

Thomas J. Ward Jr.

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Dr. Thomas J. Ward Jr. is a historian and Assistant Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences and author of two books.

Biography

Thomas J. Ward Jr. is Assistant Dean in the School of Arts and Sciences at Farmingdale State College. A native of Annapolis, Maryland, before coming to Farmingdale he was chair of the History Department at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He also taught at Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.), the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile, and University College Cork, in Ireland. Dr. Ward has written numerous articles on African-American history, and the history of health care in the American South, and was project historian for the award-winning 1998-1999 public radio series, Mississippi Voices: A Trip Through the Twentieth Century. In 2003, the University of Arkansas Press published his first book, Black Physicians in the Jim Crow South. His most recent work, Out in the Rural: A Mississippi Health Center and its War on Poverty (Oxford University Press), was released in December 2016, and has received wide acclaim, including a starred review from Publisher's Weekly and the 2018 Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award. He also authored a new foreword to the re-release of Robert Cole and Al Clayton's classic work, Still Hungry in America. Dr. Ward has received numerous awards for his work, including from the Association of American Publishers, Langum Charitable Trusts, Gulf South Historical Association, Mississippi Historical Society, and Virginia Military Institute. He is working on a book project on healthcare and the Civil Rights Movement.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Author Appearance

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Prisoners of War, Health Care History, African / Afro - American Studies, Civil Rights History, Civil War and Reconstruction

Affiliations

Southern Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Oral History Association

Sample Talks

Enemy Combatants: Black Soldiers in Confederate Prisons
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Black Physicians in the Jim Crow South
Black Physicians in the Jim Crow South

Black POWs in the Korean War
Black POWs in the Korean War

Health Care and the Civil Rights Movement
Health Care and the Civil Rights Movement

Event Appearances

??Of all the forms of inequality?: Health Care and the Civil Rights Movement"
National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Leadership and Public Policy Conference

"Still Hungry in America: The Al Clayton Photos"
Exhibit, Museum of Art

"Still, Still Hungry"
Southern Foodways Winter Symposium

"Enemy Combatants: Black Soldiers in Confederate Hands"
Mobile Civil War Roundtable

"Rich Man's War, Poor Man's Fight: Conscription in the Civil War"
Pensacola Civil War Roundtable

Education

University of Southern Mississippi
PhD American History

Clemson University
MA American History

Hampden-Sydney College
BA History and Political Science

Accomplishments

Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award

Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award, Jesuit Colleges and Universities, for *Out in the Rural*, 2018.

Daniel L. Brenner Scholarly Achievement Award

Daniel L. Brenner Scholarly Achievement Award. Rockhurst University, 2002.

Willie D. Halsell Prize

Willie D. Halsell Prize for the Best Article in the *Journal of Mississippi History*. Mississippi Historical Society, 2002.

Mississippi Historical Society Award of Merit

Mississippi Historical Society Award of Merit for the radio series *Mississippi Voices*, 1999.

William Coker Award for Best Graduate Paper

William Coker Award for Best Graduate Paper. Gulf South Historical and Humanities Conference, 1998.

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