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“A noted lawyer and educator, he enlivens history with the contributions of the unsung and the stories of the underserved.”

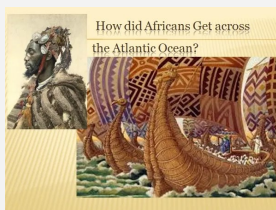
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Speaking Topics:

African American History

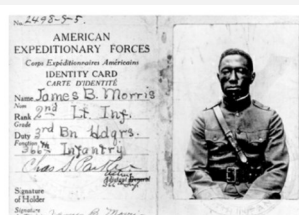
My goal is to shine light on some of the outstanding facts of African American history that are rarely discussed. I like to start with African explorers arriving in the New World before Europeans, and how Black history is connected with Spanish, European, Mexican, and Israeli history.



Military History

Military service and sacrifice have been the driving forces of freedom and equality for African Americans.

It was the service of military veterans that formed the backbone of the abolitionist movement in colonial times, the building blocks of the Black middle class and essential to the civil rights movements.



Critical Race Theory

America has been politically and socially fractured by violence and extremism across the political spectrum over the last several years. Class, racial, and ideological strife have damaged the social contract and the very fabric of our nation and threatens to destroy America as we know it.



Bio

William S. Morris is passionate about American history. He is a published author, educator, lawyer, historian, and public speaker. Morris teaches, researches, and writes about African American history. His unique presentations travel back in time centuries before the intercontinental slave trade and explore the broad multi-generational African ancestral experience. He also lectures on Critical Race Theory and its adverse impacts on American public education.

In his upcoming book, “In Defense of the Nation: Black Iowans at War”, William chronicles the contributions and trials of black soldiers from the foundation of this nation to later major conflict in Operation Desert Storm. He is the author of numerous newspaper articles and contributed the chapter on military history for the comprehensive history of African Americans in Iowa, “Outside In: African American History in Iowa 1838-2000”, published by the Iowa State Historical Society. He is also the author of the chapters Black Soldiers In The Civil War and The Buffalo Soldiers In The Indian Wars for the book “Black Faces of War”. William is a student of history, and has written several papers on low-intensity warfare and crime, the militarization of law enforcement, and the evolution of street gangs into insurgent organizations.

Currently residing in Texas, Morris holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Iowa College of Law. He practiced law for 31 years and has served on the board of directors of the Iowa State Historical Society, the Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center, and the Morris Scholarship Fund. He is a Life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Testimonials

Morris’ ability to apply this historical information into our current culture and context is needed in our world today. His is a much needed voice in our complex twenty-first century culture.

Rabbi John Ross

He is intelligent, articulate and passionate about the service African-Americans have contributed to the defense of our nation and its democracy.

Dr. Hal S. Chase, Ph.D.

His personal perspective complements well-documented research, providing insight to often forgotten individuals in American history. I look forward to a front seat at future lectures.

Attorney Phillip Miller