



## DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & GENERAL STUDIES

### Dean Gregory Maddox Honored by Congress



Dean Gregory Maddox was honored for his 31 years of dedicated service to Texas Southern University on November 9, 2019.

Dean Maddox was honored for his service as History Professor, Dean of the Graduate School, Director of International Programs, and Accreditation Liaison to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, among others. He was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the United States Congress by Sheila Jackson Lee.

#### Highlights:

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**“You are truly worthy and deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress.”**

The resolution states, “Now, therefore be it resolved that, on behalf of the constituents of the Eighteenth Congressional District of Texas, I take great pride in recognizing and celebrating Dr. Gregory Maddox on the occasion of his 31 Years of Service Honoring Ceremony. You are a dedicated contributor to our community. You continue to inspire this community with your eloquence. You are truly worthy and deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the United States Congress.” The event was a Student Government Association fundraiser for graduate student scholarships.

**Dr. Roger Hart Wins Fulbright Scholar Award**

Dr. Roger Hart received a prestigious U.S. Fulbright Scholar award. He will be at Seoul National University in South Korea from Jan 2021- October 2021. The Fulbright Scholarship Board writes, the “grant is a reflection of [his] leadership and contributions to society.”

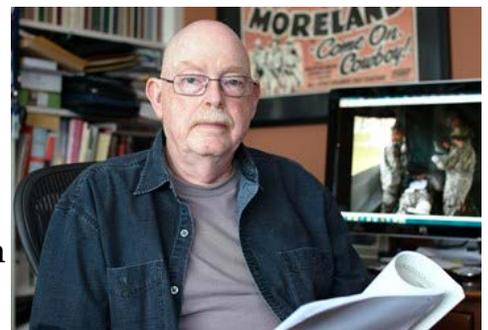


The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s “flagship international educational exchange program.” Dr. Hart is working on a project entitled Quantum States, Quantum Entanglements, which will study the intertwined development of science and the State.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar award is one of the most prestigious awards available to scholars in the humanities and Dr. Hart plans to use the award to strengthen TSU’s relationship with universities in East Asia, including China, South Korea and Japan.

**Dr. Cary Wintz, U.S. Airforce Academy Visiting Distinguished Professor**

Dr. Cary Wintz, Distinguished Professor of History, had the honor of serving as a Distinguished Visiting Faculty member in academic year 2019-2020 in the Department of History at the U.S. Airforce Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.



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## Dr. Merline Pitre Wins Awards



Dr. Pitre's book, *Born to Serve: A History of Texas Southern University* published in 2018 with University of Oklahoma Press won the 2019 Summerlee Foundation book Prize and the Ottis Locke Award for the best book on East Texas History 2019

Dr. Pitre and her research were featured in a film, "Citizens at Last: the fight for women's vote in Texas," screened at the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting on Friday, February 28, 2020. [Oral history video](#) of Dr. Merline Pitre by the History

Makers Organization is part of the Library of Congress Civil Rights History Project. In summer 2019, Dr. Pitre became a Fellow of the Central Texas Historical Association.

## Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri Wins Award



Dr. Chaudhuri is co-winner of the Rachel Fuchs Memorial Award for Excellence in Mentorship and Service to Women/LGBTQ in the History Profession from Coordinating Council for Women in History.

Dr. Chaudhuri has been elected to serve as Chair of the Women's Council of the Organization of American Historians (OAH). This is one of the top organizations in the discipline. Since May of 2020 she was elected to serve as a member of the Program Committee of the Western Association Women Historians.

## Dr. Trushna Parekh Awarded AAG Grant



Dr. Trushna Parekh was awarded a \$25,000 "Bridging the Digital COVID-19 Divide" grant from the American Association of Geographers (AAG). 100% of funds were distributed to Geography students at TSU in Fall 2020.

In 2020, Dr. Parekh was invited to serve on the Editorial Board of the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, the flagship journal of the discipline.

# Dasgupta Scholarship Winners Spring 2020, Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

## History Majors:

Corey Pitre

Michael Capers

Monica Rhodes

# COLABS Scholarship Winners Fall 2019

## General Studies Majors:



Magan Glaude

Antionette Darthard  
Douglas

Pictured left: Magan Glaude,  
Fall 2019 B.A. in General  
Studies

## TORIAN "IAN" PARKER ON TELEVISION



Torian Parker,  
2021 Graduating  
Senior, featured  
on the TODAY  
show December  
15, 2020 for his  
volunteer work at  
Houston Food  
Bank.

# CONGRATULATIONS to our Spring 2021 Graduating History M.A. Students!!!

Tamia Myers



Brianna Wright



Denzell D. Goodman

Fatoumata Konate

Timothy J. Maddox

Robert C. Reese

Racheal A. Wigley

The Department of History, Geography, and General Studies has held several exciting events during the last two years. A Panel Discussion was held virtually on March 25, 2021 on the 1619 Project.

This panel discussion format allowed for student engagement and discussion on the 1619 project and its global, historical and contemporary connections.

**1619 Project Panel Discussion**

Date: March 25th, 2021 Time: 4PM - 5PM  
 Location link: <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/zoom/live-event/kpabvrxip>

Join us for a faculty discussion on the 1619 Project as Texas Southern's History department provides historical context and perspectives on 1619 authors and works.

Moderator: **Dr. Jesse Esparza**

Panelists: **Professor Kimberly Milton**, **Dr. Merline Pitre**, **Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev**, **Professor Tomiko Meeks**

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The New York Times Magazine **The 1619 Project**

On February 10, 2021, a Film Screening of “I Am Not Your Negro” was held virtually, a retrospective look at racial politics in the United States through the lens of James Baldwin.

TSU Department of History, Geography, & General Studies Presents

**I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO**

Series II: The Chat  
 Historians Talking History  
 Film Screening and Discussion  
 Wednesday February 10, 2021 \* 12:00pm  
 Virtual Link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/232bfff8b3144059622aa268a8b6a0b>

"I Am Not Your Negro" is a retrospective look at racial politics in the United States through the lens of James Baldwin. In the documentary Baldwin shares his reflections of civil rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Rev. Martin Luther King. James Baldwin was an African American writer and activist. His writings examined the complexities of race, sexuality, and social class.

TSU Department of History, Geography, & General Studies Presents

**Series I: The Chat**  
 Historians Talking History  
 Film Screening and Discussion  
**All In: The Fight for Democracy**  
 Friday \* November 6, 2020 \* 4:00 PM

Virtual Link: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/d9c2fb4ba83d3d4820bf5aada8ec3bd40a>

Film Screening and Discussion With Special Guest: **Tarsha Jackson**

On November 6, 2020, a virtual film screening and discussion of “All in the Fight for Democracy” was held with special guest Tarsha Jackson. The film and discussion examined voter suppression and how it is being challenged, highlighting the historical context of contemporary issues.

Women's History Month

**Women's History & Activism**

March 4, 2020  
 1 – 2:30 p.m.  
 PAB 106

Free and open to ALL TSU majors!

PANELISTS:  
**Dr. Merline Pitre**  
 Professor, Department of History, Geography and General Studies, Texas Southern University  
**Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri**  
 Professor, Department of History, Geography and General Studies, Texas Southern University  
**Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev**  
 Professor, Department of History, Geography and General Studies, Texas Southern University

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On March 4, 2020 during Women’s History Month, a panel discussion was held on campus with Dr. Merline Pitre, Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri and Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev serving as panelists.

*Dr. Karen-Kossie Chernyshev, Dr. Merline Pitre and Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri at the event.*



On February 18, 2020 Dr. Melanye Price from Prairie View A & M University was an invited speaker for our Lunchtime Lecture Series Black History Month Lecture, discussing her work on Martin Luther King and the Right to Vote.



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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY,  
GEOGRAPHY & GENERAL STUDIES PRESENTS  
LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

**Black History Month Lecture**

**Martin Luther King and The Right to Vote**  
Dr. Melanye Price, Endowed Professor of Political Science  
Prairie view A & M University



Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
11:00 AM  
JHJ 113  
(Jesse H. Jones School of Business)  
Texas Southern University

## Career Paths in History

History Alumni from Texas Southern University speak about their career paths and answer questions about what YOU can do with a History degree!

From Studying History to Making History

February 18, 2020  
12 noon - 2pm

Jesse H. Jones School of Business Room 113

Free and open to ALL TSU majors!



**PANELISTS:**



Dr. Kelvin White  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma



Yvonne Frear  
Department Chair, Behavioral & Social Sciences, San Jacinto College



Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev  
Professor, Department of History, Geography and General Studies, Texas Southern University

**MODERATOR:**

History Department Alumni were invited to serve as panelists at our Career Paths in History event on February 18, 2020. Dr. Kelvin White, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Information Studies at the University of Oklahoma and Yvonne Frear, Department Chair of Behavioral and Social Sciences at San Jacinto College were our invited panelists. Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev served as moderator.



The Department of History, Geography & General Studies  
Lunchtime Lecture Series

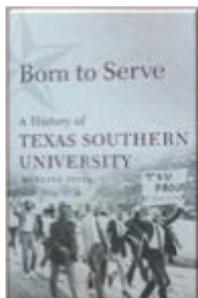
**History of Hip Hop (the beginning...)**



Kimberly Milton, Adjunct Instructor of History  
Thursday, January 23, 2020  
12:00 p.m.; PAB 114

Ms. Kimberly Milton, Adjunct Professor of History gave a lecture on the “History of Hip Hop” as part of our Lunchtime Lecture Series on January 23, 2020. The purpose of the presentation was to discuss the origins of rap, what was it like in the beginning, how it started and how rap has evolved and lasted so long. Ms. Milton also spoke about the differences between East Coast and West Coast

Rap, and how they both have been influential even until today.



Dr. Merline Pitre gave the first lecture in our departmental lunchtime lecture series on November 20, 2019, with a discussion on her award winning book Born to Serve: A History of Texas Southern University. Dr. Pitre discussed the history and development of Texas Southern University through each administration and framed her discussion within the history of education and integration in the United States.

A viewing of the film *Red Soul* was sponsored by the Department on November 8, 2019. The film examined different memories and nostalgia felt about Joseph Stalin's rule in Communist Russia. The award-winning documentary filmmaker, Jessica Gorter, was on hand to answer questions after the viewing. This screening marks the third annual collaboration between the History Department and the Russian Cultural Center 'Our Texas' organized by Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev.



The department also co-sponsored the Dia de los Muertos event on October 31, 2019. The event, coordinated by Dr. Jesus Esparza, included an ofrenda (altar) with photos of loved ones, skull painting, and pan dulce. The event was sponsored in conjunction with the Foreign language program, the Hispanic Student Association, Omega Delta Phi, and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



On October 24 the department co-sponsored a lecture by Dr. Franqui-Rivera, Associate Professor of World, Latino, Caribbean and Latin American History at Bloomfield College. His lecture, "The Latino Experience in the U.S. Military: A century of unheralded service," based on his recent book, *Soldiers of the Nation*, was coordinated by Dr. Jesus Esparza and co-sponsored with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Office of Veteran Services and Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society).



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## Faculty Publications

### Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri:

Coeditor, Collection on European Women from 1900 -1845. Vernon Press. (Forthcoming March 2022).

"Memories of Exile; An Alsatian Woman in German Occupied Alsace, 1939-1945," in the collection *Women's Experiences in world War II* edited by Mark Crawley and Sandra Dawson, Boyd Press, March 2021

"Clash of Cultures: Gender and Colonialism in South and Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand. 2020

### Dr. Jesus Esparza:

"Chale Con la Guerra: The Chicano Anti-War Movement in Houston, 1965-1975." In *Chicano Power!: Essays on the Chicano Movement*. Edited by Mario Garcia and Ellen McCracken. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2021.

"Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Educational Self-Determination and Community Preservation in Houston, Texas." In *Critical Race Studies Across Disciplines: Resisting Racism Through Scholactivism*. Eds. Jonathan Chism, Stacie DeFreitas, Vida Robertson, and David Ryden. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield. (Forthcoming, April 2021).

"Kill the Pigs! The Case of Joe Torres and the Fight Against Police Brutality in Houston, 1977-1978." *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Forthcoming Spring 2021).

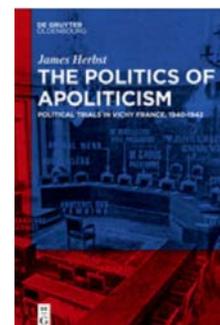
"Brown, Black, and Brutalized: A Brief History of Police Brutality Against Chicanos and African Americans in Houston" *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Forthcoming Spring 2021).

"In Jim Crow's Ashes: Latino Firefighters and the Integration of the Houston Fire Department." In *Race, Place, and Power in Houston, Texas: The Past and Present of Megapolitian Texas*. Edited by Brian D. Behnken, Alexander X. Byrd, Emily E. Straus. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press. (Forthcoming).

Review of Reading, Writing, and Revolution: Escuelitas and the Emergence of a Mexican American Identity in Texas, by Philis M. Barragán Goetz, University of Texas Press, May 2020, for *History of Education Quarterly*, Vol. 61:2 (Forthcoming, May 2021).

### Dr. James Herbst:

*The Politics of Apoliticism: Political Trials in Vichy France, 1940-1942*. Oldenbourg: De Gruyter, 2019.



## Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev:

Book Chapter, "Lillian Horace: Boomerang Migrant," Bruce Glasrud, *African Americans in Central Texas History* (Texas A & M University Press, 2019).

"Texas on The Record: Church of God In Christ Determination to Possess The Land, 1910-1935," *Central Texas Studies*, Volume 4, 2019, pp. 26-41.

## Dr. Gregory H. Maddox:

"Building the Swahili Nation: Civic Nationalism in Tanzania," in Jasper M. Trautsch, ed., *Civic Nationalism in Global Perspective* (London: Routledge, 2019), 96-119.

"The Dar es Salaam School of African History," in Thomas Spear, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of African Historiography: Methods and Sources, Vol. II*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Review of "Ned Bertz. *Diaspora and Nation in the Indian Ocean: Transnational Histories of Race and Urban Space in Tanzania*. Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2015. X + 275 Pp. Bibliography. Index. \$59.00. Cloth. Isbn: 978-0-8248-5155-2." *African Studies Review* (2020): 1-2.

Review of Donald Crummey, James (ed.) McCann. *Farming and Famine: Landscape Vulnerability in Northeast Ethiopia, 1889-1991*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2018. 312 pp. \$79.95, cloth, ISBN978-0-299-31630-3. *H- Africa*, March 2020.

## Ms. Tomiko Meeks:

Review of *There all The Honor Lies* by Harriet M. Murphy (Austin: University of Texas at Austin, 2018) for *Central Texas Historical Association Journal* (2019)

## Dr. Trushna Parekh:

"Three recent scenes in the affective life of gentrification in San Francisco's Polk Gulch." *Cultural Geographies*. 2020, online ahead of print, co-author with Damon Scott.

"'There is no political agenda': Governing and contesting the compassionate city in Louisville," in *City: analysis of urban trends, culture, theory, policy, action*. Vol 23, Issue 1, 2019 pp. 17-34, co-author with Derek Ruez.

## Dr. Merline Pitre:

"Texas and the Master Civil Rights Narrative: A Case Study of Black Females in Houston" article republished in ebook called "An Honest Past: Violence, Race, and Ethnicity in Texas History," 2020.

Review of Rebecca Tuuri, " Strategic Sisterhood :The National Council of Negro Women In the Black Freedom Struggle" vol. 106, *The Journal of American History*, September, 2020.

## Dr. Cary Wintz

Texas: The Lone Star State, 11th Edition (With Angela Boswell). New York: Taylor and Francis, 2021. (In press).

# Faculty Presentations Highlights

## Ms. LaKisha Brown:

"The Uncertainties and Challenges of Academia Under COVID-19." Panelist, 2021 OAH Annual Meeting.

"The Certainty of Uncertainty: Adjunct's Lack of Security in American Academia." Panelist, 2021 OAH Annual Meeting.

Poster, "The Windrush Generation: A Print Media Legacy in Great Britain" Western Association of Women Historians April 2021 Conference.

## Dr. Nupur Chaudhuri:

"British Marriage Mart in 19th Century India" paper presented at the European Social Science History Conference (Virtual—held at Leiden, Netherlands) on March 25th 2021.

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, participated in a panel on "Internal/External Minorities," January 3, 2019.

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, participated in a Presidential Session: "Creating Careers for Women: Gender and the Historical Profession after 1969," January 5th, 2019.

## Dr. Jesus Esparza:

"Holding Them Accountable: Chicano-Black Coalition Building and the Struggle Against Police Misconduct, Houston, Texas." Oral History Association, Baltimore, MD., October 2020.

"In Jim Crow's Ashes: Latino Firefighters and the Unsung Heroes Oral History Project." Planned Parenthood, Houston, Texas, September 24, 2020.

"Fighting the Genocide: Latino Liberators of Nazi Death Camps." Genocide Awareness Day, San Jacinto College, Houston, Texas, April 2020.

"Acting Empathy: An Evening with the Ensemble Theater Performance and Lecture." NextGen, Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston, Texas. February 2020.

"Dolores Huerta: Revolution in the Fields." Chair, Latino Initiatives Advisory Council, Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston, Texas. February 2020.

"Looking Through the Glass Window: The Women Without the Vote 100 Years Ago." Chair, Moderator, American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York City, January 2020.

"What History Loses When Contingent Labor Becomes the Norm." Chair, Moderator, American Historical Association Annual Conference, New York City, January 2020.

"The Seeds of Activism: Houston, *La Marcha*, and the United Farm Workers Movement." Holocaust Museum Houston, Houston, Texas. November 2019.

"A Grassroots History of Latino Houston: Community Formation, Civil Rights, and Culture in the Second Ward." Community Learning and Engagement, Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas. October 2019.

"Challenging the 'Good Ol' Boy' System: Latino Firefighters Within the Houston Fire Department." East Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting. Nacogdoches, Texas. October 2019.

### **Ms. Tomiko Meeks:**

Moderator- African American History course discussion for American Historical Association 2020 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 5, 2020.

"Emancipation Park, Freedmen's Town and Experiences of African Americans in the Third and Fourth Wards" - The History of Houston's Six Wards - Rice Glasscock School of Continuing Education, October 2019.

Moderator - East Texas Historical Association - Place, Power, and Politics in Houston, October 2019.

### **Dr. Trushna Parekh and Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev:**

Dr. Trushna Parekh and Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev co-presented a paper titled "Resisting the Wreckage in Houston's Historic Fifth Ward: Gentrification, Eminent Domain, and the Church" at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, April 6, 2019.

### **Dr. Trushna Parekh**

Invited Panelist "Open Forum on Diversity in Geography: Expanding the Community of Geography" Association of American Geographers. Virtual Presentation. April 9, 2020.

### **Dr. Merline Pitre:**

"Born to Serve" Presentation at Lamar University September 28, 2019.

Presentation and Ottis Locke Award for best book on East Texas History at East Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting. in Nacogdoches, Texas, October 10, 2019.

"Born to Serve" presentation at TSU Alumni Annual Conference in Austin, July 29, 2019.

### **Dr. Cary Wintz**

"Zora Neal Hurston and the Harlem Renaissance," presentation at St.Pius High School, April 7, 2021

Panel Discussion on the History of African and African American Studies in Southeast Texas organized by SETXAASA., February 19, 2021.

African American History in Houston Symposium, February 26, 2021.

"This Is Our Home It's Not For Sale, Virtual screening and symposium for Rice University, Jewish Studies Center, November 5, 2020.

"This Is Our Home, It's Not For Sale," Virtual Symposium sponsored by City of Houston Planning Department, July 30, 2020. Chair and presenter.

African American History Month Committee, USAFA, February 2020, Organized and Planned African American History Celebration and Luncheon, and the naming of the USAFA Airfield in honor of General Benjamin Davis.

# Congratulations Spring 2021 Graduates!

## General Studies Majors

Namiko Adams

Jacob Anderson

Breana Bagby

Rafiel Baker

Christopher Baldwin

Jaiden Beck

Filmon Beyene

Elysha Brown

Willie Brown

Tariq Buchanan

Muriel Byrd

Clayton Calhoun

Briana Causey

Jada Copeland

Sherry Durand

Kevin Gilmore

Taylor Hicks

Sonja Holman

Gretchen Jean

Victoria Lloyd

D'Nlra Logan

Tina Moshay

Javan Martin

Jaylin Nelson

Kingsley Nliam

Torian Parker

Diamond Peeler

Jon Roberson

Emerald Scott

Bobby Seals

Megika Thompson

DeShonda Washington

Michael Weathers

Kenneth White

Matthew Williams

Shardasia Wilson

Courtney Wiltz

Terry Olliver

Kira Mitchell

Shunlundria Holland

Lauren Shavers

Keiarah Joseph

Kandrea Jenkins

Lenferd Joseph

Catherine Batiste

Lisa Bullocks

Andre Ammiel

Breanna Williams

Cherie Johnson

Sheena Cadet

Aria Johnson

Tanja Payton

Angela Ashely

Easter Diaz

Ke'lenn Davis

Thurman Morbley

Macy Temple

Patricia Barnes

Cecily Jones

Allana Lowe

Austin Garcia

Ventorea Horsley

Patrick Hurst

Travis Ruffin

Latoyia McDonald

## History Majors

Corey Pitre

Autumn Collier

Briana Grant

## In the Media

### Dr. Jesse Esparza:

TV Show Guest Speaker, Live From the Heritage Society with Mister McKinney, The Heritage Society, Houston, Texas, (Forthcoming, May 5, 2021).

Book Contributor Discussion for *Rewriting the Chicano Movement: New Histories of Mexican American Activism in the Civil Rights Era*, edited by Mario Garcia and Ellen McCracken, sponsored by The University of Arizona Press <https://youtu.be/d5RrebnNJHg>, aired March 3, 2021.

"Mexican American History." The Houston Hour, Houston Pacifica Radio, 90.1 KPFT, Houston, Texas. March 1, 2021.

"Mexico's War for Independence." KOOP Radio, Austin's Community Radio, 91.7, Austin, Texas. September 8, 2020. Aired September 15, 2020.

"A History of Latino Activism." KOOP Radio, Austin's Community Radio, 91.7, Austin, Texas. August 4, 2020. Aired August 11, 2020.

"Tejas Got Soul: Early Chicano Sounds in Houston's East End." Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Have Their Say, 90.1, KPFT, Houston, Texas. April 2, 2019.

"Semillas de Poder: Honoring Chicana and Chicano Movements." Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Have Their Say, 90.1, KPFT, Houston, Texas. February 12, 2019

### Dr. Karen Kossie Chernyshev:

Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev was interviewed on the Isiah Factor Uncensored on Fox 26 Houston about the Dutch Christmas tradition of dressing up as the character "Black Pete". The tradition has come under increasing scrutiny for racism.



Dr. Karen Kossie-Chernyshev had several media appearances, among them, she was interviewed by Clayton Maxwell for "The Untold Stories of 3 Mighty Texas Women," Texas Highways Magazine, November 2020: <https://texashighways.com/culture/people/the-untold-stories-of-3-mighty-women-in-texas-history/>

Interviewed by Pinecone, featuring historians and their craft, sponsored by the East Texas Historical Association, March 2021.

She was also interviewed for "In Praise of Bessie Coleman: Trailblazing Black Texan Pilot," Texas Monthly Magazine, 2020: <https://www.texasmonthly.com/being-texan/bessie-coleman-trailblazing-black-texan-pilot/>

Interview with Brandon Walker, aired on KPRC, Channel 2, Houston, "Historical perspective of marches, protest," aired and published, June 1, 2020: <https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2020/06/02/historical-perspective-of-marches-protests/>

Interview with Lin Cannon KHOU-TV, Channel 11, "What is Juneteenth?", aired June 18, 2020.

Interview with Jerri P. Beasley, KCOH, The Boom, 92, "Black women and police violence," Aired July 1, 2020: <https://www.facebook.com/jerri.p.beasley/videos/10223799325714264UzpfSTYxOTMyMzI2MzoxMDE1Nzc1NTM0NDZODI2NA/>

Panelist, "Popular Wedding Websites Will No Longer Promote Content That Romanticizes 'Plantation Weddings,'" Isiah Factor Uncensored, Fox 26 News, Discussed wedding websites' decision not to promote plantations as wedding venues: <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/636026>, December 19, 2019. Correction: Tyler Perry Studios is constructed on a former Confederate Army Base, Fort McPherson, during the Civil War.

Featured on KTSU, Tiger Tuesday, Interview with Melinda Spaulding, February 2019: <https://www.facebook.com/texasouthernuniversity/photos/a.10151928086971603/10155795135681603/?type=3>.

## **Dr. Gregory Maddox:**

On March 19, 2021, Dean Maddox was featured on the BBC Global News based on his expertise on Tanzania. Dr. Maddox has written extensively on Tanzanian History, including four books. The BBC interview featured his perspective on Samia Suluhu and a potential shift in attitude on the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02nq0gn/episodes/downloads>

## **Dr. Cary Wintz:**

On January 14, 2021, Dr. Wintz was interviewed by Fox 26 News on the Presidential Inauguration and its historical context.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT : LISA L. WILLIAMS HISTORY M.A., SPRING 2020

I am the oldest of three children. My parents are Doris and the late Jimmie Williams. I was born in Monroe, Louisiana, where I attended Carroll High School. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography at the University of Louisiana @ Monroe (NLU) and didn't think about becoming a teacher until after I substituted at several of the local middle schools in my community. I've always had a passion for History, and when my students ask me, "Why is History important for us to learn" I always tell them that knowing one's past as well as others, where they came from, and their heritage are still good things to know. If one knows themselves and the mistakes their ancestors have made, then hopefully, they will try to avoid doing the same. After a brief visit to Houston to see my brother, I decided that Houston would be the ideal place for me to live. I am a member of New Faith Missionary Baptist Church. My faith has always been a deeply rooted part of my life. I'm currently a member of New Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Houston. I've been teaching History for over 20 years, and now I'm a 7th grade Texas History teacher at Navarro Middle school. My hobbies include walking, hot yoga, and aerobics. My tenure at Texas Southern University has been an enriching experience, one that I'm going to keep with me throughout my career. There have been some exceptional professors that have guided me along the way. Dr. Wintz brought the best out of me when it came to research and to construct a valid argument out of complex problems. Dr. Esparza's class was a direct connection to my profession. A Texas history teacher myself, I've learned a lot more about the indigenous people of Mexico and their plight in Texas, the southwestern part of the United States, and different areas of Mexico. Dr. Pitre has been an inspiration to me from the first day I entered her class. I consider her to be a role model for myself and other African American women. Her classes have been eyeopeners, full of inspiring information about the African American puzzle from the past as well as the present. She has placed her footsteps as a trailblazer for African American women for generations to come. Dr. Chaudhuri has been one of the most helpful and knowledgeable professors I've encountered in my pursuit of this graduate degree. She's always been willing to lend a helping hand, and she still has her students' best interest at heart.

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