

**Kate Aguilar  
Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

2021 **Ph.D.**, Department of History, University of Connecticut  
2009 **M.A.**, Africana Studies, Indiana University  
2005 **B.A.**, Departments of Black Studies and English Writing, DePauw University

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2021-present **Assistant Professor of African American History**  
Department of History, Gustavus Adolphus College  
2026-2028 **Faculty Director of Student Academic Advising**  
2026-present **Instructor of Record for TREC In-Prison College Teaching Program**  
Fall 2025 **Academic Success Coach**  
2021 **Instructor of Record**  
Department of History, Sterling College  
2018-2021 **Instructor of Record**  
Department of Sociology, Indiana University Kokomo  
2015-2016 **Instructor of Record**  
Department of History, Ivy Tech Community College  
2012 **Affiliate Instructor**  
Africana Studies Institute, University of Connecticut  
2010-2011 **Instructor of Record**  
Department of History, Manchester Community College

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Academic**

2024 Contributed analysis of primary documents to a forthcoming collection *Milestone Documents of U.S. Slavery*, edited by Paul Finkelman.

2023 “‘It’s All About the U’: How University of Miami Football Challenged Reagan’s America,” *Journal of Sport History*, 50.3 (2023): 344-359.

2023 *The World They Built: University of Miami Football, Race, and Reagan’s America*, under contract with the University of Illinois Press.

2018 “To Win One for the Gipper: Football and the Fashioning of a Cold Warrior,”

*Defending the American Way of Life: Sport, Culture, and the Cold War*, eds. Toby Rider and Kevin Witherspoon, University of Arkansas Press, 113-126.

### **Public Scholarship**

- 2025 “How the Orange Bowl Made History,” *Time* (op-ed), January 9.
- 2023 “The Trials of the ‘Trailing Spouse,’” *The PhD Place* (blog), April 22.
- 2023 “It Took Until 2023 for Two Black QBs to Start in a Super Bowl. Here’s Why,” *Washington Post* (op-ed), February 12.
- 2023 “Blocking Black History is an Attempt to Counter Black Power,” *Washington Post* (op-ed), February 1.
- 2021 “A Review of ‘Colin in Black & White’: Race, Sport, and the Power of Black Oral History,” *Sport in American History* (blog), October 30.
- 2021 “The Heavy Door of Race and Social Belonging in (American) Soccer,” *Sport in American History* (blog), October 3.
- 2016 “The Revolt of the Black Athlete and the White Ally: A Tale of Two Footballers,” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2016 “A Look to Change Reality: Race and Power through the Eyes of Etan Thomas,” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2016 “From Superman to Just a ‘Boy’: Why a ‘Discussion’ of Race, Sport, and Cam Newton Still Matters,” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2016 “The Man in the Mirror: Black Culture, White Privilege, and Supermen in the Age of Cam Newton,” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2016 “Sparring with Cinematic ‘Truth’: Race, Boxing, and Place in the Movie *Creed* (2015),” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2015 “To Got Game: American Dreams, Racial Nightmares, and HBO’s *Ballers*,” *Sport in American History* (blog).
- 2015 “Race, Class, Geography, and Sport, and the Dangers of Following the Herd,” *Sport in American History* (blog).

### **Book/Film Reviews**

- May 2025 Review of open textbook for the Open Textbook Library

- 2025 Thomas Aiello, *White Ice: Race and the Making of Atlanta Hockey* (2023), *Journal of Southern History* 91.1 (February 2025): 198-199.
- 2024 Chris Holaday, *Cracks in the Outfield Wall: The History of Baseball Integration in the Carolinas* (2024), *Journal of Sport History* 51.3 (Fall 2024): 121.
- 2022 Film Review of *They Call Me Magic* (2022), *Journal of Sport History* 49, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 168-169.
- 2022 Through Their Own Lens: Film Review of *One Night in Miami* (2020), *Blood Brothers: Malcolm X & Muhammad Ali* (2021), and *Muhammad Ali* (2021), *Journal of Sport History* 49, no. 1 (Spring 2022): 53-56.
- 2022 Keith B. Wood, *Memphis Hoops: Race and Basketball in the Bluff City, 1968-1997* (2021), *Journal of Southern History* 88, no. 3 (August 2022): 592-593.
- 2021 Paul E. Morton, *Jai Alai: A Cultural History of the Fastest Game in the World*, *Connecticut History Review* (Spring 2021): 124-126.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2025 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2024 Research, Scholarship, and Creativity Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2022 NEH Humanities Lab Research Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2022 Presidential Faculty/Student Collaboration Grant, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2022 Competitive Travel Grant, John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2021 Individual Teaching and Learning Mini-Grants, John S. Kendall Center for Engaged Learning, Gustavus Adolphus College
- 2015 Founders' Dissertation Fellowship Prize, Western Association of Women Historians
- 2014 El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies' Pre-doctoral Award, University of Connecticut
- 2014 Ida B. Wells Graduate Student Fellowship, Coordinating Council for Women in History
- 2012 Bruce M. and Sondra Astor Stave Prize in Recent American History, University of Connecticut

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-present **Assistant Professor, Gustavus Adolphus College**

### **J-term**

HIS 203: The Black Athlete in America (developed at Gustavus)

### **Introductory courses**

HIS 130: U.S. History to the Civil War (developed at Gustavus)

HIS 142: African American History I (developed at Gustavus)

HIS 143: African American History II (developed at Gustavus)

### **Upper-level courses**

HIS 202: Atlantic Slavery and Freedom

(developed at Gustavus; signature experience course)

HIS 203: The Black Athlete in America (developed at Gustavus)

- HIS 331: Hip Hop and the Black 1980s (developed at Gustavus)
- 2025 **TREC In-Prison College Teaching Program**  
**Instructor of Record**  
 HIS 203 The Black Athlete in America
- 2021 **Instructor of Record, Sterling College**  
 Topics in American History: African American History
- 2018-2021 **Instructor of Record, Indiana University Kokomo**  
 Race and Ethnic Relations  
 Race, Crime, and Justice  
 Family Violence  
 Social Movements and Collective Action  
 Western Civilization I
- 2015-2016 **Instructor of Record, Ivy Tech Community College**  
 American History I
- 2012 **Affiliate Instructor for the Africana Studies Institute**  
 Introduction to African American Studies
- 2010-2011 **Instructor of Record, Manchester Community College**  
 American History II

## CONFERENCES

- 2026 “‘The Rage to Win’: Anger, Racial Meaning-Making, and the Politics of Sport,” North American Society for Sport Historians Annual Conference, May 22-25.
- 2025 “Sport History as Urban History,” North American Society for Sport Historians Annual Conference, May 27-29.
- 2025 “Works in Progress Session: Race and Gender in the Modern U.S.,” Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Conference, April 3-6.
- 2024 Chair, “Publishing in Sport History: A Q&A Panel offering Advice and Cautionary Tales,” North American Society for Sport Historians Annual Conference, May 24-27.
- 2023 CIC Faculty Seminar on the Legacies of American Slavery, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition (GLC), New Haven, Connecticut, June 18-22.
- 2023 “Where are the Historians?: NASSH and Academically Trained Historians” (Roundtable Discussion), North American Society for Sport History Annual Conference, May 26-29.

- 2022 Fiftieth Anniversary Panel: “Inside/Out: A Cultural Prism of Blackness & Whiteness in Sport History,” North American Society for Sport History Annual Conference, May 27-30.
- 2021 “The Rage to Win: The Black Athlete and the U in the Sunbelt South,” Southern Historical Association’s Annual Conference, Virtual, November 3-6.
- 2016 “‘The World is Yours’: Miami, Conservative Masculinity, and the Non-White ‘Bad Guy’ in the Popular Imagination,” Western Association of Women Historians’ Annual Conference, Denver, CO, May 12-14.
- 2015 “To Win One for the Gipper: Football and the Self-Fashioning of Ronald Reagan,” North American Society for Sport History’s Annual Conference, Miami, FL, May 23.
- 2008 “Breaking Down the Black Autobiography: The Role of Movement in Defining a Racial Identity,” Herman C. Hudson Symposium, Bloomington, IN, March 22.
- 2008 “Who Makes the List: ‘Oprah’s Book Club,’ Consumer Capitalism, and Canon Reformation,” Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, and Media, DeKalb, IL, March 16.
- 2008 “Firing the Canon: The Role of Race and Celebrity in Canon Reformation,” National Association for African American Studies & Affiliates National Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, February 8-10.

## **DEPARTMENTAL/COLLEGE SERVICE**

### **Campuswide**

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| May; August 2026 | Facilitated two Camp Kendall Workshops  |
| February 2026    | MAYDAY! Peace Conference Keynote Speaker  |
| February 2026    | History Day Judge for St. Peter School District   |
| January 2026     | Admissions: Virtual FIKA  |
| 2025-2026        | Member of Innovative Academic Excellence and Student Impact Strategic Working Group           |
| November 2025    | Panelist on Women’s Action Coalition Identity in Sports Panel                                 |
| November 2025    | Participated in a Marshall Mock Interview   |
| November 2025    | Guest Speaker at the Gustavus Philanthropy Brunch   |
| 2025-2026        | Humanities and Careers Cohort   |
| October 2025     | Led discussion for Campus Democrats   |
| October 2025     | Led discussion for New Faculty Orientation  |
| August 2025      | Co-presenter with HHMI Members at Fall Faculty Retreat  |
| Summer 2025      | Led Academic Session for GAIN   |
| 2025-2026        | HHMI Leadership Team Member (In Charge of Inclusive Excellence Project: Inclusive Classrooms) |
| May; August 2025 | Co-facilitated two Camp Kendall Workshops   |
| April 2025       | Facilitated a Community Teach-In with HIS 143 Students  |

March 2025	Guest on Jillian Downey's <i>Talking through Teaching Tensions Together</i> podcast
October 2024	Guest Speaker for Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Fall 2024	Luncheon Table Discussion Leader for the Nobel Conference
2024-present	Welcoming Community Resource List Member
2024-2025	Member of Kendall Center Teaching Circle (Ungrading)
2024-2025	Member of a campus-wide writing group
2024-2025	AI and Humanities Cohort
February 2025	Table Facilitator for Larger Campus Discussion (AI and the Humanities)
Fall 2024	Internal Selection to Submit Application for the NEH Summer Stipend
Summer 2024	Designed and Ran a Camp Kendall Workshop on Supporting Summer Research Students in the Humanities
Summer 2024	Facilitated the Creation of a Camp Kendall Workshop for DEIC
Summer 2024	On a working group for HHMI to improve SRIs
January 2024	Kendall Center J-Term Book Discussion
2023-present	Member of the Title IX Office Support Team
	a. Hearing Panel Member November 2024
2022-2025	Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Faculty Committee
2023-2024	a. Chair of the DEIC
Fall 2023	Internal Selection to Submit Application for the NEH Summer Stipend
April 2023	Faculty Shop Talk
March 2023; April 2024; January 2025	Presentation on Racial Discrimination in Sports for Dr. Owens' Sports Economics and Intro to Sports Management Courses
March 2023; November 2023; February 2025	Black History Discussion with the Women's Action Coalition
2024-present	Advisor for Women's Action Coalition
	a. Panelist on "Gender and Sport Panel," November 7, 2024
February 2023	Speaker at PASO's Black Gala for Black History Month
2023-2024	HHMI Curriculum Revision Activity Group Lead
	a. June/August 2023 Created and Facilitated Summer Workshops
	b. Spring 2023 Created a Reading Group on Inclusive Teaching
	c. Part of a sub-committee focused on revising SRIs
2022-2024	Research Advisory Council
Spring 2023	Faculty Senate's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Sub-Committee
Summer 2022	Gustie Gear-up Advisor
2021-2023	Member of Kendall Center Teaching Circle (Inclusive Pedagogy)

### **History Department**

2023-2025	HHMI Department Lead
2024	Helped create and distribute materials for History Advising Day
Spring 2023; Spring 2025	DeNault Awards Committee
Spring 2023	Committee to Revise Department Website

Fall 2022 Pizza, Profs, and the Past Presentation  
 Summer 2022 Search Committee for NTT Faculty (Latin American History Position)

### **African/African Diaspora Studies**

Fall 2025 Helping to Organize Fall Speaker (Walter Greason)  
 2024 Organized the African/African Diaspora Studies Spring Speaker  
 Fall 2022 Scheduled Coffee Chats about the Program  
 2021-present African/African Diaspora Studies Program Faculty Member

### **Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies**

Spring 2025 Curriculum Sub-Committee  
 2024-2025 Library Liaison  
 Spring 2024 Attended the Three Crowns Retreat  
 Spring 2024 Part of the cohort welcoming external reviewers to campus  
 Spring 2023 Co-hosted a FEMINIST FIKA with the Body Inclusivity Theme House  
 Fall 2022 Explorations Talk on Research  
 Summer 2022 Conducted Faculty Research with the Humanities Research Lab  
 2021-2022 Co-Chair of Course Approvals, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies  
 2021-present Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies (GWSS) Program Faculty Member

### **Sport Management**

2023-2024 Part of a cohort that created a Sport Management Major and Minor  
 Fall 2023 Staffed the table for Sport Management for Advising Day  
 Spring 2024 Part of a search committee

### **Admissions**

May 2025 Panelist for School Counselor Summit: Bridging the Gap (Admissions)  
 Spring 2024 Panel Member for Admitted Student Days  
 2022-2023 International Friendship Family (CICE)  
 2023-2024 Member of Gustavus 101 Presentation Team (Admissions)  
 2023-2024 Met with Prospective Students  
 March, April 2023 Faculty Panel for Admitted Students Day  
 January 2023 Picture Yourself at Gustavus  
 2021-2022 Fall Visit Days Presentations  
 2021; 2023 Admissions FIKA Event  
 2021-2023 President's Scholarship Interviews

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

2025-2028	Section Editor for the Film, Media, and Museum Reviews for the <i>Journal of Sport History</i>
2025-2028	Member, Publications Board, North American Society for Sport History
2024-present	Created and facilitated a NASSH Writing Community and Monthly Writing Group
Spring 2024	Participated in a Study for AP African American Studies Comparing AP Lessons and Intro to African American History at Gustavus
2024-2028	Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession, Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Summer 2023	NCFDD Teaching Toolkit Program
2023-2024	Member of the Southern Historical Association's Junior Scholars Workshop
2023-2025	Member, Program Committee, North American Society for Sport History
March 2023	Presentation to an 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Class in Rochester, New York (Arcadia High School) about Informational Writing/Public History
Spring 2022	Kickstart Your Journal Article Semester Writing Workshop
2022-2023	Member, Grad Student Advisory Committee, North American Society for Sport History
2021-2024	Member, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonisation Coordinating Group, North American Society for Sport History
2021	Moderator of the Bad Girl Series, Indiana University School of Education

## **AWARDS**

2025	Humanities and Arts Research Award (Gustavus)
2025	Innovative Course Award (Gustavus)
2023	Swenson-Bunn Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence (Gustavus)
2023	NASSH Dissertation Prize
2023	Nominee for the Mark H. Anderson Employee Award (Gustavus)

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

African American History; twentieth-century U.S. History; the carceral state; sport history; urban history; the Global South.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

North American Society for Sport History  
 Southern Historical Association  
 Organization of American Historians

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**