

## Pamela Nicole Walker

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Ph.D. in History, Rutgers University-New Brunswick**

**Dissertation:** “Everyone Must Think We Really Need Freedom’: Black and White Mothers, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Mississippi Box Project,” May 2021.

**Major Field:** African American History **Minor Field:** Women and Gender History

**Advisor:** Deborah Gray White

**Committee Members:** Jennifer Mittelstadt, Mia Bay, Annelise Orleck

#### **M.A. in History, University of New Orleans**

**Thesis:** “Pray for Me and My Kids’: Correspondence Between Rural Black Women and Northern White Women During the Civil Rights Movement,” May 2015.

#### **B.A. in History, Minor Journalism, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, May 2011**

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Assistant Professor of History (Tenure-Track), The University of Vermont**

August 2023 – Present

#### **Assistant Professor of History (Tenure-Track), Texas A&M University-San Antonio**

August 2021 – July 2023

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Book Project**

“Signed, Sealed, Delivered: How Black and White Mothers used the Box Project and the Postal System to Fight Hunger and Feed the Mississippi Freedom Movement,” under contract with University of North Carolina Press.

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Some time we have trouble getting mail...And everything else here’: Food, the U.S. Postal System, and the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement,” *Gender & History*, special issue on Food and Sovereignty, October 2022.

#### **Book Chapters**

“Rutgers and New Brunswick: A Consideration of Impact,” in *Scarlet and Black, vol. III*, ed. Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2021).

“Profiles in Courage: Breaking the Color Line at Douglass College,” in *Scarlet and Black: Constructing Race and Gender at Rutgers, vol. II*, ed. Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2020). *New Jersey Studies Academic Alliance Author Award for best nonfiction book.*

“In the Shadow of Old Queens: African American Life and Labors in New Brunswick from the End of Slavery to the Industrial Era,” in *Scarlet and Black: Constructing Race and Gender at Rutgers, vol. II*, ed. Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2020).

“and I a Poor Slave Yet’: The Precarity of Black Life in New Brunswick, 1766-1835,” in *Scarlet and Black: Slavery and Dispossession in Rutgers History, vol. I*, ed. Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2016).

### **TEACHING**

Instructor of Record, Introduction to Public History (Hist. 3302), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Spring 2023.

Instructor of Record, *Almost Allies: Empathy, Interracial Activism, and Social Movements* (Hist. 4340), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Fall 2022.

Instructor of Record, *African American History Survey* (Hist. 2381), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Fall 2021 and Fall 2022.

Instructor of Record, *The Gilded Age and the Progressive Era* (Hist. 3335), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Summer 2022.

Instructor of Record, [Historical Methods Research Seminar: Traveling Black in San Antonio](#) (Hist.4301), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Spring 2022.

Instructor of Record, *United States History Survey: US History After 1865* (Hist. 1301), Texas A&M-San Antonio, Spring 2022 and Spring 2023.

Instructor of Record, *The Long Civil Rights Movement*, Texas A&M-San Antonio (Hist. 4340), Fall 2021.

Instructor of Record, *African American History from 1945-present*, Rutgers University -New Brunswick, History Department, New Brunswick, New Jersey, Summer 2020.

Teaching Assistant, *American Development I*, Rutgers University - New Brunswick, History Department, New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 2016 – May 2017.

Teaching Fellow, *History, Freedom Summer Teaching Fellowship at the Sunflower County Freedom Project*, Sunflower, Mississippi, June 2016.

Instructor, *New Orleans History, Project Lazarus Adult Education Program*, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2015.

Teacher, *History and Special Education*, Harding University High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2011 – 2013.

### ***FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS***

2024-2025	American Council of Learned Societies Postdoctoral Fellowship, New York City, New York (\$60,000)
2023-2024	Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, D.C. (\$50,000)
2023-2024	American Association of University Women, American Postdoctoral Fellowship, Washington, D.C. (Declined due to concurrent offers, \$50,000)
2022	Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library, University of Texas, Austin Texas
2021	College Grant Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
2020-2021	P.E.O. Scholar Award Fellowship, International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Des Moines, Iowa (\$14,000)
2019-2020	John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (\$25,000)
2019-2020	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, New York City, New York (\$20,000)
2019	Medgar and Myrlie Evers Research Scholar, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) and the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, Jackson, Mississippi (\$5,000)
2019, 2020	Alternate Fellow, Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship Competition
2018	John Whiteclay Chambers II Graduate Student Fellowship for Oral History, Rutgers Oral History Archives, New Brunswick, New Jersey
2017-2018	Graduate Fellow, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis Seminar on Black Bodies, Co-Chaired by Profs. Bayo Holsey and Marisa J. Fuentes, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
2017	Neal Ira Rosenthal History Travel Award, Rutgers University
2017	Conference Travel Award, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University
2017	Graduate School Pre-Dissertation Travel Award, Rutgers University
2016	Graduate School Pre-Dissertation Travel Award, Rutgers University
2016	Freedom Summer Teaching Fellowship, Freedom Summer Collegiate
2015	Ralph Bunche Fellowship, Rutgers University
2015	George Windell Graduate Thesis Prize, University of New Orleans
2013	Marcus B. Christian Scholarship, University of New Orleans
2013	Williamson Scholar Grant for Archival Research, University of New Orleans

### ***CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS***

- 2023 “When the Movement Moves On: Black Women Way-Makers after Freedom Summer,” The American Historical Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 5-8. Panel organizer.
- 2022 “New Directions in the Study of the Black South,” The Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, September 29-October 1.
- 2022 “Traveling Black in San Antonio: Student Research on Black Mobility, the Green Book and Tourism in a Texas City,” The Western Historical Association, San Antonio, Texas, October 12-15, 2022.
- 2022 “They got us organized and moved on’: Rural Black Mothers and Life After Mississippi Freedom Summer,” Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Protest, Power, and Persistence: Southern Women Past and Present, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, June 9-12.
- 2021 “Some time we have trouble getting mail...And everything else here’: Black Women, Freedom Food, and the U.S. Postal System,” Food and Sovereignty Symposium, Gender and History Journal, International Virtual Conference, June 17-20, 2021.
- 2020 “When the Movement Moves On: Black Women Way-Makers in the Mississippi Delta,” The Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Gender, and Sexualities, Baltimore, Maryland, May 28-31. (Canceled because of Covid public health crisis.)
- 2020 “When the Marchers Left: Black Women ‘Waymakers’ and the Mississippi Movement After Freedom Summer,” Early Career Workshop Seminar, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, New York City, New York, January 20.
- 2019 “Signed, Sealed, Deliverance: Rural Black Women Writing from the Most Southern Place on Earth,” American Studies Association Conference, Honolulu, Hawai’i, November 7.
- 2019 Rural Black Women During the Last Days of the Movement, Ford Foundation Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 4.
- 2019 “Cracks in the Closed Society: Black Mississippians, White Housewives, and Anti-Poverty Activism During the Civil Rights Era, 1962-1968,” Organization of American Historians Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 4-6.
- 2019 “People on the Edges Matter:” Utopic Dreams, White Humanitarianism, and the Founding of the Box Project, 1960-1964, Early Career Workshop Seminar, Center for Women’s History, New York Historical Society, New York City, New York, April 15.
- 2018 “The Power of Douglass History: The Journey for African Americans, Jewish, and Puerto Rican Students at Douglass,” Douglass College Centennial Celebration, New Brunswick, New Jersey, September 22.
- 2018 “The Box Project, Rural Black Women and New Narratives of the Black Freedom Struggle in Mississippi,” Rural Women’s Studies Association Triennial Conference, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, May 17.
- 2018 “Praying, Working, Studying to Stop this War in our Land:” Black Women in the Most Southern Place on Earth, 1962-1970,” chapter workshopped at Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Seminar on Black Bodies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick New Jersey, March 20.
- 2017 “Remember Mississippi and especially the negroes in your prayers’: Rural Black Women’s Epistolary Networks, Active Prayer, and the Civil Rights Movement,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 29.
- 2017 “I have given help when it is needed’: Women’s Grassroots Anti-Poverty Organizing, the Civil Rights Movement, and Bridging the North-South Racial Divide, 1962-1968,” Women’s History Conference, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York, March 4.
- 2016 “Writing in Black and White: The Box Project, Rural Black Women and New Narratives of the Black Freedom Struggle in Mississippi, 1962 – 1968,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference, Richmond, Virginia, October 7.
- 2015 “We don’t care that you are white... we don’t feel any prejudice: Rural Black Women’s Civil Rights Participation in Mississippi,” Graduate History Conference, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 20.
- 2015 “Praying to stop this war in our land: The Mississippi Box Project’s Initiative to End Poverty and Build Interracial Friendships During the Civil Rights Movement,” Graduate Student Conference in African American History, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, February 13.
- 2014 “Freedom on the Move,” digital presentation, for Get to Know UNO, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 22.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “The Evers Archive: Voices, Justice, and Legacies,” History is Lunch, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Medgar and Myrlie Evers Institute, Jackson, Mississippi, June 7.
- 2023 “Finding Your People: Exploring the Present, and Future of Documenting Black Families in Special Collections and Archives,” Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, February 9.
- 2022 “Unfinished Business: The Untold Stories of Women’s Suffrage,” ALA Volunteer Girls State, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, May 29.
- 2022 “Black Women and the Civil Rights Movement,” Breakfast with the Professors, O’Connor High School History Club, Helotes, Texas, February 22.
- 2021 “A Life After the Movement: Mississippi Mothers After 1964,” Humanities/Social Science Lecture Series, Glendale Community College, Glendale, California, November 4, 2021.
- 2021 “From Grandmother’s Kitchen Table: Oral Histories from the Mississippi Delta,” Women’s History Month Lecture, Women’s Center, Raritan Valley Community College, March 30.
- 2020 “Reading Between the Lines: Analyzing Rural Black Women’s Letters From the Civil Rights Movement,” Teen Leaders Lecture, New-York Historical Society, New York City, July 10.
- 2020 “Fulfilling the Promise of the 19th Amendment,” ALA Volunteer Girls State Summit, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, May 26.
- 2019 “My Heart Goes Out to You’: Black and White Women, Sympathy, and Involvement in the Mississippi Movement,” Medgar and Myrlie Evers Scholar Lecture, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi, July 25.
- 2018 “Down in the Delta: Oral Histories from a Hallowed Home,” John Whiteclay Chambers II Fellowship Inaugural Lecture, New Brunswick, New Jersey, December 1.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- Lead Historical Advisor, “[Mission US: No Turning Back](#),” THIRTEEN WNET New York Public Media, New York City, New York, June 2021-Present.
- Participant, Anne Moody Scholars Virtual Workshop, on teaching, pedagogy, and research of *Coming of Age in Mississippi*, May 18, 2022.
- Faculty Success Bootcamp Participation, Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD), January 2022 – April 2022.
- Cohort Member, Effective Teaching Practices Professional Development, Association of College and University Educators ([ACUE](#)), September 2022 – April 2022.
- Research Associate, [National Monument Audit](#), Monument Lab, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2020 – May 2021.
- Research Assistant to Dr. Melissa L. Cooper, Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University-Newark and Andrew Carnegie Fellow, September 2020-May 2021.
- Guest Contributor, “[Women in the Mississippi Freedom Movement: An Interview with Pamela Walker](#),” The Rutgers oral History Archives (ROHA) Podcast, Apple Podcasts, November 11, 2020.
- Graduate Fellow Researcher and Curator, “WOMEN MARCH,” Women’s Suffrage Centennial Exhibition, New-York Historical Society, New York City, February 28, 2020- January 2021.
- Visiting Scholar, Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies, University of New Orleans, New Orleans Louisiana, 2019-2021.
- Cohort Member, Early Career Workshop, New York Historical Society’s Center for Women’s History, New York City, New York, 2018-2020.
- Graduate Research Assistant, for Deborah Gray White, Board of Governors Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2018-2019.
- Researcher, Amicus Brief for Plaintiffs-Appellees in Jane Doe 2, et al., *Plaintiffs-Appellees v. Donald J. Trump, et al., Defendants-Appellants*, Oral Argument scheduled for December 10, 2018, Douglass E. Brayley and Douglas H. Hallward-Driemeier, Ropes & Gray LLC, <file:///Users/Owner-Netbook/Downloads/20181029-Am-Historians-Amicus-Brief-Doe2-v-Trump.pdf>.
- Digital Collection Contributor, Scarlet and Black Digital Archive, Volume 1, Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, 2017, <http://www.scarletandblackproject.com/archive/about>.

Researcher, Research Committee for Slavery and the Disfranchised at Rutgers, under the direction of Prof. Marisa J. Fuentes and Prof. Deborah Gray White, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2016 -Present.  
Graduate Assistant, Freedom on the Move, Midlo Center for New Orleans Studies, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2014 – 2015  
Archival Intern, Amistad Research Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2014  
Research Consultant, for Brandon Jett's (University of Florida) dissertation project on crime and violence in the South, 2015.  
Research Consultant, for Prof. Emily Ansari (Western University Canada) book manuscript on African American composers during the Cold War, 2014.  
Graduate Assistant, Office of Enrollment Services, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2013 – 2015.

### ***NEWS MEDIA RECOGNITION, GENERAL AUDIENCE AND PUBLIC WRITING***

“[‘A reminder of Black resistance’: San Antonio safe spaces listed in Green Book in Jim Crow era](#),” by Vincent T. Davis, San Antonio Express News, March 14, 2023.  
“[San Antonio focuses on ‘Black identity’ to preserve city’s African American history, culture](#),” by Scott Huddleston, San Antonio Express News, February 7, 2023.  
“[Book of safe places for Black motorists to visit during Jim Crow era included SA locations](#),” by Sarah Duran, KENS5 News, San Antonio, TX, February 4, 2023.  
“[‘Get Ready to Vote’: Black Women after the Voting Rights Act](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, August 17, 2020.  
“[‘Girls in Caps and Gowns’: The Deltas March for Suffrage](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, August 10, 2020.  
“[Ella Baker’s New York](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, July 2, 2020.  
“[Juneteenth and Women’s History](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, June 17, 2020.  
“[Create by ‘A Lady’: The Hidden History of Women Board and Table Game Designers](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, May 18, 2020.  
“[‘Mrs. America’ Primer: Shirley Chisholm’s Groundbreaking Leadership](#),” Women at the Center Blog, Center for Women’s History, New-York Historical Society, April 15, 2020.

### ***SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, THE COLLEGE, AND THE DEPARTMENT***

Social Media Manager, History Program, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022-2023  
Global Borders and Borderlands Reorganization Committee, History Program, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022-2023  
Black History Month Committee, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022-2023  
Asian History, Tenure Track Position, Search Committee, History Program, CHP Department, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 2022  
TAMUSA Liaison, San Antonio African American Archive and Museum, San Antonio, Texas, August 2021-Present.  
Committee Member, Master’s Exploratory Committee, History Program, CHP Department, Texas A&M-San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

### ***ACADEMIC SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY***

The Civil Rights Exhibit Subcommittee, Alamo Museum Planning Committee, The Alamo Trust, San Antonio, Texas, October 2022-present.  
Convener and Organizer, “There’s a Story Here: Black Traveler Safe Spaces in San Antonio Student Showcase,” Texas A&M University – San Antonio in partnership with the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum, May 9, 2022.  
Advisory Board, “African American Historic Survey Context Statement,” Office of Historic Preservation of the City of San Antonio and the Conservation Society of San Antonio, March 2022 – Present.  
Feature and Historical Methods Class Profile, “Book of safe places for Black motorists to visit during Jim Crow Era included SA locations,” CBS/KENS5, San Antonio, Texas, February 4, 2022.

Volunteer Staff, Citizenship Lead and Government Teacher, Tennessee Volunteer Girls State, Nashville, Tennessee, 2021-present.  
Senior Counselor, Tennessee Volunteer Girls State, Nashville, Tennessee, 2006 – 2022.  
Judge, New York City History Day, Museum of the City of New York, New York City, March 10, 2019.  
Co-Chair, Committee on Minority Student Affairs, History Graduate Student Association, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2017-2019.  
Susman Planning Committee, Susman Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 2016-2017.  
Archival Volunteer, Amistad Research Center, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2013.  
President (2010), Mu Zeta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee, 2009 – 2011.  
Historian, Black Cultural Programming Committee, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2008 – 2011.  
Ambassador, Minority Enhancement for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2008 – 2011.

### ***PROFESSIONAL SKILLS***

Zoom, Google Classroom, Nearpod, and Virtual Teaching  
Flexible Pedagogy (Remote Teacher Training June 2020)  
Archival Skills – cataloging, microfilm, processing, preservation  
Digital Content Managers—Squarespace, Zotero, WordPress  
Oral History Collection  
Transcription—nineteenth-century documents, oral histories  
Video and Audio editing

### ***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***

American Historical Association  
American Studies Association  
Association of Black Women Historians  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Berkshires Conference of Women Historians  
Mississippi Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Rural Women’s Studies Association  
Southern Association of Women Historians  
Southern Historical Association  
Western Historical Association

### ***REFERENCES***

Available upon request.