

**JODI SKIPPER, PhD**  
Anthropology and Southern Studies

**DEGREES AWARDED**

- 2010      Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin  
            Anthropology  
            **Field Concentrations: Historical Archaeology and African Diaspora Studies**
- 2002      M.A., Florida State University  
            Anthropology
- 1998      B.A., Grambling State University  
            History

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS**

Assistant Professor

2011 – present

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book In Progress**

Coffey, M. and Skipper, J., editors, *Navigating Souths: Transdisciplinary Explorations of a U.S. Region*. University of Georgia Press.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. Combs, B., Dellinger K.A., Jackson, J. T., Johnson, K. A., Johnson, W., Skipper, J., and Thomas, J.M. "The Symbolic Lynching of James Meredith: A Visual Analysis and Collective Counter Narrative to Racial Domination." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2(3), 2016: 338–353.
2. Skipper, J. "Community Development through Reconciliation Tourism: the Behind the Big House Program in Holly Springs, Mississippi." *Community Development*. 47(4), 2016: 514-529.
3. Skipper, J. and Wharton, D. "Diasporic Kings and Queens: Lafayette's Black Mardi Gras Performances in Historical and Hemispheric Contexts." *The Southern Quarterly*, 52(4), 2015: 133-154.
4. Skipper, J. "Saving St. Paul: Race, Development and Heritage Politics in Dallas, Texas." *The Black Scholar*, 2015: 45(3), 25-38.

5. Combs, B. H. and Skipper, J. "It's Open Season on Negroes': Teaching the Past, Present, and Future of the Black Freedom Struggle." *The Southern Quarterly*, 2014: 52(1), 134-147.
6. Skipper, J. "Sustaining Visibility?: The Quandary of St. Paul and Archaeology in the Long Run." *Journal of Community Archaeology & Heritage*. 1(3), 210–227.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter In Progress**

7. Skipper, J., K. Green, and Chapman, R.D. "Public History, Diversity, & Higher Education: Three Case Studies on the African American Past." *Navigating Souths: Transdisciplinary Explorations of a U.S. Region*. Eds. Michele Grigsby Coffey and Jodi Skipper. University of Georgia Press, 2017.

#### **Book Reviews**

8. Skipper, J. Rev. of *Destination Dixie: Tourism and Southern History*, by Karen L. Cox, *The Journal of Tourism History* 6(1), 2012: 97-99.
9. Skipper, J. Rev. of *Dreaming of Dixie: How the South Was Created in American Popular Culture*, by Karen L. Cox, *The Historian* 74(1), 2011: 824–825.

#### **Tour Review**

10. Skipper, J. Rev. of *African American Community History Tour*, by Louis S. Diggs, Tour Guide. *The Public Historian*, 38(3), 2016: 128-133.

#### **OTHER SCHOLARSHIP/CREATIVITY**

- 2014 - 2015 Co-Project Archeologist, with Carolyn Friewald, the Hugh Craft Slave Dwelling Site, Holly Springs, MS.
- 2009 Archeologist, The Ransom Williams Farmstead Site, Prewitt and Associates, Inc., Manchaca, TX.
- 2005-2006 Scholar-in-Residence, The Women's Museum, Dallas, TX.
- 2005 Co-Project Archeologist, The Gregory Lincoln/HSPVA 4th Ward Property Freedman's Town cemetery recovery project, Hicks and Company, Environmental, Archeological, and Planning Consultants. Houston, Texas.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2016 Speaker, "Slavery and Public Memory in North Mississippi." Claiming Histories: Slavery and Remembrance in North Mississippi, Rust College, Holly Springs, MS, October.
- 2016 Speaker, "Reconciling Slavery: Tourism as a Social Force in Holly Springs, Mississippi." Afternoon Anthropology: Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures Speaker Series, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, September.
- 2016 Speaker, "Beyond the Big House: The Challenges and Benefits of Slavery-centered Tourism." Behind the Big House, Historic Washington State Park, Washington, AR, May.
- 2015 Speaker, "Selling the Complicated South: Tourism & Heritage." 18th Annual Southern Foodways Alliance Symposium, The University of Mississippi, University, MS, October.

- 2015 Panelist, "Symbols: Their Power, Influence, and Meaning." The University of Mississippi NAACP forum on Confederate Symbols, University, MS, September.
- 2014 Panelist, "The Behind the Big House Program." The Mississippi Heritage Trust's Listen Up! Historic Preservation Conference, Tupelo, MS, June.
- 2013 Speaker, "My Life as an Archaeologist." Social Studies Classes, West Tallahatchie High School, Webb, MS, December.
- 2013 Panelist, "Traces of the Trade, a Story from the Deep North." Film Discussion Sponsored by Gracing the Table; Rust College; Strawberry Plains Audubon Center; American Pacific; Mid-South Mediation Services, LLC; and Preserve Marshall County and Holly Springs, Inc. Holly Springs, MS, December.
- 2012 Speaker, "'Selling the South: The Complications of Tourism and Heritage." The Tunican Chapter of the Arkansas Archeological Society Fall Speaker Series, Monticello, AR, October.
- 2012 Panelist, "Blues Tourism." The Center for the Study of Southern Culture Music of the South Symposium, The University of Mississippi, University, MS, March.
- 2010 Speaker, "'In the Neighborhood: Dallas City Planning, Archaeology, and African American Heritage Preservation at St. Paul United Methodist Church," Institute for Southern Studies, Faculty/Graduate Student Colloquium, Columbia, SC, October.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Panelist, "Behind the Big House: Contested Spaces and the Politics of Representing Slavery in Mississippi." The American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November.
- 2016 Panelist, "Coexisting without Collaboration: Representing Slavery in Holly Springs, Mississippi." Empire, Power, Identity, and Conflict (EPIC) Conference, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS.
- 2015 Panelist, "Looking Beyond the Big House: Community Development through Reconciliation Tourism in Holly Springs, Mississippi," Roots/Heritage Tours in Africa and the African Diaspora: Case Studies for a Comparative Approach. An International Conference, Florida International University, Miami, February 13, 2015.
- 2014 Panelist, "Looking Beyond the Big House: Dealing with Difficult Heritage in Holly Springs, Mississippi," Symbols of Exclusion: The Semiotics of Race in Public Spaces, University, MS, October.
- 2014 "Holly Springs, Mississippi's Behind the Big House Tour," The Slave Dwelling Project Conference: Preserving Sacred Places. Savannah, GA, September.
- 2013 Panelist, "*Couche Couche* and Milk with No Sugar: Stories from the Ledet House," Journey to Promiseland Inaugural Cultural Heritage Symposium, St. Martinville, LA, October.
- 2013 Panelist, "Beyond the Dig: St. Paul United Methodist Church & Public Archeology in the Long Run," Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, April.
- 2012 Panelist, "When the Village is Gone: City Planning, Racial Politics and Historic Preservation in the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas." Converse College Conference on Southern Culture, Spartanburg, SC, April.
- 2011 Panelist, "Southern Signs & Symbols: Reflections on Researching and Teaching the African Diaspora in the U.S. South," American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November.
- 2010 Panelist, "Beyond the Dig: How Applied Archaeology Helped One African American Church Community Become More Visible." The Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Mérida, Mexico, March.

- 2010 Panelist, "Historical Archaeology and Responses to Gentrification at African-American Cultural Heritage Sites in Texas." Abriendo Brecha Annual Activist Scholar Conference, The University of Texas, Austin, TX, February.
- 2010 "African American History and Memory." The Texas Historical Commission Meeting, Austin, TX, April.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE, The University of Mississippi**

- 2016 Emcee, The University of Mississippi Black History Month Concert
- 2015 Organizer, "The Evolution of African Foodways in the Most Southern Place on Earth: Colonial and Antebellum Mississippi," A talk by Afro-culinary Historian Michael Twitty. The University of Mississippi, University, MS, April 8.
- 2014 Co-Organizer, with Michele Grigsby Coffey, Transforming New South Identities, an International Southern Studies Symposium, Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, The University of Mississippi, February - March.
- 2013 Organizer, "Behind the Big House: My 41 Nights in Slave Dwellings," A talk by Joseph McGill, Program Officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The University of Mississippi, University, MS, April.
- 2013 - 2016 Member, The University of Mississippi Slavery and the University Working Group
- 2011 - 2016 Member, The University of Mississippi Critical Race Studies Working Group

### **LOCAL SERVICE**

- 2013 Co-organizer, with Lisa Aubrey, *Journey to the Promiseland*, A Cultural Heritage Commemoration and Symposium, St. Martinville, LA. October.
- 2012 - Present Member, Gracing the Table Racial Healing Group
- 2012 - Present Docent, Behind the Big House Slave Dwelling Education Program

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2015 - Present National Council on Public History
- 2012 - Present Society for American Archaeology
- 2006 - Present American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
AAA Association of Black Anthropologists (ABA) Professional Member  
Current Member, AAA Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group (ATIG)  
Member