

WILLIAM G. THOMAS III

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2005-present
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, 2021-present
Chair, Department of History, 2010-2016
Angle Chair in the Humanities and Professor of History, 2005-present
Fellow, Center for Digital Research in the Humanities, 2005-present
University of Virginia, 1996-2005
Director, Virginia Center for Digital History, 1998-2005
Associate Professor of History, Corcoran Department of History, 2004-2005
Assistant Professor of History, Corcoran Department of History, 2001-2004

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, University of Virginia, 1995
M.A. in History, University of Virginia, 1991
B.A. in History, Trinity College (Connecticut), 1986, with Honors in History

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged American Slavery from the Nation's Founding to the Civil War (Yale University Press, 2020)--2021 Mark Lynton History Prize, 2021 SHEAR Best Book Prize, 2021 PROSE Award Finalist, 2021 Washington Prize Finalist
[*The Bell Affair*](#) (90 min., 2022)--Best Animation, Prince George's County Film Festival
[*Anna*](#) (11 min., 2018)--Best Animation, New Media Film Festival (Los Angeles)
[*O Say Can You See: Early Washington D.C. Law and Family*](#) (2012-present)

RECENT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

"U.S. Law and Race Initiative," The Mellon Foundation, 2023-2026, \$1,049,000
"The Bell Affair: A Documentary Film Reframing American Slavery and Freedom," National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Public Programs Media Production, 2019-2021, \$200,000
2016-17 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

The Tracy W. and Katherine W. McGregor Distinguished Lecture in American History, University of Virginia (October 25, 2022)
Hard Histories Lecture Series, Johns Hopkins University (March 29, 2021)
Authors For Truth Series, Prince George's County Memorial Library (December 9, 2020)
WYPR Baltimore, On the Record with Sheilah Kast (November 24, 2020 and May 19, 2022)

AHA SERVICE

American Historical Association Delegate to the National Historical Records and Publications Commission (NHPRC), National Archives and Records Administration, 2013-2021
Program Committee, American Historical Association Conference, 2015