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## **Education**

Ph.D. History, University of Miami, December, 2010

Dissertation: "Rattling the Collective Consciousness: Helen Dickens and Medical Activism in Philadelphia, 1935-1980"

Dissertation Committee: Professors Donald Spivey (major advisor), Mary Lindemann, Robin Bachin, Jomills Braddock

M.A. History, University of Miami, 2003

B.A. History, Florida A&M University, 1999

## **Teaching and Research Experience**

Florida A&M University-fall 2011-spring 2023 (courses taught)

Teaching Social Studies for Elementary Education- fall 2018, summer 2020, summer 2021

Women in American History fall 2013-spring 2018, spring 2021

Introduction to African American History fall 2011-spring 2023

U.S. History from 1865 fall 2012-present

Graduate Course Contemporary Problems in U.S. History Summer B 2013, 2014

Florida State University-Women's Studies Program (courses taught)

The Makings of Womanhood-fall 2020

Gender, Power, and Leadership-fall 2019, fall 2022

Women and Health Activism-fall 2018, fall 2021

OLLI, Florida State University-fall 2018

## **Administrative Experience**

Florida A&M University- spring 2019-spring 2023

Director, Candidate Empowerment Center (Title III funded)

- compiled data and wrote Title III Quarterly and Annual Reports
- compiled state licensure pass rate data for university assessment
- designed and implemented student remediation plans
- facilitated and designed programming for student tutor training modules
- implemented digitized test preparation platforms
- designed and implemented programming to improve lab operations
- served on College of Education's Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation committee
- served on the College of Education Assessment Committee
- facilitated collaboration between broader university retention efforts and College of Education faculty

- developed inclusion practices to promote academic success

### **Living Learning Community Liaison**

Florida A&M University-fall 2019-spring 2023

- designed and implemented freshman programming
- designed and implemented academic support services
- facilitated workshops
- monitored and tracked freshman progression
- compiled and wrote mid-semester and annual reports
- designed digital orientation programming

### **Publications**

Revising book manuscript, *Birth of Liberation: Dr. Helen Dickens, Race and Rights in Post-War America*, in progress.

Shakir, Ameenah. "African American Women and the History of Medicine." In *Bloomsbury History Theory and Method*. London: Bloomsbury, 2022. Accessed December 5, 2022. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350915831.167>.

“Dr. Helen Dickens and the Quest for Medical Citizenship in post-World War II Philadelphia,” *The Griot*, Fall 2016.

“Dr. Sybil Collins Mobley and the Founding of Florida A&M University’s School of Business and Industry” *The Griot*, Fall/Winter 2018/2019.

Watson, A, Shakir, A., Kinsey, S.D., Ellis, R., Young, D., (2022) *Moving from Oppression to Opportunity: Bringing Light to Educational and Historical Contexts in Critical Pedagogy. Counternarratives of Pain and Suffering as Critical Pedagogy: Disrupting Oppression in Education Context* edited by Ardavan Eizadirad, Andrew Campbell, and Steven Sider

Wiltsher, C.Y., Kinsey, S.D., Hunter, L., Davis, C., Shakir, A., (2020, August) *Coming Full Circle, Former Student to Faculty: Motivating Student Achievement at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. *About Campus* v.25 (2)

### **Conference Presentations**

“Helen Dickens and Black Women’s Health Activism, 1965-1968” *Association of Black Women Historians Symposium*, Los Angeles, California, December 8-11, 2022.

“The History of Black Women’s Health” for the 2022 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Montgomery, Alabama, October, 1, 2022.

“Birthing Liberation: Reproductive Health Activism and Civil Rights in Philadelphia,” “Transcending Definitions of Family through Reproductive Rights, a Southern Chocolate City, and Re-Imagining Recreational Joy,” for the 2021 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) zoom September 25, 2021.

“Birthing Liberation: Dr. Helen O. Dickens and Health Activism in Philadelphia,” Historicizing the 1980s in Black Radical Histories presented at the American Historical Associations Annual Meeting, January 7-10, 2021 Seattle, Wa. (conference cancelled due to Covid-19)

Chaired Panel: “Transforming through Activism,” presented at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting University of South Florida, Tampa, Fl. (conference canceled due to Covid-19) March 2020.

Chaired Panel: “Her View from the Mountaintop: Academic and Professional Black Women Migrants to Morgantown, West Virginia” presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History on October 3, 2019 in Charleston, Sc.

“Helen Dickens and Black Women’s Health Activism ” presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 5, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pa.

“Sybil Mobley: Race, Rights and Business and the Black Freedom Struggle of Florida” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. on February 7, 2019 in Tallahassee, FL.

“Tell them we are Rising,” The Continued Importance of HBCUs in America, plenary the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. on February 7, 2019 in Tallahassee, FL.

Chaired Panel: “Black Family, Education, and its Legacies” at the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. on February 8, 2019 in Tallahassee, FL.

“Helen Dickens and the Politicization of Medical Education” presented at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora 9th Biennial Conference, Sevilla, Spain on November 9 2017.

“Politicizing Medical Education: Race/Gender and the Redefinition of Medical Professionalization, 1968-1973” presented at the Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, 2015.

“Medical Citizenship and the Civil Rights Act of 1964” presented at the Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, September 26, 2014.

“Rattling the Collective Consciousness: Culture of Poverty Rhetoric and the Urban League of Philadelphia, 1965-1968” presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Southern Conference on African American, Inc., February 10, 2012 in Houston, Texas

Panel Title: Silent Heroines: Women, Activism, Politics and Resistance.

Panel Title: Progress and Violence in the Jim Crow South served as panel chair at the Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting & Symposium, May 26, 2012 in Tampa, Florida

“Black Women’s Medical Activism: The National Urban League of Philadelphia, 1965-1968” presented at the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, September 29, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Panel Title: Making a Claim: Black Women and the Creation of Spaces

“Politicizing Medical Education: Race, Gender and the Pan American Women’s Medical Alliance, 1964-1968” presented at the Annual Southern Conference on African American, Inc., February 7, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida

“Our Women of Today: Black Physicians in Philadelphia, 1933-1945” presented at the Annual Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. February 7, 2014 in Baton Rouge Louisiana

“Dr. Helen Dickens: A Pioneering Black Physician” presented at the Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, October 3, 2013

“Sea Island Legacies and Family reunions: Reimagining, Rooting, and Employing Black Familial Identity” served as panel chair/commentator. Presented at the Annual Conference for the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, October 3, 2013

## **Presentations**

Dr. Helen O. Dickens and Black Women's Health Activism, 1953-1972. NEH.K-12 Institute for the "[Centering Youth Agency in the Civil Rights Movement](#) at the Haley Farm in Clinton, Tennessee on June 27, 2023.

Don’t Oppress My Health: An Examination into the harmful effects of racial bias in medicine panel presented via online for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute on February 17, 2022 at noon.

“Sybil Collins Mobley: Race, Rights, and the School of Business and Industry, (SBI)” Faith and Folklore: Sites and Black Women’s Stories in the 20th Century is part of a conversation series, The Long History of Race Relations in Florida, convened by Florida Humanities Council via Zoom on March 8, 2021.

“Liberated Spaces: Black Women’s Activism in Tallahassee, 1956-1980,” Council on the Status of Women and Girls (CSWG) presented via Zoom on October 18, 2020 in Tallahassee, Fl.

“Journey to Racial Justice: FAMU Women’s Activism, 1956-1980,” Leadership Tallahassee 2.0, presented via Zoom on October 7, 2020 in Tallahassee, Fl.

“I Kept my sights on Medicine” African American Women Physicians and Health Activism” Black Law Student Association (BLSA) presented at Florida State University College of Law on March 11, 2020 in Tallahassee, FL.

“Sybil Collins Mobley: Race, Rights and the School of Business and Industry” History at High Noon Series presented at the Museum of Florida History on March 27, 2018 in Tallahassee, FL.

“Birthing Liberation: Dr. Helen Dickens, Race, Rights and Health Activism” West Virginia University Africana Studies Program 2018 Annual Spring Lecture presented on March 1, 2018.

“Black Women in History” C-Span Lectures in History Series, airing September 17, 2016.

“Dr. Helen Dickens and the Quest for Medical Citizenship” presented at Diasporan Dialogues, April 9, 2015 in Tallahassee, Florida.

“Black Women in Medicine, 1867-1967” presented at Bethel A.M.E. Church for the R.R. Meacham Lecture Series February 17, 2013 in Tallahassee, Florida

“Double Consciousness as Pedagogy” presented at the College of Education Student Forum Series, at Florida A&M University on January 23, 2014

“Medical Discourses the writings of Dr. Rebecca Crumpler” presented at the Sixth Annual LIT Spring Literary Forum Series at Florida A&M University on February 28, 2014.

### **Thesis and Dissertation Committees**

Served as the outside dissertation committee member for Marissa Roberts, Perceived Racism and other Life Course Factors that Influence Adverse Birth Outcomes Amid African American Women in Leon County, Florida. College of Public Health, Florida A&M University. Spring 2020

Served on thesis committee for Vanessa Oliphant, Impact of Cultural-Specific Coping and Racial Self- Concept on Suicidal Ideation among Black Women, Community Psychology, Florida A&M University. Spring 2020

Served as the outside dissertation committee member for Kacey Brown, The Personal Accounts of Trauma, Stress and Patient-Provider Relationships of African-American Women with Fibroids, College of Public Health, Florida A&M University, (in progress).

Served as a dissertation committee member for Shakira Abney-Wisdom The intersection of gender and race: A Qualitative Study on the Leadership of Black, a Female Secondary Public-School Principals and Assistant Principals, College of Education, Florida A&M University, (in progress).

### **University Committees**

Chair, Student Forum Committee, College of Education, Florida A&M University, fall 2020-present

Chair, Student Services Committee, College of Education, Florida A&M University, spring 2020-present.

Served as a member on the Assessment Committee, College of Education, Florida A&M University, fall 2019-present.

Served as a panelist on the Provost, Academic Student Services work group, Florida A&M University, spring 2020.

Served as a member on the Provost, Student Services Task Force, Florida A&M University, spring 2020.

Served as a member of the Curriculum Committee, College of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, Florida A&M University, 2013-2016.

Served as a member of the Black History Program Committee, College of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, Florida A&M University, 2011-2013.

### **Non-University Committees**

Served as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Humanities, A More Perfect Union Grant, summer 2021

Served as a panelist for the USA TODAY, Women of the Century, January-February 2020.

Served as a panelist for the Pearson FCAT/Common Core Bias and Sensitivity Committee, 2012-2013.

### **Awards and Honors**

National Endowment for the Humanities, K-12 Institute for the "[Centering Youth Agency in the Civil Rights Movement](#) supporting faculty member

National Endowment for the Humanities, Florida Humanities Council Grant, fall 2021

National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Award, Fall 2016-Summer 2017

Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Florida A&M University Provost Office, Fall 2017

C-SPAN, Lectures in History Series, 2016

Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Florida A&M University Provost Office, 2013

Quality Enhancement Program Travel Grant, Florida A&M University, 2012

National Library of Medicine, Online Syllabi Archive, 2005

McKnight Fellowship, 2010

## **Service**

Served as a reviewer/panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities panel, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century African American Studies on November 4, 2021 via Zoom.

Served as a reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities panel, American Rescue Plan: Organizations, June 13, 2021.

Served as a panelist on the Teacher Education Association's Black History Month Panel, Culture and Equity on February 25, 2021 via Zoom.

Served as a panelist on the FAMU Student Government Association, Voting Panel on October 2, 2020 via Zoom.

Served as a panelist on the FAMU Department of Psychology, Minorities in America on February 12, 2020.

Served on the FAMU College of Education's Assessment Committee, spring 2019-present.

Served as a panelist on the NEH Awards for Faculty Fellowship for American History and Studies on July 26, 2019.

Served as a panelist on the FAMU College of Education's Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) expert committee on February 7, 2019.

Served as a committee member on the FAMU College of Education's Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Self-Study for Standard 3 on February 22, 2019.

Served on the FAMU College of Nursing Search Committee for Professor and Assistant Professor on March 11, 2019.

Served as a panelist for the "State of Black America" hosted by the Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Incorporated at Florida A&M University on April 9, 2018.

Served as a panelist for the Research Seminar Series at Florida A&M University on March 22, 2018.

Served as an organizer for the Harambee Festival on February 24, 2018 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Served as an organizer for the Presidential Lecture Series, featuring Dr. Edward Baptist in Perry Paige Auditorium on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Florida A&M University.

Served as a judge for the 3MT Thesis Competition for Graduate Studies at Florida A&M University on April 8, 2015.

Served as a volunteer for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Literary Forum at Florida A&M University on February 25-27, 2015.

Conducted a teaching workshop on Women in the Civil Rights Movement in Florida for the 2014 Summer Institute for the African American History Task Force, June 19-20, 2014.

## **Professional Organizations**

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Southern Conference on African American Studies Incorporated

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora