

**Joseph Bagley, PhD**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

[Associate Professor of History](#)  
[Honors Program Coordinator](#)

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**Education**

PhD, History, 2013, Georgia State University

*"School Desegregation, Law and Order, and Litigating Social Justice in Alabama, 1954-1974"*

- Winner of the [John M. Matthews Distinguished Dissertation Award](#), 2013

MA, History, 2007, Auburn University

BA, History, 2004, Auburn University

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**Major Publications and Grants**

*The Politics of White Rights: Race, Justice, and Integrating Alabama's Schools* (University of Georgia Press, 2018)

Select Reviews:

- [History of Education Quarterly 59, No. 4](#) (November 2019): 528 – 530,
- [Alabama Review 75, No. 3](#) (Fall, 2022): 267-270

Held in nearly 1,000 libraries worldwide: [WorldCat](#)

**Georgia Humanities Grant:** "Terminus 1973? Atlanta Fifty Years Later" (2022): Awarded \$2500 for a public humanities lecture and town hall at historic Ebenezer Baptist Church discussing the pivotal year 1973 and its implication for voting rights, equal educational opportunity, and more.

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**Expert Witness in Voting Rights Litigation**

[Recognized as a 'University Expert'](#) by Georgia State University. Retained by plaintiffs' counsel in the following:

**Georgia State Conference of the NAACP v. State of Georgia** (N.D. Ga., 2023): challenge to the Georgia General Assembly's state legislative and congressional redistricting plans as violative of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the Constitution. Submitted a report and testified in a deposition.

**South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP v. Alexander** (D.S.C., 2023): challenge to South Carolina General Assembly's congressional redistricting plan as a racial gerrymander and as intentionally discriminatory. Submitted an expert report and rebuttal report; certified as an expert; testified in deposition and at trial. Unanimous three-judge court found in favor of plaintiffs with respect to S.C.'s First Congressional District. Court cited to my report in its [Finding of Facts and Conclusions of Law](#).

**South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP v. McMaster** (D.S.C., 2022): challenge to South Carolina General Assembly's redistricting plan for state House of Representatives. Submitted an expert report and rebuttal report; certified as an expert; testified in deposition; (Case settled).

**Milligan v. Merrill** (N.D., Ala. 2021): challenge to Alabama legislature's congressional redistricting plan as a violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Submitted an expert report and rebuttal report; certified as an expert; testified in deposition and at hearing for preliminary injunction; findings [adopted by the court in ruling granting preliminary injunction](#); (U.S. Supreme Court ruling on injunction and trial on the merits pending).

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**Expert Witness in Voting Rights Litigation Cont.**

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***People First of Alabama v. Merrill*** (N.D., Ala. 2020): challenge to Covid-related restrictions. Submitted an expert report; certified as expert; testified in deposition/at trial; findings adopted by Court ([479 F.Supp. 3d 1200](#)).

**Teaching and Administrative Experience**

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Honors Program Coordinator, Perimeter College, Georgia State University, 2019 – Present

Assistant Professor, Perimeter College, Georgia State University, 2017 – Present (5/4/2 Load)

AAS 1142, African American History since 1865; AAS 2010, Introduction to Africana Studies;  
HIST 1111, Survey of World History to 1500; HIST 1112, Survey of World History since 1500;  
HIST 2110, Survey of United States History; HON 1000, Honors Seminar

Lecturer, Georgia Perimeter College, 2015 – 2017 (6/6/2 Load)

HIST 1112, Survey of World History since 1500; HIST 2111, Survey of U.S. History to 1865;  
HIST 2112, Survey of U.S. History since 1865; HIST 2110, Survey of U.S. History

Visiting Lecturer, Georgia State University, 2013 – 2015 (4/4/2 Load):

HIST 2110, Survey of United States History

Graduate Instructor of Record, Georgia State University, 2009 – 2013 (1/1/1 Load)

HIST 1112, Survey of World History since 1500; HIST 2110, Survey of United States History

Graduate Teaching Assistant,

Georgia State University, 2008-2009, 2013

HIST 1112, Survey of World History since 1500; HIST 2110, Survey of United States History  
HIST 3000, Introduction to Historical Studies; HIST 4990, Historical Research (co-taught)

Auburn University, 2004-2008

HIST 1010, Survey of World History to 1789; HIST 1020, Survey of World History since 1789

**Invited Talks**

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Kiwanis Club of Covington, Georgia, March 16, 2023, “The Voting Rights Act – Then and Now.”

Rotary Club of Covington, Georgia, April 25, 2023, “The Voting Rights Act – Then and Now”

Symposium on the Struggle for Black Freedom, Georgia State University, Perimeter College, Keynote Address,  
February 11, 2020, “The Struggle for Black Voting Rights: from Reconstruction to *Right Now*.”

Georgia State University Constitution Day Event, September 18, 2019, “‘To Abridge and Deny’: Vote Dilution,  
Section 5 Preclearance, and Undermining the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment.”

Auburn University Critical Studies Working Group, College of Education, April 12, 2019, “*Teach Us All*, The Little Rock  
Nine, and Contemporary School Segregation.”

League of Women Voters of Greater Jefferson County, February 21, 2019, “School Desegregation in Alabama.”

Auburn University Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, January 29, 2019, Book Talk.

Alabama Department of Archives and History, *Alabama in the Age of Aquarius* Symposium, August 19, 2016,  
“Desegregating Alabama’s Schools: the Montgomery Experience.” With Federal Magistrate Judge Delores  
Boyd and Peggy Wallace (daughter of George Wallace)

Alabama Department of Archives and History, Monthly Lecture Series, May 15, 2014, “Now a Single Shot Can Do  
It’: *Lee v. Macon County Board of Education* and School Desegregation in Alabama.”

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### Notable Citations

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- Nikole Hannah-Jones, "[The Resegregation of Jefferson County](#)," *The New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 6, 2017.
- Wendy Parker, "[Why Alabama School Desegregation Succeeded \(And Failed\)](#)," 67 *Case Western Law Review*, 1091 (2017).
- Rebecca Retzlaff, "[Desegregation of City Parks and the Civil Rights Movement: The Case of Oak Park in Montgomery, Alabama](#)," *Journal of Urban History* 47.4, 715 (2019).
- Erika Frankenberg, "[The Impact and Limits of Implementing \*Brown\*: Reflections from Sixty-Five Years of School Segregation and Desegregation in Alabama's Largest School District](#)," 11 *Alabama Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law Review*, 33 (2019).
- Bryan Mann, "[Segregation Now, Segregation Tomorrow, Segregation Forever? Racial and Economic Isolation and Dissimilarity in Rural Black Belt Schools in Alabama](#)," *Rural Sociology* 86.3, 523 (2021).

### Service

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- Search Committee, Two Tenure-track Positions in History, 2024
- Scholarship Review Committee, 2023
- Faculty Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Eta Chapter-present
- Faculty Advisor for Newton Honors Society Club, 2023-present
- Newton Campus Honors Program Coordinator, 2019-present
- History and Political Science Honors and Awards Committee, 2023
- Newton Campus Mario Bennekin Symposium Committee, 2019-present
- Presented at Faculty Development Day, "Building a Research Community," Spring 2022
- Newton Academic Community Engagement (ACE) Committee, 2019-23
- Chair, Search Committee, Lecturer in History, Fall 2019
- Perimeter College Scholarship Selection Committee, 2019
- Search Committee, Adjunct Faculty in African American Studies, Summer 2019
- Search Committee, Faculty Associates to Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Summer 2018
- Search Committee, Lecturers in History, Spring 2018
- Panthers Vote Presidential Election Panel, Fall 2016
- History 2110 Assessment Committee for the Georgia State-Georgia Perimeter Consolidation, 2016 - 2017

### Conference Presentations

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- "'We Have Had a Dream, Too': School Desegregation Litigation, Racial Innocence, and Politics in Alabama," Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, April 16, 2015.
- "'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Alabama's Happiness': School Desegregation, the 'Law and Order' Narrative, and Litigating Social Change in Alabama, 1954-75," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 12, 2013.
- "Black Alabamians' Efforts to Desegregate Schools, 1954-1963: Civil Rights, Litigation, and the Road to *Lee v. Macon*," presented at the University of Alabama History Department's Graduate Conference on Power and Struggle, March 3, 2012.

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### Solicited Manuscript and Book Reviews

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Outside Reader for Book Manuscript, Brian K. Landsberg, *Revolution by Law: The Federal Government and the Desegregation of Alabama Schools*, University of Kansas Press (Spring 2021). Blurb on jacket.

Camille Walsh, *Racial Taxation: Schools, Segregation, and Taxpayer Citizenship, 1869-1973* (UNC Press, 2018), *The Alabama Review* (Pending, Spring 2021)

Outside Reader for Essay Manuscript for *Urban History* (Fall, 2019), Anonymous

Stephanie R. Rolph, *Resisting Equality: The Citizens' Council, 1954-1989* (LSU Press, 2018), in *The Journal of Mississippi History* (Fall, 2019)

Wayne A. Weigand and Shirley A. Weigand, *The Desegregation of Public Libraries in Jim Crow South: Civil Rights and Local Activism* (LSU Press, 2018), in *Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Summer, 2019)

Leeann G. Reynolds, *Maintaining Segregation: Children and Racial Instruction in the South, 1920-1955* (LSU Press, 2018), in *The Alabama Review* (Summer, 2019)

Outside Reader for Essay Manuscript for *History of Education Quarterly* (Fall, 2018), Anonymous

James Turner, *Selma and the Liuzzo Murders: The First Modern Civil Rights Convictions* (University of Michigan Press, 2018), in *Law and History Review*, *The Docket*, Vol. 1, Issue 2 (August, 2018)

Tracy E. K'Meyer, *From Brown to Meredith: The Long Struggle for School Desegregation in Louisville, Kentucky, 1955—2007* (University of North Carolina Press, 2013), in *The Journal of Southern History* 80, No. 4 (Nov, 2014): pp. 1019-20

Frank Sikora, *The Judge: The Life and Opinions of Alabama's Frank M. Johnson, Jr.* (New South Books, 2007), in *The Alabama Review* 61, No. 2 (April, 2008): 153-4

### Examination Fields

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- 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Century United States History
- United States Legal/Constitutional Hist.
- History of South Africa

### Professional Organizations

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- Organization of American Historians
- American Historical Association
- American Society for Legal History
- Southern Historical Association
- Alabama Historical Association

### Languages

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- Spanish: Reading, Good
- French: Reading, Good