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Skills

- African Diaspora Studies, Blacks in the West, Borderlands Studies, Ethnic Studies
- Academic Advising
- Administration
- Budget Management
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Data Analysis
- Lecture
- Marketing
- Mentoring
- Pedagogy Development
- Program Evaluation
- Program Planning
- Racial Justice
- Student Recruitment
- Social Media
- Teaching
- Teamwork
- Meeting Deadlines

Languages

Timothy E. Nelson

Professor, Historian, Author

Historian, Professor and Author Timothy E. Nelson is an experienced educator and researcher with over 15 years of experience in the field of education. In-depth knowledge of the African Diaspora, Borderlands, US, Blacks in the West and New Mexico "Black" History; adept at creative teaching strategies that fully engage students in the learning process, and he has a passion for connecting students with research opportunities and guiding them to success in their field of study to reach their full potential.

Work Experience

CEO, Co-Founder, Blackdom Productions LLC dba (Self-Employed), Santa Fe, New Mexico

January 2019 - Present

- * Develop, create and deliver an online pedagogy of the Afro-Frontier
- * Contextualized interdisciplinary practices for a new Black History
- * Produce projects to further deepen understanding of the greater African Diaspora
- * Facilitate Blackdom land owning descendant futurism; title/inheritance research, land access, economic development, Blackdom Descendant Legacy Preservation

Full-time Lecturer, Black Studies and Ethnic Studies, CSU Stanislaus University, Turlock, California

August 2021 - June 2022

Full-Time Lecturer in Black/African American Studies in the Department of Ethnic Studies, Range B, Academic Year 2021-2022. My experience and availability allowed CSU to maintain its trajectory to departmentalize amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director, Racial Justice Program, YWCA, El Paso Del Norte Region, El Paso, Texas

April 2016 - 2018

- * In conjunction with the Racial Justice Committee, plan and implement Racial Justice efforts with the Racial Justice Conference; Martin Luther King Jr. Award; Stand Against Racism; Lunch and Learns.
- * Develop Racial Justice curriculum and delivery strategies to further the mission of the YWCA.
- * Create, develop, and implement a modern racial justice curriculum.
- * Partner with other organizations who share the mission of Eliminating Racism.
- * Develop annual fundraising plans in collaboration with the Executive Director and Board-level Committees.
- * Works with YWCA Program staff in program planning for program evaluation and to identify the needs of clients to develop funding initiatives to meet those needs.

English

Spanish

Adjunct Lecturer, Africana Studies, University of New Mexico (Contract), Albuquerque, New Mexico

August 2018 - August 2018

Survey of African American History

Built a curriculum that is functional in a Social Media world. Using various techniques by creating a "technological pedagogy" to teach from the perspective of Afro-Frontierism a theory based on my dissertation. From the Congo to Compton: A Survey of African American History will someday be used to teach African American History.

Adjunct Instructor, University of Texas at El Paso (Part-Time), El Paso, Texas

August 2011 - August 2011

Lecturer: American History

This course examined the history of the United States. Covering the pre-Columbian period to the recent past, students gain an understanding of the richness and diversity in American history. Throughout the semester, several topics examine the creation of power included in early settlements, U.S. conquest, immigration, migration, community creation, identity, and gender. This course also sought to develop independent and critical thinking, increase skills in written and oral communication, and foster the integration of perspectives.

Academic Advisor, Arts & Sciences, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

August 2007 - 2010

College of Arts & Sciences, New Mexico State University

- * Academic advising for all students including undecided majors (requiring knowledge of all colleges at NMSU)
- * Maintained proficiency of NCAA rules and regulations to mentor and transition student athletes throughout their educational trajectory
- * Established partnership with local community college to develop transition program for diverse student population into 4-year public institution
- * Managed the Advising for International Student Programs

Student, First Year Scholars Program, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

August 2008 - 2010

- * Created, developed and administered a retention program for first generation, first year, and non-traditional students
- * Managed budget and administered personnel oversight responsibilities
- * Performed nationwide program recruitment and outreach for a diverse student population
- * Managed caseload of 150+ low-income and diverse student populations
- * Mentored and advised students as a member of a Hispanic Serving Institution

Adjunct Instructor, Women's Studies Department, New Mexico State University (Contract), Las Cruces, New Mexico

August 2009 - August 2009

Sociology/ Women's Studies Department, New Mexico State University

[Leading the effort to start an African American Studies Program.]

*The purpose of this seminar, therefore, is to look at (a) the causes, (b) the processes, and (c) the outcomes of the dispersion of African peoples from their homeland.

*Geographic focus, for the most part, restricted to the African diaspora in the Western hemisphere.

*The survival and expression of elements of African cultural heritage; black social and political movements from the past to the present; the social, cultural, and political cross currents and population movements within the Diaspora; influences exerted globally or upon the African homeland itself by the Diaspora.

Education

Ph.D., University of Texas at El Paso

December 2015

M.A., University of Northern Iowa

July 2004

B.A., New Mexico State University

May 2000

A.A., Santa Monica Community College

August 1997

Conferences, Presentations, Lectures, PBS Interviews

PBS-NM: New Mexico in Focus: Policing the Police & The Significance of the Afro-Frontier

November 2023 - November 2023

Season 17, Episode 20 | 58m 38s Aired: 11/03/23 | Rating: NR

Russell Contreras interviews **Dr. Timothy Nelson** talks about his new book about Blackdom, New Mexico.

ASALH 2023 Conference, New Frontiers in Black Placemaking: Afrotopias of the West

September 2023 - September 2023

Chair: Umeme Sababu, Pennwest University

Presenters: Janet E. Rozick, American Public University System, Christopher Hunter, Mississippi State University, Johnifer Patrice Brown, Western Carolina University, Timothy E. Nelson, Blackdom Townsite Co.

New Frontiers in Black Placemaking: Afrotopias of the West

September 2023 - September 2023

(University of Virginia School of Architecture, Center for Cultural Landscapes, Campbell Hall Court, Charlotte, NC) [cont'd next page](#)

This symposium is a generative, re-memory project in which attendees share counter-narratives of Black Western place-making, contemporary grassroots preservation efforts, and current movements to right the wrongs that led to the decline of Western Afrotopias.

Speakers: *Dr. Ashley Adams, Denise Kadara, Dr. Timothy E. Nelson, La Barbara James Wigfall*

Moderator: [Dr. Andrea Roberts](#)

SENM Historical Society, Carlsbad - Book Reading

October 2023 - October 2023

What Really Happened to Blackdom? *The presentation centers on the history of the early 20th century Southeastern New Mexico black settlement, the only autonomous black community in New Mexico created at the onset of the 20th century.*

NMSU Black Programs 2023 Juneteenth Celebration

June 2023 - June 2023

Dr. Nelson unpacks: U.S. Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued General Order No. 3, which informed the people of Texas that all enslaved people were now free.

New Mexico History Conference 2023

March 2023 - March 2023

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO BLACKDOM?

The New Mexico History Conference, signature event of the Historical Society of New Mexico, has taken place in locations all over New Mexico since the 1970s. For the very first time, the 2023 conference will be held in the unique, friendly Silver City.

UNM Maxwell Museum of Anthropology Welcomes Dr. Timothy E. Nelson in honor of Black History Month.

February 2023 - February 2023

Dr. Timothy E. Nelson speaks about Blackdom, New Mexico, and George McJunkin's contribution to the Significance of the Afro-Frontier.

PBS-NM: ¡Colores! Interview with Dr. Nelson (Aired first time February 2020)

February 2022 - February 2022

Have you heard about New Mexico's first and only incorporated all-black town in NewMexico?

Dr. Timothy E. Nelson the Historian uncovers the forgotten history of New Mexico's Blackdom.

Harvard Anti-Racism Policy Journal: Freedom Colonies as Anti-Racism

March 2021 - March 2021

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A HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL STUDENT PUBLICATION - [Freedom Colonies: the initial resistance, the original safe spaces](#); Exploring the intersection of anti-racism & policy, the history of race & colonialism (& their impacts on modern policymaking), visions for a just & equitable future, and commentary from thought leaders and subject-matter experts.

NMSU: Imagining and Shaping a Borderlands Pluriversity

March 2021 - March 2021

New Mexico State University, Dr. Dulcinea Lara, Borderlands and Ethnic Studies Program

A lecture by Dr. Timothy E. Nelson about the Significance of the Afro-Frontier® in relationship to Borderlands. Followed by a discussion and an audience Q&A with Dr. Dulcinea Lara.

New Mexico Humanities Council: Starting Conversations: Blackdom, NM

February 2021 - February 2021

We will hear from an interdisciplinary panel of speakers who each have unique insights on the cultural and historical significance of the Blackdom township with a live Q&A from the audience to follow.

Las Cruces Museums | History Notes: Black History of New Mexico

November 2020 - November 2020

Like an echo across the United States, more [stories surfaced of Black Cowboys joining protests](#). The New York Times headline read, “*Evoking History, Black Cowboys take the Streets.*” We will identify the history evoked by exploring the significance of Afro-Frontier® and Blackdom, New Mexico.

University of Northern Iowa Alumnus | History Club

October 2020 - October 2020

Presentation by Dr. Timothy E. Nelson, UNI History Alumnus

60th Annual Western History Association 2020 Conference: Online Event: "Migrations, Meeting Grounds, and Memory" 11:30 am CST

October 2020 - October 2020

Afro-Frontier® & Borderlands - 100 years later, Intersections at Blackdom, New Mexico (Panel Coordinated by Dr. Nelson and Marissa Roybal)

Chair: Dr. Herbert G. Ruffin, II, Syracuse University Commentator: Alyssa Kreikemeier, Boston University

Timothy E. Nelson, “Intersections at Blackdom | Borderlands & Afro-Frontierism”

Darold Cuba, #MappingFreedom Project

Austin Miller, “Blackdom: Interpreting the Hidden History of New Mexico’s Black Town”

Janice Dunahoo, “George Malone – First Black Attorney in New Mexico”

Black Towns Roundtable - Envisioning the Future

February 2022 - February 2022

Leaders, scholars, visionaries, stakeholders and advocates come together to discuss the future of historic Black Towns and settlements.

The 59th Annual Western History Association Conference, Examining & Reclaiming the African American Experience during Westward Expansion

October 2019 - October 2019

University of Nebraska Lincoln - Center for Great Plains Studies
Mikak Ekstrom, Kenneth Hamilton, George Junne, Timothy E. Nelson, Ashley Adams

Articles, Books

First Academic Book: Blackdom, New Mexico: The Significance of the Afro-Frontier 1900 – 1930

July 2023 - Present

Texas Tech University Press

The editorial committee unanimously approved it for publication in 2021.

Peer Review - University of Nebraska Lincoln - Great Plains Quarterly Article

2023 - 2023

Peer Review - Temple University Press – Book

2020 - 2020

El Palacio Magazine 126 (No. 1), 36-43

March 2021 - March 2021

Blackdom in the Borderlands

New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs; *The Magazine of the Museum of New Mexico*

International Journal of Educational Research 68, 27-34

2014 - 2014

[Identification problems: US special education eligibility for English language learners](#); DE DeMatthews, DB Edwards Jr, TE Nelson

Blackpast.org - BLACKDOM OIL COMPANY (1919-1930)

June 2020 - August 2021

Published June 2020 – Aug 2021; TE Nelson, <https://blackpast.org> (*removed due Assignee of Rights term agreement requested 2021*)

Blackpast.org - BLACKDOM, NEW MEXICO (1903-1930)

2016 - August 2021

Published 2016 – Aug 2021

TE Nelson, <https://blackpast.org> (*removed due Assignee of Rights term agreement requested 2021*)

Military Service

US Army Quartermaster Office

December 2001 - December 2006

Retired as a First Lieutenant.

Volunteering, Community Service

Legislative Expert, Blackdom Townsite Co.

February 2021 - February 2021

Testimony HB 227/SB 210HB 227/SB 210 (/Rep Roybal Caballero/Senator Linda Lopez)

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; DEFINING "ETHNIC STUDIES"; REQUIRING ETHNIC STUDIES THAT MEET PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONTENTS AND PERFORMANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN ETHNIC STUDIES COUNCIL TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT WITH CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

Member, New Mexico Ethnic Studies Council

February 2021 - October 2021

Member, New Mexico Black Education Act Advisory Council

April 2021 - February 2022

Blackdom Descendant Land Owner Consultant, Blackdom Townsite Co.

September 2021 - Present

Hobbies

Writing, cooking, hiking, yoga, painting, videography, gardening...