

# STUDY

# AFRICAN AMERICAN

# HISTORY

The Department of History at the University of Memphis has a leading graduate program that focuses on African American History. It offers both MA and PhD degrees.

## WHY STUDY AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS?

### MULTIPLE FACULTY WHO SPECIALIZE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Our scholars include Beverly Bond (African American women, the long 19<sup>th</sup> century), Aram Goudsouzian (civil rights, popular culture), Brian Kwoba (African American political thought), Susan O'Donovan (slavery and emancipation) and Cookie Woolner (women, gender, queer history).

### THE GRADUATE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY (GAAAH)

Open to all graduate students, GAAAH hosts an annual graduate student conference in African American history, attended by students from PhD and MA programs throughout the nation and the world. Recent keynote speakers include Paula Giddings, Keisha Blain and Ibram X. Kendi.

### AN EMPHASIS ON BOTH THE LOCAL AND GLOBAL

As faculty, we consider race integral to understanding our city, nation and world. Racial identities shape Sarah Potter's analyses of family life and gender and Scott Marler's research on southern business and politics. Charles Crawford is the leading expert on Memphis history and James Fickle on southern forestry. Examining the Black diaspora, Andy Daily writes about intellectual history in the Caribbean and modern Europe, while Guiomar Duenas-Vargas investigates race and gender in Latin America. Two historians specialize in West Africa: Dennis Laumann, who researches Ghana and the links between Cuba and Africa; and Selina Makana, who studies women's activism in Angola.

### A CULTURE OF MENTORING AND SUPPORT

Our faculty take mentoring responsibilities seriously, and we work to ensure our graduate students' successful completion of their degrees and goals. The department offers graduate assistantships that give students the opportunity to grade for large survey courses and teach their own classes. Various awards support graduate students' travel for research and conferences, as well as semester-long dissertation writing fellowships.

### A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Our PhD graduates hold tenured and tenure-track positions at institutions such as the University of Louisville, Florida A&M University, Sacramento State University, Tennessee State University, East Tennessee State University and Tuskegee University. Our MA graduates have found excellent employment opportunities and entered PhD programs at institutions such as Duke University.

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