

**KEVIN D. BUTLER**

**EDUCATION:**

**University of Missouri** – Columbia, Missouri  
**Ph.D.**, History (2005)  
Fields of Study: United States, Africa

**University of California at Santa Barbara** – Santa Barbara, California  
**M.A.**, History (1994)  
Fields of Study: Africa, U.S.

**Oral Roberts University** – Tulsa, Oklahoma  
**M.Div.** (1990)

**Campbell University** – Buies Creek, North Carolina  
**B.S.-** Social Sciences with emphasis in history (1985)

**EMPLOYMENT:**

**Assistant Professor** (tenured), Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences (Fall 2006-  
Present) History program coordinator  
**University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Economics, and Geography  
(2005-2006)  
**Texas Southern University**, Houston, Texas

**Adjunct Instructor**, Department of History and Anthropology (2004-2005)  
**Central Missouri State University**, Warrensburg, Missouri

**Adjunct Instructor**, Department of History, Geography, and Political Science  
(Spring 2004-Fall 2004)  
**Moberly Area Community College**, Moberly, Missouri

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History  
**University of Missouri**, Columbia, Missouri

**Teaching Assistant**, Black Studies Department  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, California

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History  
**University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, California

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:**

United States History to 1877  
United States History Since 1877

Recent United States History  
History of the South

Western Civilization I	Historiography
Western Civilization II	Civil War & Reconstruction
Survey in Non-Western History	History of Africa
African American History to 1865	Slavery in the Atlantic World
African American History Since 1865	Latin American History
Colonial and Revolutionary America	Modern Far East
Arkansas History	

**MASTER OF EDUCATION COURSES TAUGHT** (for graduate education students pursuing certification in Social Studies Education):

Readings in American History I	Readings in American History II
Readings in African American History	

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

- African American History
- Antebellum and Nineteenth Century United States
- Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition
- United States History
- African History

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

The Creation of African American Christianity: Slavery and Religion in Antebellum Missouri.

Committee in Charge:

Dr. Wilma King, Chair  
 Dr. Julius E. Thompson  
 Dr. LeeAnn Whites  
 Dr. John Wigger

**PUBLICATIONS**

“African American Enslavement, African American Culture: Changing Answers to an Enduring Question,” in Thomas C. Buchanan, editor. *Beyond Civil Rights: Historians and Enslavement from the Nineteenth-Century Partisans to the Post-Civil Rights Generation* (Forthcoming, Kent State University Press, 2015).

“An Equal Right to Die for One’s Country: African Americans and Immigrants,” in Christos G. Frentzos and Antonio Thompson, editors. *The Routledge Handbook of U.S. Diplomatic and Military History, Colonial Period To 1877*. Routledge Press, 2014.

“American Anti-Slavery Society,” in Carlos E. Cortes, editor. *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Sage Publications, 2013.

“Henry Bibb,” in Junius P. Rodriguez, editor. *The Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition*. M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2007.

“Mifflin Gibbs,” in Junius P. Rodriguez, editor. *The Encyclopedia of Emancipation and Abolition*. M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2007.

**Reviews:**

- Amrita Chakrabarti Myers, *Forging Freedom: Black Women and the Pursuit of Liberty in Antebellum Charleston* in *Journal of African American History* Vol. 99 #3 Summer (2014).
- Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, *Setting Down the Sacred Past: African American Race Histories* in *Journal of Southern History* Summer (2012)
- Kevin Adams, *Class and Race in the Frontier Army: Military Life in the West, 1870-1890* in *Chronicles of Historical Studies* Volume 6 (2010).
- Robert J. Robertson, *Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas* in *The East Texas Historical Journal* Vol. 40 (2006).
- Joshua D. Rothman, *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families Across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861* in *Southern Historian* Vol. XXV (2005).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Documentary Interview: *War in the Sixties*, 2014. Arkansas Educational Television Network Documentary about the Civil War in Arkansas, aired summer 2014.
- “The Independent African American Church in Antebellum St. Louis,” Arkansas Association of College History Teachers, September 2010.
- “Racial Equality and Civil Rights,” Breaking the Cycle of Cultural Bondage Thru Knowledge and Reconnection to the Past, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Humanities Lectures (2008).
- “Lewis County, Missouri: A Historical Assessment of a Slave Conspiracy,” Mid America Conference on History, Tulsa, Oklahoma (2007)
- “Folk Religion in Frontier Slave Communities,” Journey to Freedom. NEH Symposium at Texas Southern University sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (2006).
- “The Lewis County, Missouri Slave Revolt,” Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas (2006) .
- “Building a Christian Community: New Salem Baptist Church, Boone County, Missouri; 1828-1860,” Missouri Conference on History, Sedalia Missouri (2006) .
- “Leadership and the Antebellum Black Churches of St. Louis,” Missouri Conference on History, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (2003) .
- “Slavery and Religion in Antebellum Missouri,” Mid-America History Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas (1999).
- “Middle Class Black Christians and Civil Rights in St. Louis, 1945-1960,” Missouri Conference on History, Columbia, Missouri (1998).

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- NEH Summer Institute for College History Teachers. African American History and Culture in the Georgia Lowcountry. Georgia Historical Society ( June 2013)
- Gus T. Ridgel Fellowship
- California Graduate Fellowship

**SERVICE:**

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Teacher Education Committee  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Student Affairs Committee  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Constitution Day Committee  
Faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta\History Club  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Committee  
Arkansas Association of College History Teachers Prize Committee  
Jefferson County Civil War Sesquicentennial Collaborative

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Southern Historical Association  
Arkansas Historical Association  
Southern Conference on African American Studies Inc.  
Arkansas Association of College History Teachers.