

William Sturkey

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023-current Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania
2015-2023 Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. The Ohio State University, History
2007 M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison, African American Studies
2005 B.A. The Ohio State University, History & African American Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Ballad of Roy Benavidez: The Life of America's Most Famous Latino War Hero
(New York: Basic Books, June 11, 2024)

Hattiesburg: An American City in Black and White (Cambridge, MA: Belknap/Harvard University Press, 2019).

Co-Editor, *To Write in the Light of Freedom: The Newspapers of the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Schools* (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2015).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

"Race and Reconciliation on the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad," *Southern Cultures*, vol. 24, No. 4 (Winter 2018): 87-104.

"'Crafts of Freedom': The Poor People's Corporation and Working-Class African American Women's Activism for Black Power," *The Journal of Mississippi History*, vol. LXXIV, No. 1 (Spring 2012): 25-60.

"'I Want to Become Part of History': Freedom Summer, Freedom Schools, and the Freedom News," *The Journal of African American History*, vol. 95, No. 3 & 4 (Summer/Fall 2010): 348-368, Special Issue on Black Print Culture.

AWARDS & HONORS

2022: Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians (OAH), Distinguished Lectureship Program.

2020: BCALA 2020 Honor Nonfiction, Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

2020: Finalist, 2019 Hooks National Book Award, University of Memphis.

2020: Zócalo Book Prize, Zócalo Public Square.

2020: Honorable Mention, David Montgomery Award, Organization of American Historians.

2018: Faculty Diversity Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

SERVICE

Organizational:

Chair, 2024 H. L. Mitchell Award, Southern Historical Association, 2023-2024.

Program Committee for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians (OAH) April 3-6, 2025, Chicago, IL.

Juror, Stone Book Award, Museum of African American History, 2021-present.

Program Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association (SHA), November 10-13, 2022, Baltimore, MD.