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### **Educational Consulting & Curriculum Writing**

*Director of Education, History Making Productions (HMP), 2013-2020*

- Developed on-line curriculum units and other materials to accompany documentary films
- Led professional development sessions to introduce teachers to HMP curriculum
- Initiated partnerships with local historical, cultural, and educational entities
- Created film and grant-funded publication about 19<sup>th</sup> century civil rights leader, O.V. Catto

*Fabian-Baber Educational Film Company, March 2015-2017*

- Developer of curriculum to accompany PBS Learning Media films on American Icons and Explorers

*The Library Company of Philadelphia, "Genius of Freedom" Exhibit Teacher's Guide, 2015- 2016*

- Leader of teacher team developing lesson plans about Northern Free Black communities during the Reconstruction era

*Temple University Press, 2010*

- Created curriculum guide for *Tasting Freedom: Octavius Catto and the Battle for Equality in Civil War America*

*Temple University, Documenting Race: Teaching African American History with Primary Sources, 2011-2012*

- As part of three-person team, developed primary source-based lesson plans through a Library of Congress grant project

### **Teaching Experience**

*Temple University, Adjunct Professor, Spring 2014, 2015, Fall 2017*

- Taught undergraduate social studies methods course

*J.R. Masterman Laboratory and Demonstration School, 2001-2013*

- Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> grade World Geography and 10<sup>th</sup> grade African American History at academic magnet school. Instructed students using innovative, research-based pedagogical methods.

*Abington Junior High School, 1992-1999*

- Teacher of 7<sup>th</sup> grade World Geography and 9<sup>th</sup> grade World History

*Bryn Mawr/Haverford Colleges, September, 2011-2015*

- Subject Area Specialist, Curriculum and Pedagogy Seminar. Prepared pre-service teachers in methods and theoretical framework for social studies instruction.

*Drexel University, June 1998-December 2001*

- Instructor for two undergraduate and graduate level courses, *Diversity and Today's Teacher* and *Integrative Instruction/Geography*

### **Professional Activities**

*Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies former board member and frequent presenter; Former teacher advisory group member for Historical Society of PA., National History Day Philadelphia*

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**Awards**

Leo West Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies Award for Social Studies Awareness and Promotion, 2019

Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Awards, Historic/Cultural Program Special for *Octavius V. Catto: A Legacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, 2018

Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Awards, Historic/Cultural Program Feature Segment for *Cecil's People*, a documentary about the desegregation of Girard College, 2015, 2016

Outstanding Educator Award, National History Day Philadelphia, 2006, 2015

Winner, Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2009

Connecting Peace Corps Volunteers to Educators for Global Education, 1999-2000

Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award, National Council for Geographic Education, 1999

Finalist, Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year, 1997

**Education**

M.A., History, University of Pennsylvania, 2001

M.Ed., University of Maryland, 1992

B.A., History, Brown University, Magna Cum Laude, 1986

**Publications**

*Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape: Deep Roots, Continuing Legacy*. Temple University Press, 2024

Contributing writer, *Hidden City Philadelphia* website, 2018-present

“Uncovering my Confederate Roots,” *Tablet Magazine*, July 26, 2021

“Loyal Classmen,” *Pennsylvania Gazette*, February 24, 2020

“Reading and Watching Like a Historian: Using Documents to Teach *Sisters in Freedom*,” *Social Studies Journal*, Fall 2018.

“The Civil Rights Era *Philly Style*: Using Primary Sources to Document Race,” *Social Studies Journal*, Fall 2016.

*Octavius V. Catto: Remembering a Forgotten Hero*, secured grant funding to publish 10,000 copies distributed to schools throughout the region through professional development series 2016-2017

*Envisioning Freedom: A Teacher's Resource*, Moonstone Press, 2015

Chapter on John Lewis for *101 Changemakers: Rebels and Radicals Who Changed US History*, Haymarket Books, 2012

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“Teacher’s Turn” (2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2019) and “Teacher’s Page” (2008, 2010) in Historical Society of Pennsylvania’s *Legacies* magazine

Commentary on African American history (2007), civil rights (2011) in Philadelphia *Inquirer*

**Presentations**

Julian Abele and Louis Magaziner: The Story of an Unusual Friendship

- Congregation Rodeph Shalom Synagogue, January 2019
- Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania, March 2019
- Congregation Keneseth Israel, July 2019
- Har Zion Temple, September 2019
- The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, September 2019
- The Watermark at Logan Square, September 2019
- Friends in the City (via Zoom), June 2021
- The Franklin Inn, January 2020
- Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia (via Zoom), March 2020
- The Cosmopolitan Club (via Zoom), May 2020
- Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania (via Zoom), May 2021
- Association of Classical Art & Architecture, (via Zoom and edited for wide distribution), August 2021

Pennsylvania: The Keystone to Women’s Suffrage

- Chatham University, September 2019
- Pennsylvania Council for the Social Studies, October 2019
- St. Thomas of Villanova, Women's Speakers Series, February 2020
- Watermark at Logan Square, March 2020
- Congregation Keneseth Israel (via Zoom), June 2020

Octavius V. Catto: His Life & Legacy

- Numerous branches of Free Library of Philadelphia, February 2018
- Friends Select School, Middle & High School assembly, October 2018
- Friends in the City, August 2019
- Mount Saint Joseph's Academy (via Zoom), October 2020
- Congregation Keneseth Israel (via Zoom), May 2021
- Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion (via Zoom), April 2021

Black History & the Philadelphia Landscape

- Jefferson University (via Zoom),
- Friends in the City (via Zoom), June 2021

Anna Elizabeth Dickinson: The Most Famous Woman in America

- In Her Own Words Symposium (via Zoom), March 2021

**Board Activities**

Founding board chair, Friends of Sueños, a 501c3 that supports an educational program in Antigua, Guatemala for the children of street vendors.

Board member, Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion, a Victorian house museum in Germantown.