

Jasmine Holmes

Developmental Editor | Historian | Public Scholarship Specialist

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PROFILE

Developmental editor and historian specializing in research-driven nonfiction and scholarly manuscripts. Over a decade of experience translating archival research into accessible, high-impact narratives for academic and general audiences. Expert in argument development, structural revision, and audience alignment for collaborative long-form projects.

EDUCATION

M.A., History — Jackson State University, 2025

Thesis: "Emptying Her Master's Pockets: The WPA Narratives and a New Archival Practice"

B.A., English Literature — Thomas Edison University, 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Our Sister's Keeper — Forthcoming

Yonder Come Day: Exploring the Collective Witness of the Formerly Enslaved — Baker Books, 2024

Lulu Fleming: The Doctor Who Shared Jesus — B&H Kids, 2024 | Here I Am! Biography Series

Crowned with Glory — Baker Books, 2023

Never Cast Out: How the Gospel Puts an End to the Story of Shame — B&H Publishing, 2023

Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us — Bethany House Publishers, 2022

Carved in Ebony Young Reader's Edition — Bethany House Publishers, 2022

Mother to Son: Letters to a Black Boy on Identity and Hope — B&H Publishing, 2020

Bible Studies

Ephesians — Co-author with Jackie Hill Perry & Melissa Kruger | Lifeway, 2024

2025 Christian Book Awards Finalist — Evangelical Christian Publishers Association

Contributions

Happily Ever After: Finding Grace in the Messes of Marriage — Contributing author | Desiring God, 2021

His Testimonies, My Heritage: Women of Color on the Word of God — Contributing author | The Good Book Company, 2019

Identity Theft: Reclaiming the Truth of Our Identity in Christ — Contributing author | The Gospel Coalition, 2018

World on Fire: Walking in Wisdom When Everyone's Fighting about Everything — Contributing author | B&H, 2017

CSB Bible — Biographical entries and historical contextualization | B&H Publishing

Selected Writing & Journalism

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, The Gospel Coalition, Christianity Today, Common Good, HomeLife Magazine, Mature Living, Well-Watered Women, & Campaign, Fathom Mag (columnist), Desiring God, Journeywomen, She Reads Truth

EXPERIENCE

Director of Museum Education — Two Mississippi Museums, Jackson, MS | 2024–Present

- Lead development of historically grounded educational content based on deep archival and scholarly research.
- Translate complex historical materials into accessible, engaging narratives for K–12 students, educators, and the general public.
- Direct the design of state-standard-aligned curricula; oversee development of interpretive materials and educator guides.

Archival Editorial Consultant (Graduate Assistant) — The Margaret Walker Center, Jackson, MS | September 2023–December 2024

- Transcribed and synthesized 50+ oral histories from the Head Start collection.
- Supported archival research initiatives and public programming, including the Phillis Wheatley Festival.

Developmental Editor — Scholarly & Research-Based Projects — Independent | 2010–Present

- Dissertation Chapter Development — Provided chapter-level developmental editing for Abena Boakyewa-Ansah (Vanderbilt University), strengthening argument clarity, structural coherence, and synthesis of primary and secondary sources.
- Manuscript-to-Trade Collaboration — Led a multi-year editorial partnership with scholar Carl Ellis, translating academic research into a public-facing trade manuscript. Project resulted in Ellis securing literary representation with Curtis Yates / Yates & Yates Literary Agency.
- Biographical Research — Commissioned by Penn State University / ARDA (2021) to produce biographical entries and historical contextualization for the Association of Religion Data Archives online timeline.
- Ongoing Consultancy — Sample edits, comprehensive editorial memos, and research support for archival and public-facing projects.

Research Assistant & Library Curator — The Edmiston Center, Remote | June 2021–July 2022

- Assisted in manuscript development and academic research projects.
- Conducted research on historical and cultural topics to support faculty work.
- Curated and expanded a specialized research library collection.

Humanities & Writing Educator — St. Augustine School | Hope Academy | Trinity Classical | 2012–2021

- Taught Humanities, Latin, and Social Studies across grades 5–12.
- Guided students through long-form writing projects, including senior thesis development.
- Designed curriculum and instructional materials across multiple subject areas.

MEDIA & SPEAKING

Television & Major Media

- Good Morning America, ABC News — Crowned with Glory (February 2024)
- C-SPAN Book Festival — "The Complexity of the African American Experience" (September 2025)
- C-SPAN Book Festival — "Civil Rights in Mississippi and Medgar Evers' Activism and Assassination" (September 2025)
- C-SPAN, American History TV— "Author Discussion on African Americans and America" (September 2024)

Podcasts

- Let's Talk with Jackie Hill Perry and Melissa Kruger — Co-host, three seasons (2020–2023)
446,000+ downloads and 54,000+ unique listeners in first eight weeks; 1,100+ ratings on Apple Podcasts
- Carved in Ebony Podcast with Abena Boakyewa-Ansah
- Sweet Tea with Portia Collins

- Here's Where It Gets Interesting with Sharon McMahon — "Pursuing the Truth in History Education"
- Be the Bridge Podcast with Latasha Morrison — "Proclaiming Black Dignity in History" (Ep. 275, 2023)

Newsletter

- Finding Jane — Substack (jasmineholmes.substack.com)

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Legacy Conference — "The Cult of Domesticity and Biblical Womanhood" (2017)
- Canvas Conference — "Unexpected Song: Langston Hughes and the Theology of Enough" (2017)
- The Gospel Coalition National Conference (2018, 2022)
- TGC Writers' Workshop — Peer editing and presentation (2018)
- Women's Training Network — "The Cult of Domesticity and Biblical Womanhood" (2020)
- Mississippi Book Festival — "The Complexity of the African American Experience" (2025)
- Mississippi Book festival — "Civil Rights in Mississippi and Medgar Evers' Activism and Assassination" (September 2025)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2025 Christian Book Awards Finalist — Ephesians (ECPA)
- Christianity Today Book Award — Mother to Son
- Gospel Coalition Award of Distinction — Never Cast Out
- Christianity Today Book Awards — Judge

AREAS OF FOCUS

African American History | Cultural History & Memory | Archival Research & Interpretation | Public Scholarship & Pedagogy | Narrative Nonfiction & Crossover Academic Trade