**Johnny Smith**

**Julius C. “Bud” Shaw Professor of Sports History**

**Associate Professor of History**

**School of History and Sociology**

**Georgia Institute of Technology**

**I. Earned Degrees**

Ph.D., Purdue University, May 2011

M.A., Western Michigan University, May 2006

B.A., Michigan State University, May 2004

**II. Employment History**

Interim Associate School Chair, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech, Fall 2021 - present

Associate Professor of History, Georgia Tech, 2019 – present

Julius C. “Bud” Shaw Professor of Sports History, Georgia Tech, 2017 - present

Assistant Professor of History, Georgia Tech, 2013 – 2019

Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgia Tech, 2012 – 2013

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Middle Tennessee State University, 2011 – 2012

**III. Honors and Awards (\* indicates accomplished at Georgia Tech)**

1. **Professional Recognition**

Best Article Award, *Journal of Sport History*, “The Magnitude of Me: Reggie Jackson, Baseball, and the Seventies,” (published 2018), awarded 2019\*

Emerging Voice Alumni Award, Purdue University, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2018\*

Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians, 2017-2020; 2020-2023\*

Best Article Award, *Journal of Sport History*, “‘It’s Not Really My Country’: Lew Alcindor and the

Revolt of the Black Athlete,” (published 2009), Retroactively Awarded 2017\*

“Face of Inclusive Excellence,” Institute of Diversity, Georgia Tech, Fall 2015\*

**B. Book Honors**

*War Fever*, Society for American Baseball Research Larry Ritter Award, 2021\*

*A Season in the Sun*, Finalist, CASEY Award: Best Baseball Book of the Year, 2018\*

*Blood Brothers*: North American Society for Sport History Book Award, 2017\*

*Blood Brothers*: A Best History Book, Amazon, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Best Works Nonfiction, *Kirkus Reviews*, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Goodreads Choice Award Finalist for “Best History/Biography,” 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Long Listed for the PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Best Books of 2016: Sport, *London Sunday Times*, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Best Books of 2016: Sport, *Financial Times*, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Best Books of 2016, *The Undefeated*, 2016\*

*Blood Brothers*: Best Books: Nonfiction, *Paste Magazine*, 2016\*

*The Sons of Westwood*: *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2014\*

**C. Teaching Honors**

Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Class of 1934 Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2020\*

Dean’s Distinguished Award for Innovation in education, Georgia Tech, Ivan Allen College of

Liberal Arts, Spring 2019\*

Geoffrey G. Eichholz Faculty Teaching Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2019\*

Class of 1940 Course Survey Teaching Effectiveness Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2017\*

Class of 1940 Course Survey Teaching Effectiveness Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2016\*

CETL/BP Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2015\*

Class of 1969 Teaching Fellow, Georgia Tech, Fall 2014\*

Teacher of the Year, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech, Spring 2014\*

Class of 1940 Course Survey Teaching Effectiveness Award, Georgia Tech, Spring 2014\*

**D. Other Awards**

Ivan Allen College Small Grant Award for Research (for course release), Georgia Tech, Spring 2018\*

**IV. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities**

**A. Published Books, Book Chapters, and Edited Volumes**

**A1. Books**

*The Show: When Michael Jordan Became America’s Pastime* (forthcoming; under contract with Basic Books)

*War Fever: Boston, Baseball, and America in the Shadow of the Great War*, co-authored with Randy Roberts (Basic Books, 2020)\*

*A Season in the Sun: The Rise of Mickey Mantle*, co-authored with Randy Roberts (Basic Books, 2018)\*

*Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X*, co-authored with Randy Roberts (Basic Books, 2016)\*

*The Sons of Westwood: John Wooden, UCLA, and the Dynasty That Changed College Basketball* (University of Illinois Press, 2013)\*

**A2. Refereed Book Chapters**

No Data

**A3. Edited Volumes**

No Data

**B. Refereed Publications and Submitted Articles**

**B1. Published and Accepted Journal Articles**

“‘The Magnitude of Me’: Reggie Jackson, Baseball, and the Seventies,” *Journal of Sports History*, 45, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 145-164\*

“The Resurrection: Atlanta, Racial Politics, and the Return of Muhammad Ali,” *Southern Cultures*, 21, no. 2 (2015): 5-26\*

“‘Gifts That God Didn’t Give’: White Hopes, Basketball, and the Legend of Larry Bird,” *Massachusetts Historical Review*, 13 (2011): 1-30

“‘It’s Not Really My Country’: Lew Alcindor and the Revolt of the Black Athlete,” *Journal of Sport History*, 36, no. 2 (2009): 223-244

“Breaking the Plane: Integration and Black Protest in Michigan State University Football during the 1960s,” *Michigan Historical Review* 33, no. 2 (2007): 101-129

**B2. Conference Presentation with Proceedings (Refereed)**

No Data

**B3. Other journal articles (non-refereed)**

“Remembering Muhammad Ali: Myths, Memory, and History,” *Reviews in American History*, March 2017, 45, no. 1 (March 2017): 177-186\* (Invited)

**B4. Submitted Journal Articles** (with date of submission)

No Data

**C. Other Publications and Creative Products (non-refereed)**

**C1. Documentaries**

In September 2021, Netflix released *Blood Brothers: Malcolm X & Muhammad Ali*, a feature documentary based on my book *Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X*. I served as a consultant on the film and appeared on screen.

In October 2020, I appeared in a documentary, “The All-American Cuban Comet,” on the SEC Network.

**C2. Book Excerpts**

“Babe Ruth and the Moment American Baseball Changed Forever,” *Literary Hub*, March 23, 2020 (excerpt from *War Fever*)\*

“The Legend of Mickey Mantle*,” American Heritage*, September/October 2019 (excerpt from *A Season in the Sun*)\*

“Mickey Mantle’s Rivalry with Ted Williams,” *The Athletic*, April 10, 2018 (excerpt from *A Season in the Sun*)\*

“The Branding of Muhammad Ali,” *The New Republic*, June 4, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

“The King of the World: When Cassius Clay Became Muhammad Ali,” *Slate*, June 4, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

“‘Blood Brothers’: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” NBCNews.com, May 19, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

“‘They’ve Got To Kill Me . . . They Can’t Afford To Let Me Live’: Inside the Amazing Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Salon*, March 20, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

“When Cassius Clay Came Out as a Muslim,” *The Daily Beast*, March 12, 2016 (excerpt from Blood Brothers)\*

“The Wise Man and the Clown: The Masks of Cassius Clay,” *Sports Illustrated’s The Cauldron*, February 18, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

“This Is What Happened When Muhammad Ali Met Malcolm X,” Time.com, February 2, 2016 (excerpt from *Blood Brothers*)\*

**C3. Magazine Articles**

“The Job Is Football: The Myth of the Student-Athlete,” *The American Historian*, August 2016\* (Invited)

**C4. Newspaper/Website Articles**

“When Babe Ruth and the Great Influenza Gripped Boston,” *Smithsonian Magazine*, April 30, 2020 (with Randy Roberts)\*

“On What Should Have Been Opening Day, America Needs Baseball More Than Ever,” *Washington Post*, March 26, 2020 (with Randy Roberts)\*

“Babe Ruth Caught The Flu in 1918—Twice; the story of When the Last Pandemic Hit the Colossus,” *Slate*, March 26, 2020 (with Randy Roberts)\*

“Jackie Robinson Was Asked To Go After Paul Robeson. Instead He Went After Jim Crow,” ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, April 15, 2019\*

“How Wilt Chamberlain Paved LeBron’s Path To Los Angeles,” ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, February 8, 2019\*

“Donald Trump’s Divisive Decision To Skip Opening Day,” *Washington Post*, April 5, 2018 (written with Randy Roberts)\*

“The Reign of Lew Alcindor in the Age of Revolt,” ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, March 30, 2018\*

“Why Are Sportswriters Whitewashing Baseball’s Dark Secrets?” *The Daily Beast*, March 29, 2018 (written with Randy Roberts)\*

“Vince Lombardi Would Be Proud,” *Slate*, September 30, 2017\*

“How Muhammad Became A Champion for Muslims in America,” *Washington Post*, June 8, 2016 (written with Randy Roberts)\*

“Cassius X: Inside Cassius Clay’s Conversion to Islam,” ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, June 7, 2016 (written with Randy Roberts)\*

“How The Olympic Games Shaped Muhammad Ali,” *Wall Street Journal*, June 5, 2016 (written with Randy Roberts)\*

**C5. Book Reviews**

*Breaking Through: John B. McLendon, Basketball Legend and Civil Rights Pioneer* by Milton S. Katz in *Journal of African American History* 93, no. 4 (2008).

*Jesse Owens: A Biography* by Jacqueline Edmondson in *Journal of Sport History* 35, no. 1 (2008).

*Challenging U.S. Apartheid: Atlanta and Black Struggles For Human Rights, 1960-1977* by Winston A. Grady-Willis in *Journal of Social History* 42, no. 2 (2008).

*Fair Dealing & Clean Playing: The Hilldale Club and the Development of Black Professional Baseball, 1910-1932* by Neil Lanctot in *Journal of Sport History* 34, no. 3 (2007).

*Negro League Baseball . . . Before Integration* by Effa Manley and Leon Herbert Hardwick, ed. Robert Cvornyek in *Journal of Sport History* 34, no.1 (2007).

*Getting Open: The Unknown Story of Bill Garrett and the Integration of College Basketball* by Tom Graham and Rachel Graham Cody in *Journal of Sport History* 33, no.1 (2006).

**C6. Encyclopedia Essays**

“Busing” in *Encyclopedia of African American History*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2010.

“Jack Johnson” in *The Jim Crow Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008.

**D. Presentations**

**D1. Conference Presentations**

Paper: “It’s A Man’s World: Baseball, Black Power, and the Meaning of Reggie Jackson,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2017. \*

Panel Discussant: "Sports History As Civil Rights History," Association for the Study of African American Life Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, September 2015. \*

Paper: “The King of the World: Muhammad Ali, Africa, and the Making of a Global Icon,” North American Society for Sport History Conference, Miami, FL, May 2015. \*

Paper: “The Resurrection: Atlanta, Racial Politics, and the Return of Muhammad Ali,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014. \*

Commentator: “’45 Years since the Black Power Fists Protest at the 1968 Olympics,” Association for the Study of African American Life Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, October 2013. \*

Panel Discussant: “Writing American Sports History: Problems and Practices,” Georgia Association of Historians Annual Meeting, St. Simon’s Island, GA, February 2013. \*

Paper: “The Revolt of Lew Alcindor,” North American Society for Sport History Conference, Asheville, NC, May 2009.

Paper: “The Roots of the Revolt of the Black Athlete,” Popular Culture/American Culture Conference, Boston, MA, April 2007.

Paper: “The Revolt of the Black Athlete at Michigan State University, 1968,” Conference of the Graduate Association for African American History, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, September 2006.

**D2. Invited Presentations**

“The Roots of the Revolt of the Black Athlete,” National Humanities Center, November 19, 2020 (Webinar)

“War Fever: Boston, Baseball, and America in the Shadow of the Great War,” West Virginia University Honors College, October 22, 2020 (Delivered via Zoom)

“The Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and Civil Rights History,” National Humanities Center, April 29, 2020 (Webinar)

“Muhammad Ali and the Olympics,” Vanderbilt University, February 12, 2019\*

“A Season in the Sun: The Rise of Mickey Mantle,” National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, NY, June 13, 2018\*

“A Season in the Sun: The Rise of Mickey Mantle,” Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta, GA, April 2, 2018 \*

“Fists of Fury: The Revolt of the Black Athlete and the 1968 Olympics,” Otey Scruggs Memorial Lecture, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, March 5, 2018 \*

“The Riddle of Cassius Clay: Malcolm X and the Making of Muhammad Ali,” Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, April 11, 2017 \*

“The Riddle of Cassius Clay: Malcolm X and the Making of Muhammad Ali,” Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, March 21, 2017 \*

“The Muslim Champ: When Cassius X Became Muhammad Ali,” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, November 17, 2016 \*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN, September 22, 2016 \*

“Muhammad Ali Retrospective,” Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, September 8, 2016 \*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, GA, March 8, 2016 \*

“Basketball Under the Big Top: UCLA, Houston, and the Game of the Century,” Robert Maxwell Lecture, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX, February 2015 \*

“Becoming An Historian,” Department of History, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 2014 \*

“The Sons of Westwood: John Wooden, UCLA, and the Dynasty That Changed College Basketball,” Department of History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, February 2014 \*

“From ‘Dynasty and Dissent’ to ‘The Sons of Westwood’: Transforming Your Dissertation Into a Book,” Department of History, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, October 2013 \*

“Basketball At the Barricades: UCLA, Black Power, and the Athletic Revolution of 1968,” School of History and Sociology Speaker Series, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, September 2013 \*

“Black Power in Green and White: Michigan State Football in the Civil Rights Era,” in “More Than A Game: How Sports Shape Culture,” Speakers Series, Lorenzo Cultural Center, Clinton Township, MI, October 2009.

**E. Grants and Contracts**

No Data

**F. Other Scholarly and Creative Accomplishments**

No Data

**G. Societal And Policy Impacts**

Trained as a twentieth century U.S. historian, my research examines the intersection between sports, politics, and American culture. Through my publications, conference presentations, and public lectures, I have advanced our understanding about the complex relationship between sports and society, and the integral role of sports in American history. My scholarship engages political historians, cultural historians, and social historians, integrating the field of sports history into the fabric of American history. Scholars have cited my research, assigned my publications in their classes, and invited me to speak at numerous academic events, demonstrating the impact of my work.

**H. Other Professional Activities**

No Data

**V. education**

**A. Courses Taught at georgia tech**

Semester, Year Course Number Course Title Number of Students

Spring 2013 HTS 2813 History of Sports in America 98

Spring 2013 HTS 3823 Foundations of Sports Studies 17

Summer 2013 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 32

Fall 2013 HTS 3823 Boxing, Race, & American Culture 15

Fall 2013 HTS 4699 Independent Study 1

Spring 2014 HTS 2813 History of Sports in America 99

Spring 2014 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 162

Spring 2014 HTS 8902 Independent Study 1

Summer 2014 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 46

Fall 2014 HTS 4001 Seminar: Sports and Modern America 14

Spring 2015 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 99

Spring 2015 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 151

Fall 2015 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 92

Fall 2015 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 175

Spring 2016 HTS 3083 Boxing, Race, & American Culture 26

Fall 2016 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 176

Fall 2016 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 73

Fall 2017 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 174

Fall 2017 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 98

Spring 2018 HTS 4001 Seminar: Sports & Black Freedom 5

Fall 2018 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 178

Fall 2018 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 100

Fall 2019 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 90

Spring 2020 HTS 8803 Sports in American History 8

Fall 2020 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 98\*

Fall 2020 HIST 2112 United States since 1877 187\*

Spring 2021 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 100\*

Summer 2021 HTS 2015 History of Sports in America 77\*

\* Indicates course taught remotely online

**B. Individual Student Guidance**

**B1. Ph.D. Students**

No Data

**B2. M.S. Students** (Indicate thesis option for each student)

Eric Steagall, “The Spirit of Atlanta: Bobby Jones, Golf, and the New South, 1919-1930,” Completed Spring 2021

**B3. Undergraduate Students**

No Data

**B4. Service on thesis or dissertation committees**

Andrew McGregor, PhD Dissertation Committee, Purdue University, July 2017\*

**B5. Mentorship of postdoctoral fellows or visiting scholars**

No Data

**C. Other Teaching Activities**

**C1. Teaching Development**

Class of 1969 Teaching Fellow CETL Teaching Seminar, Fall 2014\*

**Vi. Service**

**A. Professional Contributions**

**A1.** **Referee**

University of Illinois Press\*

University Press of Kansas\*

University of Georgia Press\*

University of Arkansas Press\*

Wiley-Blackwell\*

Bloomsbury Press\*

*Michigan Historical Review\**

*International Journal of the History of Sport\**

*Journal of African American History\**

**B. Public and Community Service**

**B1. Media**

**Select Media Interviews**

Quoted in Jesse Holland, “Black athletes in 1980s, 90s not outspoken but not silent,” Associated Press, February 16, 2018\*

“‘Blood Brothers’ explores fractured relationship between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, September 18, 2016\*

Quoted in Jonathan Zimmerman, “Muhammad Ali’s Real Legacy: From Fanaticism to Tolerance,” *Salon*, June 25, 2016\*

Quoted in Dave Zirin, “Read What Malcolm X’s Daughter Said at Muhammad Ali’s Funeral,” *The Nation*, June 17, 2016\*

Interview about Muhammad Ali, “Day 6,” CBC Radio (Canada), June 11, 2016\*

Interview about Muhammad Ali, “Africa This Week,” Islam Channel (London), June 10, 2016\*

Quoted in Henry Gass, “Ali As Moral Crusader,” *Christian Science Monitor*, June 9, 2016\*

Interview about Muhammad Ali, Sky News TV (UK), June 9, 2016\*

Interview about Muhammad Ali, News One Now with Roland Martin, June 7, 2016\*

Interview about Muhammad Ali, The Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC Radio (NYC), June 5, 2016\*

Interviewed about *Blood Brothers* for “Morning Edition,” WFPL (Louisville Public Radio), June 6, 2016\*

Quoted in Justin Tinsley, “Jackie Robinson v. Malcolm X,” *The Undefeated* (ESPN), May 25, 2016\*

Author interview about *Blood Brothers* for the Newy Scruggs Show, NBC Sports Radio (national), April 13, 2016\*

Interviewed about *Blood Brothers* on “Atlanta Plugged In,” CBS Atlanta, March 4, 2016\*

Interviewed about *Blood Brothers* for “Morning Edition,” National Public Radio, February 25, 2016 (national show)\*

“Who Was The Real Muhammad Ali?” History News Network, February 21, 2016 (with Randy Roberts)\*

Quoted in John Powers, “Demise of Sports Dynasties Often Widely Celebrated,” *Boston Globe*, May 19, 2015\*

Quoted in Stephanie Kuzydym, “Reaching Sweet Sixteen A Status Symbol Worth Savoring.” *Houston Chronicle*. March 23, 2015\*

Interviewed on New Books In Sports Podcast with Bruce Bergland, January 29, 2014\*

Interviewed as the featured author for “It’s Only A Game” with Bill Littlefield, National Public Radio, November 2, 2013\*

Quoted in “Time For Sports To Help Us Heal Again.” Associated Press. April 20, 2013. (Distributed by Yahoo! News; ABC News.com; Huffington Post; Boston.com)\*

**Media Reviews and Commentary about *The Sons of Westwood*, *Blood Brothers*, and *A Season in the Sun***

“In the Ballpark: Ten New Titles Present Views from the Mound,” *Library Journal*, March 28, 2018 (Starred Review of *A Season in the Sun*)\*

Michael Gavin, “Baseball Bookshelf,” *Newsday*, March 19, 2018 (*A Season in the Sun*)\*

“Best Books of the Month: Biography,” Amazon.com, March 2018 (*A Season in the Sun*)\*

Barbara Hoffman, “Kareem Abdul-Jabbar: In My Library,” NYPost.com June 17, 2017, (*Blood Brothers*)\*

Jeff Somers, “Celebrate Black History Month With These Great Books,” Barnes & Noble.com, January 31, 2017 (*Blood Brothers*)\*

Richard Sandomir, “Muhammad Ali Inspires Writers In Life and Death,” *New York Times*, June 11, 2016 (commentary about Muhammad Ali books)\*

Doreen St. Felix, “God’s Men: Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” MTV News, June 6, 2016 (commentary about *Blood Brothers*)\*

Gordon Marino, “The Preacher and the Boxer,” *New York Times Review of Books*, March 20, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

Nick Pitt, “Betrayal, Death, Remorse: The Fraught Friendship of Ali and Malcolm X,” *The Sunday Times* (London), March 13, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

Clive Davis, “Blood Brothers by Randy Roberts and Johnny Smith,” *The Times of London*, March 12, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

Travis Vogan, “Want To Know More About March Madness? Here’s What to Read and Watch,” *Washington Post*, March 11, 2016 (commentary about *The Sons of Westwood*)\*

James Rosen, “The Champ and Mr. X,” *National Review*, February 29, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

David Margolick, “The Unkindest Cut of All,” *Wall Street Journal*, February 13-14, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

Allen Barra, “Ali and Malcolm X: ‘Blood Brothers’,” *Boston Globe*, February 13, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

“New Book Sheds Light On Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X’s Friendship,” Associated Press, February 3, 2016 (AP story printed online in Chicago Tribune, Houston Chronicle, Kansas City Star, Washington Times, Miami Herald, San Francisco Chronicle, and others)\*

Jayne Moore Waldrop, “Black History Month A Good Time for Biographies,” *Louisville Courier-Journal*, February 3, 2016 (blurb about *Blood Brothers*)\*

Paul Beston, “When Ali Was Dangerous,” *City Journal*, February 2, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

“Noteworthy New Non-Fiction: Blood Brothers,” *New York Times*, February 2, 2016 (blurb about *Blood Brothers*)\*

“Best Books of the Month: Biography,” Amazon.com, February 2016 (*Blood Brothers*)\*

“Best Books of the Month: History,” Amazon.com, February 2016 (*Blood Brothers*)\*

“Hot Type,” *Vanity Fair*, February 2016 (blurb about *Blood Brothers*)\*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Kirkus*, February 2016 (starred review)\*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Booklist*, February 2016 (starred review)\*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Publisher’s Weekly*, February 2016 (review)\*

Robert Anasi, “When Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali’s Friendship Changed History: The New Book ‘Blood Brothers’ Explains,” *Los Angeles Times*, January 31, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*; also printed in the *Chicago Tribune*)\*

Billy Heller, “This Week’s Must-Read Books,” *New York Post*, January 31, 2016 (*Blood Brothers*)\*

Chris Tucker, “Biography/History: ‘Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,’ by Randy Roberts and Johnny Smith,” *Dallas Morning News*, January 29, 2016 (review of *Blood Brothers*)\*

“Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X,” *Library Journal*, January 2016 (starred review)\*

**C. Institute Contributions**

**Institute Service**

Georgia Tech, Ivan Allen College, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, Faculty Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2021-2022

Faculty Panelist, Sports Business Club Academic Conference, April 2, 2021

Faculty Panelist, FASET, Georgia Tech, August 13, 2018\*

Faculty Panelist, FASET, Georgia Tech, August 2, 2016\*

Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Georgia Tech, April 19, 2016\*

Faculty Adviser, Sports Business Club, Georgia Tech, Fall 2015 – present\*

Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, Georgia Tech, April 2013\*

Judge, Georgia Tech Research and Innovation Conference, Georgia Tech, February 2013\*

**School of History and Sociology Service**

Interim School Chair, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2021-

Speaker’s Committee, Chair, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Nov. 2020 -

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2018 – Spring 2021\*

Speaker’s Committee, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2018 – present\*

“Academic Job Search,” Presentation at Graduate Student Workshop, School of History and Sociology, October 23, 2017\*

Executive Committee, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2016 – Spring 2018\*

“Developing Your Teaching Philosophy,” Presentation at Graduate Student Workshop, School of History and Sociology, February 29, 2016\*

Undergraduate Adviser, Georgia Tech, Sports, Society, & Technology, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2014 – present\*

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, Fall 2014 – Spring 2018\*

Phi Alpha Theta Keynote Address, Georgia Tech, School of History and Sociology, March 6, 2014\*

Sports, Society, and Technology Program Advisory Committee Member, 2013 – present\*

Sports, Society, and Technology Summit and Reception Planning Committee, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2012-Spring 2013\*