

**Rob Shapard, PhD**  
**Training & Experience**

**TRAINING**

**PhD – U.S. and Environmental History**

UNC Chapel Hill, 2017

Dissertation: *Tree by Tree: Destruction, Development, and Discourse in the Southern Longleaf Forests* (advised by Prof. W. Fitzhugh Brundage)

- Lecturer and graduate instructor in the UNC-CH Department of History
- Trained in theory and practice of oral history in the Southern Oral History Program

**MA – U.S. and Environmental History**

North Carolina State University, 2009

Thesis: *Building an Inland Sea: Clarks Hill Lake on the Upper Savannah and the Twentieth-Century Lives, Land, and River Hidden by its Waters* (advised by Prof. Matthew M. Booker)

- Graduate instructor in the NCSU Department of History

**MA – Journalism**

University of Georgia, 1994

BA – American History

**Williams College, 1989**

**EXPERIENCE**

Independent Writer, Researcher, and Historian, TaprootsJournal.com, January 2020-present

Writer and Project Coordinator for the UNC-CH Community Histories Workshop, May 2018-Dec. 2019

Visiting Lecturer in U.S. History, UNC-CH Dept. of History, July 2017-Dec. 2019

Writer and Researcher for the Chancellor's Task Force on UNC Chapel Hill History, Jan. 2016-April 2019

Teaching Fellow in U.S. history, Dept. of History, UNC-CH, Jan.-June 2017

Field Scholar in Oral History, Southern Oral History Program, UNC-CH, 2012-14

Research Fellow for the Breaking New Ground oral history project, May-September 2011

Graduate Instructor in U.S. history, UNC-CH, 2009-12, and 2015-16, NCSU, 2007-09

Full-time Reporter & Editor, *American City & County* magazine; the *Griffin Daily News* (GA); and the *Durham Herald-Sun* (NC), 1994-2007

And a few jobs from much earlier days that I am grateful for (at least, I am *now*): Swim instructor, textile mill worker, ice-cream van driver, lawncare guy, dishwasher in restaurant and college cafeteria, golf school assistant, golf course maintenance worker, bagel shop worker, and waiter in a Mexican restaurant near Disney World.