

Contributors

DARYL BOBO is originally from a small town in Tennessee called Hohenwald, meaning “High Forest” in German. He graduated from Lewis County High School in 1986 and proceeded to attend Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tennessee, where he received an Associates of Arts degree in 1988. He tried his hands at several jobs, including working as a Continuing Care Counselor in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center, and as an assistant manager in a bookstore, where he often spent more on books than he earned. In 1996 he began working in a special needs classroom and found the rewarding career path that had thus eluded him. At 44 years of age, he is a non-traditional student following a non-traditional path. His goal is to obtain a Masters’ degree in Special Education, with a detour into the world of historical scholarship. After graduating in late 2012, he plans to continue his studies at Tennessee State University, with the eventual goal of working as a Special Educator for the Metro School System. Daryl enjoys learning Spanish, though his job and class schedule often make finding time for this extracurricular activity “*muy dificil*.” He is always open to the idea of travel, though the life of a college student greatly limits this ambition. For now, he will have to settle for travelling to and from class and a passport with pages yearning for stamps of exotic locales.



CHANTELL COPELAND is a non-traditional student originally from Atlanta, Ga. She is a junior majoring in communications (radio and television), with plans to enter law school after graduation. She is the host and producer of *Perspectives in Blue*, a radio show aired on Tennessee State University’s WTST. She has a one year old girl who is her inspiration to succeed in her educational endeavor.

ABBY CRENSHAW is a recent graduate of Tennessee State University. She graduated with her bachelor's degree (magna cum laude) in history with emphasis in women's history. As a child, Abby was very much interested in reading and, indeed, she was a voracious reader. During her years in secondary school, she found a love for history and always enjoyed learning more about what interested her. Issues related to women and feminist perspectives have always been of keen interest to her, and she continues to advocate for midwives and women, teaching them the importance of self-empowerment. Married in November 2010, Abby is now a mother of two children, Milla, 2 years, and Fox, 6 years. Her immediate future plan is to get a job as a history teacher in her local school district. Eventually she plans to continue her education and go on to graduate school. One day she hopes to obtain a doctorate degree and teach at the university level.



ASHLEY LAYHEW was born in Old Hickory, Tennessee, and has lived in Nashville her entire life. From her earliest memories, Ashley loved history and enjoyed going to libraries and museums. She began her college career at Volunteer State Community College, and transferred to Tennessee State University to obtain her Bachelor's in Arts, History. She is currently at Middle Tennessee State University in the Public History Graduate Program, focusing on Museum Management. However, she plans to get certificates in Historic Preservation and Archive Management as well. Ashley's interests are in early American history and Jewish studies.



MARIA CHRISTINE WITHERSPOON is a junior majoring in Biology/Pre-Med. She is a member of a number of organizations and honors societies including the University Honors Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Golden Key International Honor Society, American Medical Students Association,



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and the BS/MD program at Meharry Medical College. She also holds a position in her family's outreach ministries, in addition works in political campaigns. She is the current president of the TSU chapter of the American Medical Student Association. Witherspoon, a Nashville native, attended East Literature Magnet High School where she graduated with honors in 2010. Her career goal is to become a physician. After obtaining her bachelor's degree, she plans to continue her education in the medical field to acquire an MD degree.