

**Elton H. Weaver III, Ph.D.**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Recent Positions:**

History Instructor (Fall 2022-)  
University of Memphis  
Memphis, TN. 38152

Associate Professor of History (Fall 2010- Spring 2021)  
LeMoyne-Owen College  
Memphis, TN. 38126

**Education:**

The University of Memphis, Ph.D. Spring 2007  
The University of Memphis, Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies, Spring 2001  
LeMoyne-Owen College, B.A., Cum Laude, Spring 1997

**Teaching Experience:**

2022-Courses at the University of Memphis

- HIST 3881 /M50 Online Canvas Course: African American History
- HIST 2020: United States History Since 1877

2010-2021: Courses at LeMoyne-Owen College

- HIST 221: Intro to African American History I
- HIST 222: Intro to African American History II
- HIST 201: United States History To 1877
- HIST 202: United States History Since 1877
- HIST 311: Modern Europe, From Renaissance to Revolution
- HIST 312: Modern Europe Since 1815
- HIST 386: Qualitative Research Methods
- DBSP 110/210: W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program Honors Course
- DBSP 111/211: W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program Honors Course
- DBSP 310/311: W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program Honors Course

- DBSP 399: W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program Honors Internship Course
- The History of Black Protest in America
- Twentieth Century Special Historical Topics/Thematic Course

2002-2010, Graduate Assistantship, Teaching Assistantship, and Instructor positions in the University of Memphis's Department of History and African and African American Studies (AAAS) Program and the Bornblum Judaic Studies Department.

**Designated classes and courses taught:**

- AAAS 4251: African Religions in the Diaspora
- HIST 3881: African American History
- HIST 2010: United States History To 1877
- HIST 2020: United States History Since 1877
- UNIV 3581: Faith, Reason, and Imagination
- UNIV 3580: Hebrew and Greek Legacy
- JDST 4511: Holocaust Studies

**Work Experience:**

Interviewer, University of Memphis History Department, Library of Congress Veterans Oral History Project, 2007-2009

Director, LeMoyne-Owen College's Honors Program consists of Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program, Alpha Kappa Mu Beta Chapter Honor Society, 2010-2015

Director, LeMoyne-Owen College's Center for African and African American Studies, 2016-2019

**Graduate Awards, Scholarships, Fellowships, and Research Grants:**

Tennessee Board of Regents, Geier Graduate Minority Fellowship, Fall 1999-Spring 2000

Belle McWilliams Scholarship, Fall 2000-Spring 2001

University of Memphis Study Abroad Scholarship; Summer 2002

Tennessee Board of Regents Geier Doctoral Graduate Minority Fellowship, Spring 2003

University of Memphis History Department Endowment Dissertation Research Grant, Spring 2004

Shelby County Historical Commission Journal Article Award for "The Metamorphosis of C. H. Mason: Origins of Black Pentecostal Churches in Tennessee," in *The West Tennessee Historical Society Papers 2003/2004*

Donovan Dissertation Research Travel Award, Summer 2005

Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Dissertation Fellowship, 2005-2007

(SREB) Scholar/Teaching Enhancement: Participated in The Compact for Faculty Diversity's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, October 27-30, 2005  
Arlington, Virginia

The Gilder Lehrman Dissertation Fellowship at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Spring 2006

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2006-2007

The Outstanding Part-Time Instructor Award, 2008-09

### **Undergraduate Honors:**

Chaplain of the Student Government Association (SGA), 1994-1997

Rev. William Fields Scholarship, LeMoyne-Owen College, 1995

United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Study Abroad Scholarship: Israel, 1994

### **Conference Papers, Seminars, and Other Talks:**

"It Was about Race: Bishop C. H. Mason and the Origin of the Assemblies of God": Paper presented on September 19, 2003, during the University of Memphis' Fifth Annual Graduate Conference in African American History. "It was about Race" was also presented on November 5, 2003, at the COGIC Scholars Fellowship Academic Forum, held during COGIC's 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Convocation in Memphis, Tennessee. "It was about Race" was presented again on April 10, 2004, at the University of Chicago during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Eyes on the Mosaic Graduate Conference: "The Social Construction & Transformation of Racial Identity."

"Property and Power: Bishop C. H. Mason and the Saints Home Church of God in Christ in Shelby County Chancery Court Memphis, Tennessee 1908-1911": Paper presented during the Tennessee Conference of Historians 2006 Annual Meeting: "The Future of the Past: Practicing History in a New Millennium" September 29-30, 2006, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Weaver also presented "Property and Power" during the Society for Pentecostal Studies' 36th Annual Conference on March 10, 2007, at Lee University, in Cleveland, Tennessee

Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Student Research Forum: "Mark the Perfect Man and Behold the Upright: Bishop C. H. Mason and the Emergence of the Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee." March 31, 2006, University of Memphis

Session Commentator, "Actors, Dancers, and Artists: The Art of Africa in the Diaspora;" Ninth Annual Graduate Conference in African American History at the University of Memphis, Fall 2007

Session Chair, "McNair Session II: Writing the Personal Statement for Graduate School Admission;" The Fourteenth Annual Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring October 27, 2007, in Arlington, Virginia

Session Commentator, "Education and the Black Freedom Struggle;" Tenth Annual Graduate Conference in African American History at the University of Memphis, Fall 2008

"COGIC's Historic Court Case Revisited" presented on November 5, 2009, at the COGIC Scholars Fellowship Academic Forum held during COGIC's 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holy Convocation, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Speaker, TRIO Student Support Services Graduate Award Luncheon, theme: "Developing Professionals and Promoting Educational Excellence" April 15, 2010, at Le Moyne-Owen

College Memphis, Tennessee.

Speaker, The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Freshman Seminar Chapel Service  
September 29, 2010, at LeMoyne-Owen College Memphis, Tennessee.

Session Commentator, "Religion Society and Black Freedom," Twelfth Annual Graduate  
Conference in African American History at the University of Memphis, Fall 2010  
"Historic Debate on the Proper Place for Women in the Church" paper presented during the  
COGIC Scholars Fellowship History Symposium: "You Cannot Tell It, Let Me Tell It":  
Excavating the Work and the Witness of Pioneering COGIC Saints. Society for  
Pentecostal Studies 40th Annual Conference, March 10, 2011, at Memphis  
Marriot Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

Session Commentator, "Uplift Education, and Political Change," Thirteenth Annual Graduate  
Conference in African American History at the University of Memphis, Fall 2011.

Presenter: "Interracial Debating: The LeMoyne-Owen College Ambassadors of Goodwill (1929-  
1939)," 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH)  
The September 25, 2014, conference at Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee.

## **Publications:**

### **Book:**

*Bishop Charles H. Mason in the Age of Jim Crow: The Struggle for Religious and Moral Uplift*  
(Lexington Books, 2020).

### **Book Chapters, Contributing Editor, Compiler:**

"Equal Power: Bishop Charles H. Mason and the National Tabernacle Fire," in *An Unseen Light:  
Black Struggles for Freedom in Memphis, Tennessee* eds. Aram Goudsouzian and Charles W.  
McKinney (University Kentucky Press, 2018).

"Working With Our Own Hands: Church of God in Christ Women in Tennessee" in *Tennessee  
Women: Their Lives and Times Vol. II* eds. Sarah L. Wilkerson Freeman and  
Beverly Greene Bond (University of Georgia Press, July 2015).

Contributing editor, *Preaching with Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons  
1750 to the Present*. Edited by Frank A. Thomas and Martha Simmons.  
(New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2010).

Compiler, "Back to Basic Holiness: "A Eulogy of Bishop J. O. Patterson Jr.," in *The African  
American Pulpit*, vol. 8 number 2 (spring 2005): 80-84.

## **Encyclopedia Entries:**

“Bishop Charles H. Mason” George Thomas Kuran, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* 4 vols. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), pp. 1436-1437

“Bishop C. H. Mason,” and “Mason Temple” in Carroll Van West, ed., *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture, New and Revised Edition* (2011)

### **Book Reviews:**

Proposal Reviewer, Bruce A. Glasrud and Cary D. Wintz eds., *African Americans and the Presidency: The Road to the Whitehouse* (Routledge, 2009).

Reviewer, *With Music and Justice for All: Some Southerners and their Passions*, by Frye Gaillard. *The Alabama Review* vol. 62 no. 2 (April 2009):152-154.

“The Metamorphosis of C. H. Mason”: *Historical Media Review*, summer 2003.  
<http://historymediareview.tripod.com/index-html>

### **Journal Articles:**

“Preaching Faith to Heal Them: W.W. Austin and the origins of the North Sixth Street Church of God in Christ, 1885-1931,” *The African American Pulpit*, vol. 9 number 4 (fall 2006): 22-25.

“Bishop C. H. Mason: Master of Metaphoric Preaching,” *The African American Pulpit*, vol. 8 number 1 (winter 2004-2005): 24-27.

“The Metamorphosis of Bishop C. H. Mason: Origins of Black Pentecostals in Tennessee (A Pictorial Review),” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, vol. LXIII number 2 (summer 2004): 87-103.

“The Metamorphosis of C. H. Mason: Origins of Black Pentecostal Churches in Tennessee,” *The West Tennessee Historical Society Papers*, vol. 57 (fall 2003): 35-58.

### **Community Service, Committee Work, and Faculty Development:**

LeMoyne-Owen College Representative/Project Member, Mayor A. C. Wharton’s Higher

Education Initiative, The Colleges of Memphis: Knowledge, Wisdom, and Soul [CMKWS]  
“Transforming Memphis into a College Town” Initiative 2010-2015

Chair, LeMoyne-Owen College Honors Activities Committee 2010-2015

Chair, LeMoyne-Owen College Library Committee 2015-2017

Director, LeMoyne-Owen College Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Program, Alpha Kappa Mu Kappa  
Beta Chapter Honor Society 2010-2015

Faculty Development, Second Annual Junior Faculty Professional Development Conference, the 18<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, October 20-23, 2011, Hilton Atlanta Hotel  
downtown Atlanta, Georgia

Editor, *West Tennessee Historical Society Papers* Editorial Board Memphis, TN. 2011-Present

LeMoyne-Owen College Study Abroad Advisor, Benjamin A. Gilman Study Abroad Program 2012-  
2014

Tennessee State Museum Board Scholar 2016-2018

University of Memphis Dr. Benjamin Hooks Center for Social Change Book of the Year Committee  
Member 2016-2019

### **Professional and Academic Memberships:**

Treasurer, Phi Alpha Theta Epsilon Nu Chapter, University of Memphis, 2001-2003

Parliamentarian, Black Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis, 2002-2005

African American History Search Committee University of Memphis History Dept., 2003

African American History Conference Committee, University of Memphis, 2002-2004

Officer; Graduate History Association, University of Memphis, 2002-2004

Southern Historical Association Conference staff and member, Fall 2004-2011

Association for the Study of the World-Wide African Diaspora, 2004-2012

Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Association, 2004-present

West Tennessee Historical Society Papers Editorial Board, 2011-present

Association for the Study of African American Life and History, 2014-present

Society of Pentecostal Studies, 2000-present

American Academy of Religion, 2001-2003

Society of Biblical Literature, 2001-2003

COGIC Scholars Inc., 2003-2012

American Historical Association, 2019-2020

Tomorrows Professors, 2004-present