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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Stanford University, History, 2016

B.A., Columbia University, Modern U.S. History, 2010

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2021—present *Stanford University*, *Department of History*

Assistant Professor

2017—2021 *The University of Chicago, Department of History*

Neubauer Family Assistant Professor of History, 2018—2021

Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellow, 2017-2018

2016–2017 *Harvard University, The Charles Warren Center* *for Studies in American History*

Global American Studies Postdoctoral Fellow

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Books*

*The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City* (Chicago: The University of

Chicago Press, April 2021).

Finalist for the 2021 best new book in African American History and Culture from the

Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

Reviews in *The Nation*, *Bloomberg*, *Reviews in American History*, *Rampant Magazine*, *Protean Magazine*, *Metropolitics*.

*Histories of Racial Capitalism,* ed. Destin Jenkins and Justin Leroy (New York:

Columbia University Press, February 2021).

*Articles and Book Chapters*

“Money and the Ghetto, Money in the Ghetto,” *Journal of Urban History*, vol. 46, no. 3

(December 2019): 494-499.

Destin Jenkins and Justin Leroy, “Introduction: The Old History of Capitalism,” in

*Histories of Racial Capitalism*, ed. Destin Jenkins and Justin Leroy (CUP).

“Ghosts of the Past: Debt, the New South, and the Propaganda of History,” in

*Histories of Racial Capitalism*, ed. Destin Jenkins and Justin Leroy (CUP).

*Essays and Op-Eds*

“Public Thinker: Destin Jenkins on Breaking Bonds,” interview published in *Public Books*

(December 13, 2021).

“Metaphors, Analogies, and the Politics of Understanding,” response to Joint Book

Symposium on: Destin Jenkins’s The Bonds of Inequality,” published in *Just Money* and the *Law and Political Economy Blog* (December 2, 2021).

“What History Can Teach Banks About Social Justice and Change,” *New York Times*, May

3, 2021, B5.

Review Essay: “Loan Sharks, Mortgage Bankers, and Bond Financiers: New Perspectives

on Banking in American Cities,” *Journal of Urban History* 47, no. 6 (November 2021):

1394-1401.

“What Does it Really Mean to Invest in Black Communities?” *The Nation* (July 13/20,

2020).

“Debt and the Underdevelopment of Black America,” *Roundtable 3: Race and Money*,

published in *Just Money* (June 15, 2020).

“The Fed Could Undo Decades of Damage to Cities. Here’s How,” *The Washington Post*

(April 27, 2020).

“Who Segregated America?” in *Think in Public: A Public Books Reader,* ed. Sharon

Marcus and Caitlin Zaloom (New York: Columbia University Press, 2019).

“The Racial Wealth Gap and the Problem of Historical Narration,” Process: a blog for

American History (June 2017).

*Book Reviews*

Review: Keeanga-Yamattha Taylor, *Race for Profit: How Banks and the Real Estate Industry*

*Undermined Black Homeownership* in *Enterprise and Society* vol. 22, no. 1 (March 2021): 1-

4.

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS**

VUE Data Visualization Grant, “The Business of Debt,” The University of Chicago, 2019-

2020.

Visiting Scholar, Robert L. Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, The New School for

Social Research, Fall 2019.

Seminar Grant, “The Old History of Capitalism: Part II,” Race and Capitalism Project,

The University of Chicago, Spring 2019.

Exploratory Seminar Grant, “The Old History of Capitalism,” Radcliffe Institute for

Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2017-2018.

Michigan Society of Fellows, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016 (Declined).

Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2016 (Declined).

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Invited Talks, Lectures, and Conversations***

Lecture, “The Business of Debt,” *CESTA Seminar Series*, Center for Spatial and Textual

Analysis, Stanford University (November 2, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*, New York

University, *Urban Research Seminar* (October 25, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*, Boston College,

*Department of History Lecture Series* (October 22, 2021).

Conversation, “Is Today’s Municipal Bond Market Responsive to Minority Communities?”

National Federation of Municipal Analysts (October 14, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*, Stanford

University, *US History Workshop* (September 29, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*, University of

California, Berkeley, *American Political History Seminar* (September 24, 2021).

Fireside Chat, *The Bonds of Inequality*, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (June 17, 2021).

Conversation, “Racial Inequality in Cities,” with *The American Banker* and *The Bond Buyer* (May

13, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*. *Comparative*

*Historical Social Science Workshop*, Northwestern University (April 30, 2021).

Book Talk, *The Bonds of Inequality: Debt and the Making of the American City*. *Modern America*

*Workshop*,Princeton University (April 26, 2021).

Roundtable, “*Municipal Bond Markets and Racial Capitalism*: A Roundtable Discussion on…*The*

*Bonds of Inequality*,” Law, Letters, and Society Program at The University of Chicago and

the Jain Family Institute (April 23, 2021).

Book Talk, “The Bonds of Racial Inequality.” *Department of Geography Colloquium*, University of

California,Berkeley (March 10, 2021).

Book Talk, *Histories of Racial Capitalism*. *Department of History,* Virginia Tech University

(February 24, 2021).

Book Talk, “The Bonds of Racial Inequality.” *Department of History*, Stanford University

(January 19, 2021).

Lecture, “Underwriting Racial Segregation,” *Inequality & Money Research Seminar*, Harvard Law

School (November 11, 2020).

Lecture, “The Riddle of Segregation,” *CORE I Studio Lecture Series*, Columbia University

Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (October 16, 2020).

Speaker, “Debt and the Underdevelopment of Black America,” *Conference on Racial Justice and*

*Finance*, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and the Bendheim Center for Finance, Princeton

University (September 2020).

Keynote, “Reflections on Racial Capitalism,” *Race and Capitalism Defined: Graduate Student*

*Symposium*, The University of Chicago (February 2020).

***Conferences and Workshops***

Panelist, “On Money & the Financing of Racial (In)Justice,” *Centennial Speaker Series*,

University of Michigan School of Social Work (November 9, 2021).

Panelist, “Cities Under FIRE: ‘Slash-and-Burn’ Investment in Postindustrial Cities,” Urban

History Association (October 9, 2021).

Plenary Panelist, “The State of the U.S. City: Problems and Possibilities,” Urban History

Association (October 8, 2021).

Discussant, “Hidden in Plain Sight II. Why Race and Capitalism?” (Michael Dawson, *Race and*

*Capitalism Brown Bag Seminar*, The University of Chicago (April 21, 2021).

Chair, “State of the Field: Racial Capitalism,” *Pathways to Democracy,* Organization of American

Historians Annual Meeting (April 15, 2021).

Discussant, *The Education Trap: Schools and the Remaking of Inequality in Boston* (Cristina

Groeger), *U.S. History Workshop*, The University of Chicago (April 5, 2021).

Roundtable, “Author Meets Engaged Reader: Davarian L. Baldwin, *In the Shadow of the Ivory*

*Tower: How Universities are Plundering our Cities,”* African American Intellectual History

Society (March 19, 2021).

Panelist,“Cities in Crisis: Past and Present,” *Urban Democracy Lab*, New York University

Gallatin School of Individualized Study (March 3, 2021).

Panelist, “New York’s Economy in 2021: Crisis as History,” *Crisis and Recovery Event Series*,

Columbia University, City University of New York, and New York University (February

16, 2021).

“The Business of Debt,” *VUE Research Data Visualization Symposium*, The University of Chicago

(December 3, 2020).

“Race and Capitalism or Racial Capitalism? A Discussion on History, Theory, and World

Building,” The New School for Social Research (November 2019).

“The Bonds and Boundaries of Debt: Towards an Interdisciplinary Research Agenda,” The

New School for Social Research (October 2019).

Roundtable, “Author Meets Critics: Keeanga-Yamattha Taylor, *Race For Profit: How Banks*

*and the Real Estate Industry Undermined Black Homeownership*,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History (October 2019).

Roundtable, “Slavery and Its Afterlives,” *John Hope Franklin Lectures,* Department of

History, The University of Chicago (October 2019).

“Making the South Safe for Racial Capitalism,” *Race and Capitalism Brown Bag Seminar*, The

University of Chicago (April 2019).

Discussant, “The Pharmaceutical Politics of the British Slave Trade” (Carolyn Roberts),

*Empires and Atlantics Forum*, The University of Chicago (April 2019).

“Pilfering and Sheltering: Making the South Safe for Racial Capitalism,” *Modern*

*America Workshop*, Princeton University (March 2019).

“Debt, Propaganda, and the New South,” *Race and Ethnicity Workshop*, University of

Illinois, Chicago (January 2019).

Roundtable, “Arnold Hirsch: Assessing the Legacy of the Second Ghetto Thesis,”

American Historical Association (January 2019).

Discussant, “The Forgotten Urban Rebellions” (Elizabeth Hinton), *U.S. History Workshop*, The

University of Chicago (November 2018).

Roundtable, “New Directions in the Study of Capitalism and Power,” The Merle Curti

Lectures, University of Wisconsin, Madison (November 2018).

Discussant, “‘The New Gilded Age’: Questions, Concerns, and Alternatives to an

Undertheorized Idea,” (Gabriel Winant) *History of Capitalism Seminar*, The Newberry Library (November 2018).

Roundtable, “The Legacy and Impact of Arnold Hirsch,” Urban History Association

(October 2018).

“Dependency, Democracy, and Governance: The Makings of Urban Retrenchment,”

Urban History Association (October 2018).

Discussant, “Black Property and White Capital,” Urban History Association (October

2018).

“‘Forged fetters upon their own hands and feet’: Debt, Propaganda, and the New South,”

*The Old History of Capitalism*, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University (May 2018).

“Urban Racial Capitalism in San Francisco, 1945-1966,” *Mellon Initiative in Racial*

*Capitalism*, University of California, Davis (May 2018).

“California Bankers, Borrowers, and the Liberal Origins of Structural Adjustment,” *U.S.*

*History Workshop*, The University of Chicago (April 2018).

“The Morality of Finance: Municipal Debtors and Creditors in 1930s California,”

*Approaches to Capitalism*, Stanford University (March 2018).

“‘bailed out by the Negroes’: Liberalism, Racial Hierarchy, and the Profitability of Negro

Removal in Postwar San Francisco,” *American Capitalism Seminar*, Johns Hopkins University (May 2017).

“Monetizing Racial Inequality: Austerity, Debt, and Life in Postwar Public Housing,”

Department of History, The University of Chicago (February 2017).

“The Penalties of Blackness, The Profitability of anti-Blackness,” Urban History

Association, Loyola University (October 2016).

“The Paradox of Democracy in Postwar San Francisco,” *Global American Studies*

*Symposium*, The Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard

University (September 2016).

“‘Public Housing Monster’: The State and Finance Capitalism,” *Business History*

*Initiative*, Harvard Business School, Harvard University (December 2015).

“‘Abreast of the Market’: Municipal Bondmen, Morality, and Jokelore,” *Program on the*

*Study of Capitalism*, Harvard University (October 2015).

“‘At least 5 percent’: Bond Rating Agencies and the Policing of City Finances,” Department of

History, Stanford University, (May 2015).

“‘Ghetto-in-the-Clouds’: Race, Municipal Debt, & Structural Violence from Hunters

Point to Ferguson,” University of California Los Angeles (March 2015).

“Giving Capitalism a History: From Abstraction to Contingency,” Department of History,

Stanford University (February 2015).

“‘The Public Housing Monster’: Race, Municipal Bonds, and the Problem of Capital,”

Cornell University (November 2014).

“‘Shrouded in Mystery’: Race, Creditworthiness, and Discipline,” Urban History Association

(October 2014).

***Webinars, Podcasts, and Media Appearances***

Podcast, “Municipal Debt and Bondholder Power,” *Who Makes Cents* (January 4, 2022).

Bloomberg Equality Vertical, 5 mins., September 20, 2021:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/videos/2021-09-20/bloomberg-markets-what-d-you-miss-09-20-2021-video>

Speaker, “Municipal Finance: Context, Constraints, and a New Fiscal Equity Framework,”

Local Progress (August 4, 2021).

Podcast, *Drinks with The Deal*, The Deal (June 17, 2021).

Podcast, *Economics and Beyond with Rob Johnson*, Institute for New Economic Thinking

(May 27, 2021).

Speaker, SEIU-Capital Stewardship, *Initiative for Responsible Investment*, Center for Public

Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School (February 22, 2021).

Speaker, “Solidarity is a Process,” *Public Books, the Program in Latina and Latino Studies, and the*

*Department of African American Studies*, Northwestern University (October 2020).

Speaker, “Austerity, Racial Capitalism, and Universities,” *Scholars for Social Justice* (August

2020).

**MULTIMEDIA**

*The Business of Debt*, Digital Humanities Project, Principal Investigator and Curator (2018—

2021).

**TEACHING**

*Stanford University*

Undergraduate: Doing the History of Race and Ethnicity

Lecture: The United States in the Twentieth Century

Upper-Level: Histories of Racial Capitalism

*The University of Chicago*

Graduate: The Informal—Economics, Politics, and Social Ties in the City

CORE curriculum: America in World Civilizations III—The Twentieth Century

Lecture: The Old History of Capitalism

Undergraduate Research Seminar: The Politics of Housing

Graduate: Governance Through Debt

Upper-level Seminar: Histories of Racial Capitalism

**ADVISING & MENTORING**

*Primary Undergraduate Adviser*

Via Lamberti (Chappell-Lougee, Stanford University, 2022);Philip O’Sullivan (Barnard

Prize—Best Thesis in US History, University of Chicago, 2020); Angela Seeger

(History); Clare Hagerty (History; Honorable Mention, Barnard Prize, University of

Chicago, 2019); Austin Keating (History, University of Chicago, 2019)

*Dissertation Committee Member*

Caine Jordan (History, in progress); Nathalie Barton (History, in progress)

*Graduate Qualifying Exams Committee Member*

James Bradley (History, 2020)

**SERVICE**

*Service to the History Department, Stanford University*

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2021—)

*Service to the History Department, The University of Chicago*

Co-Chair, John Hope Franklin Lecture Series Committee (2021)

Member, Teaching and Fellowships Committee (2021)

Member, John Hope Franklin Lecture Series Committee (2019—2020)

Member, Histories of Slavery, Emancipation, and the Afterlives of Slavery Search

Committee (2019-2020)

Faculty co-coordinator, *U.S. History Workshop* (2019-2020)

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2018-2020)

Member, Von Holtz Prize Committee (2018-2020)

Speaker, Undergraduate History Colloquium (November 2018)

*Service to the Profession*

Editor, *Just Money* (2021-present)

Manuscript Proposal Reviewer, The University of Chicago Press

Manuscript Proposal Reviewer, Princeton University Press

Faculty co-coordinator, *History of Capitalism Seminar*, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL (2019-

2020)

Editor,Capitalism Series, *Public Books* (2018—2020)

**ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Organization of American Historians

Urban History Association

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

History of Capitalism; Urban History; African American Studies; American West; Twentieth-century American History; Comparative Race and Ethnicity; Policing/Mass Incarceration; Black Internationalism