 April 1990.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the History of the Civil Rights Movement," Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 18 October 1990.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation Before and After *Griswold*," Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, NY, 19 October 1990.
- "The Voting Rights Act Twenty Five Years Later," Muskie Lecture, Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, 8 November 1990.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement," Arizona State University, Tempe, 23 January 1991.
- "The FOIA in Action," American Bar Association Symposium, Washington, DC, 21 May 1991.
- "The Early Roots of *Roe v. Wade*," Smith College, Northampton, MA, 7 November 1991.
- "The Waterbury Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," Annual Dinner of the Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, 5 December 1991.
- "Reproductive Rights in a Post-*Roe* World," Sparer Symposium, Brooklyn Law School, 11 March 1992.
- "Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement," Center for American Studies, Columbia University, New York, 27 March 1992.
- "Fair Use Copyright and Scholarly Access to Unpublished Materials," annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, New York, 30 December 1992.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation From *Nelson* to *Roe*," Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Vassar College, 12 June 1993.
- "Thurgood Marshall's Papers and the U.S. Supreme Court," annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, 4 September 1993.
- "The Legal Status of Presidential 'Papers'--Electronic Records and

- 'Kissing Cousins,'" Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 29 October 1993.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 20 January 1994.
- "The Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2 March 1994.
- "The Making of *Roe v. Wade*," National Archives Lecture, Washington, DC, 9 March 1994.
- "The Making of *Roe v. Wade*," University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, 23 March 1994.
- "The Origins of *Roe v. Wade*," 8th Annual John W. Baird Lecture, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, 27 April 1994.
- "Reproductive Rights Litigation From *Griswold* to *Roe*," annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Miami, 4 May 1994.
- "What the Warren Court Has Meant to America," University of Tulsa College of Law, 13 October 1994.
- "From *Brown* to *Casey*: The U.S. Supreme Court and the Institutional Burdens of History," Amherst College, 2 December 1994.
- "The Spiritual Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Indiana University, Bloomington, 16 January 1995.
- "From *Brown* to *Casey*: The U.S. Supreme Court and the Institutional Burdens of History," Ohio State University, 26 January 1995.
- "Religious Resources and the Montgomery Bus Boycott," Hoover-Sharpe Lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, 23 April 1995.
- "From *Brown* to *Roe* to *Casey*: The Supreme Court and the Fourteenth Amendment," New York University School of Law, 25 April 1995.
- "Liberty and Privacy Since *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*," New York Law School, 26 April 1995.
- "Liberty and Sexuality in the Burger Court," University of Tulsa College of Law, 1 October 1996.
- "King's Message: A Life, Not A Living," Cannon Chapel, Emory University, 26 January 1997.
- "The History and Future of *Roe v. Wade*," Moran Distinguished Lecture, annual meeting of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Phoenix, 14 November 1997.
- "The Right to Die: Death With Dignity in America," University Lecture Series, University of Mississippi, Oxford, 26 January 1998.
- "The Future of Abortion Law," Georgetown University Law Center, 23 April 1998.
- "William H. Rehnquist in the Mirror of Justices," University of Tulsa College of Law, 18 September 1998.
- "Abortion Before and After *Roe v. Wade*," Albany Law School, Albany, NY, 5 November 1998.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Hands-On Atlanta MLK Service Summit, Atlanta, 17 January 1999.
- "Improving Communication Between the Academy and the Public," annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, 1 April 2000.
- "Privacy and the American Constitution," New School University, New York, NY, 5 October 2000.
- "Mental Decrepitude on the U.S. Supreme Court," New York University School of Law, 6 December 2000.
- "What's the Likely Future for Physician-Assisted Dying?," Center for Bioethics, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, 28 April 2001.
- "Historical and Political Perspectives on Hastening Death," Society of General Internal Medicine annual meeting, San Diego, 2 May 2001.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Haverford College,

- Haverford, PA, 21 January 2002.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Amherst College, Amherst, MA, 17 February 2002.
- "The Supreme Court and *The Brethren*," T. C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, 23 April 2002.
- "The Death With Dignity Movement Since 1997," Oregon Fifth Anniversary Forum, Portland, 24 October 2002.
- "The Larger Meaning of *Brown v. Board of Education*," Miller Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 4 June 2004.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and American Freedom," University of Connecticut Teaching American History Series, Hartford, 6 April 2005.
- "Mandatory Retirement on the U. S. Supreme Court: Term Limits or Age Limits," Duke University Law School, Durham, NC, 9 April 2005.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Canisius College, Buffalo, NY, 20 April 2005.
- "Lessons From the U. S. Civil Rights Movement," Fulbright Commission of the U. K., London School of Economics, 22 October 2005.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," University of Leiden, 21 March 2006.
- "Abortion, Privacy and Human Rights," University of Essex, Colchester, 15 March 2007.
- "The Supreme Court and the South," Keynote Address at "Beyond Brown: How the Supreme Court Shaped the Modern South," University of Sussex, Brighton, 23 March 2007.
- "Local Initiatives and National Responses in the American Black Freedom Struggle," University of Leiden, 1 May 2007.
- "Foreshadowing the Future: 1957 and the U.S. Black Freedom Struggle," at "Black Liberation and the Spirit of '57," Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University SUNY, 2 November 2007.
- "From '48 to '68," Keynote Address at "1948: American Realignment," Cunliffe Center, University of Sussex, Brighton, 5 September 2008.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Peninsula Arts Series Lecture, University of Plymouth, Devon, 7 October 2008.
- "Robert F. Kennedy as Attorney General," at "Bobby: The Life and Legacy of RFK," University of Leiden, 31 October 2008.
- "King's New Yorkers," Keynote Address at "Who Supported Dr. King?," University of Nottingham, 8 December 2008.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," SUNY Binghamton, New York, 21 September 2009.
- "Competition and Conflict in the African American Freedom Struggle, 1955-1967," Cunliffe Center, University of Sussex, 25 September 2009.
- "Barack Obama's Teachers," American Historical Association annual meeting, San Diego, CA, 8 January 2010.
- "The Spiritual and Political Evolution of Dr. King," Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, 18 January 2010.
- "*Roe v. Wade* and the Fundamental Right to Choose," Princeton University, 16 October 2010.
- "The U.S. Reproductive Rights Struggle," North London Collegiate School, Edgware, 8 February 2011.
- "Soviet Espionage and American Historiography," Rosenberg Case Conference, George Washington University School of International Affairs, Washington, DC, 22 June 2011.
- "The Continuing Relevance of Judicial Review for the Preservation of Constitutional Rights," Constitution Day Lecture, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 19 September 2011.
- "The Federal Judicial Vacancies Crisis," American Constitution Society & People for the American Way Symposium, Pittsburgh, 10 October

- 2011.
- "The Future of the American Dream," Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, Atlanta, GA, 1 December 2011.
- "The Ethics of Modern History," Kenneth W. Underwood Lecture, Wesleyan University, 17 April 2012.
- "The United States and Its Informants: The Cold War and the War on Terror," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 4 January 2013.
- "Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Since the 1990s," First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh, 3 February 2013.
- "Roe v. Wade in History," Stanford Constitutional Law Center Symposium on "Roe At 40," Stanford Law School, 7 March 2013.
- "The Meaning of the March on Washington," American Federation of Teachers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 23 July 2013.
- "The Meaning of Birmingham," Fiftieth Anniversary Commemoration, Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL, 12 September 2013.
- "FBI Informants and the Demands of History," National Press Club, Washington, D.C., 10 October 2013.
- "What Roe v. Wade Meant in 1973," Washington and Lee Law School Symposium, "Roe At 40," 7 November 2013.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," University of Florida MLK Holiday Lecture, 23 January 2014.
- "Abortion Law: Roe v. Wade at 40," Dunn Civil Liberties Lecture, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary, 3 February 2014.
- "The Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," University of Mary Washington 'Great Lives' Lecture, Fredericksburg, VA, 4 February 2014.
- "Reproductive Rights Since Roe v. Wade," Keynote Address, MOSAIC Annual Conference, Carnegie Mellon University, 23 February 2014.
- "The Meaning of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, 24 February 2014.
- "The Past and Future of Disparate Impact," Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, 18 September 2014.
- "A Half-Century of Struggle and Success," University of Pittsburgh Honors College Symposium, 2 March 2015. (With Vernon E. Jordan et al.)
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King Jr.," Kelso Lecture, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 17 January 2016.
- "Reproductive Rights From *Griswold* to *Whole Woman's Health*," Northwestern University Law School, 8 March 2016.
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King Jr.," Color of Surveillance conference, Georgetown University Law Center, 8 April 2016.
- "The Political Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Keynote Presentation at "Experiencing King," North Carolina State University, Raleigh, 17 September 2016.
- "The Meaning of Montgomery," Keynote Address at Fred Gray Symposium, Case Western Reserve Law School, Cleveland, 14 October 2016.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," The Kiski School, Saltsburg, PA, 9 January 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," National Press Club, Washington, DC, 11 May 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Leon Levy Center, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, 16 May 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Standard Club, Chicago, 18 May 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Roosevelt House, New York, NY, 25 October 2017.

- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," University Club, New York, NY, 26 October 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Gamaliel Annual Gala, Chicago, 4 December 2017.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Zocalo Public Square, Los Angeles, 6 December 2017.
- "50 Years After Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.," Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, GA, 21 March 2018 (With Andrew Young et al.)
- "Obama's Faith on the Road to the White House," Wesley Loud Lecture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 25 March 2018.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.: Fifty Years After Memphis," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 26 March 2018.
- "The FBI and Black America: A Fifty Year Retrospective," St. Patrick Catholic Church, Memphis, TN, 3 April 2018.
- "The Political Evolution of Martin Luther King, Jr.," Civic Engagement Lecture, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 5 April 2018.
- "Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama," Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield, IL, 22 May 2018.
- "The Transformation of the U. S. Supreme Court Since Earl Warren," Grand County Constitution Week Keynote Address, Grand Lake, CO, 22 September 2018.
- "Deliberative Forum: Abortion in America," Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 6 October 2018.
- "Barack Obama—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Evening With the Presidents," Heinz Field Champions Club, 13 November 2018.
- "The FBI and Martin Luther King, Jr., Revisited," Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, 4 April 2019.
- "The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.," St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, DC, 19 January 2020.
- "Lessons of Activism: Malcolm X," University of Pittsburgh Muslim Alumni Network, 25 February 2021.
- "Biography in the Age of #Me Too," Biographers International Organization Annual Conference, New York, NY, 13 May 2022.
- "Bayard Rustin: 'Brother Outsider' Discussion," Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA, 17 August 2022.
- "Dr. King, Genocide, and Today," Wesleyan University TEDx, Middletown, CT, 4 March 2023.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr., and the FBI," History Department, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, 18 September 2023.
- "Faith, Evil, and Dr. King," Duquesne University Law School, Pittsburgh, PA, 27 October 2023.
- "Selma and the Voting Rights Act of 1965," Duquesne University Law School, Pittsburgh, PA, 23 February 2024.
- Respondent/Commentator, "Writing the Life of Anne Moody," History Department, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, 22 March 2024.
- "Revisiting Dr. King's Faith," Duquesne University Law School, 11 October 2024.
- "Malcolm X At 100!," Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN, 3 April 2025. (With Ilyasah Shabazz).
- "Dr. King and the Movement," Duquesne University Law School, 17 October 2025.