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Native American History, Social and Political History, Southern History, Foodways, Race and Ethnicity,  
Documentary Film, Oral History, Community-Engaged Research, Historical Geography

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## **The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

M.A. 2002/ Ph.D. 2005 History

## **Stanford University**

M.A. Documentary Film and Video

## **Harvard University**

A.B. History and Literature

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## **Winner, Peabody Award**

For "A Chef's Life," April 2014

## **Winner, Hettleman Award**

For Artistic and Scholarly Achievement, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, September, 2012.

## **2011 Labriola American Indian Center National Book Award,**

Awarded for the book, "Lumbee Indians in the Jim Crow South: Race, Identity, and the Making of a Nation" (UNC Press, 2010). Presented by Arizona State University,

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