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#### Brief Biography:

A native Mississippi and granddaughter of a sharecropper, Southern and cultural historian, tonya thames-taylor is a magna cum laude graduate of Tougaloo College (1992) and the University of Mississippi (1994, 2005). She earned her academic degrees through fellowships and scholarships. At West Chester University, she is an Associate Professor of History, Director of the African American Minor, Chair of the Multicultural Faculty Commission, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Frederick Douglass Institute, and the Director of the FDI Summer Scholars Program. In the community, she serves in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as the Chair of Education Committee.

#### Teaching Interests:

Social and Cultural History, Ethnicity, and Labor.

#### Research Interests:

Class, Violence, Race, Identity, and Memory.

## **Presentations:**

Discussion Facilitator for “Thulani Davis’s *My Confederate Kinfolk* at the Pennsylvania Quest for Freedom and the Franklin County Visitors Bureau, Mercersburg, PA, November 2009.

Workshop Convener for “‘Stupid Girls,’ *Sex in the City*, and Embracing Creativity,” at the 2009 PASSHE Women’s Consortium Conference, West Chester, PA, November 2009.

“Well, I’ll be John Brown’: The Role of African American Women in the Canonization of John Brown” at John Brown Remembered: 150th Anniversary of John Brown's Raid, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry, WV, October 2009.

Session Chair for “John Brown in African-American Cultural Memory John” at Brown Remembered: 150th Anniversary of John Brown's Raid, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry, WV, October 2009.

“Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Significance of Antietam” at Antietam National Battlefield, Maryland, June 2009.

Discussion Facilitator for “Levi Coffin and William Still’s *Fleeing for Freedom*” at Live and Learn /Pennsylvania Quest for Freedom Scholar, Carlisle, PA, June 2009.

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