

**Richard Rodriguez**

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Richard Rodriguez is a doctoral student at the FIU History Department and a Miami-Dade County Public Schools Teacher. He is married to Debonaire (24 years) and they have 4 children.

**EDUCATION**

**Florida International University, Miami**

Ph.D. Student

2010—Present

**Florida International University, Miami**

M.A. American History

2010

**Florida Atlantic University**

B.A. American History

1987

**EMPLOYMENT**

2006 – Present

**Teacher, Dade County Public Schools**

Miami, FL

**Department Head Social Studies Dept. and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team**

Develop lesson plans and teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Early Republic U.S. History starting with Pre-Columbian American History and European Exploration through to the Civil War and Reconstruction. As Department Head I lead teachers in delivering social science content to students.

2002- 2006

**Community Resource Investment Professional—United Way of Miami-Dade**

Work with community agencies to manage and maximize resources for children and families. Worked in the community with businesses and corporations to raise resources for community based services for Miami-Dade residents.

2000-2002

**Executive Director—Northwest Dade YMCA**

Miami, FL

Manage and direct YMCA branch that delivered afterschool and sports programs to youth and families. Raised community awareness and raised resources for programs designed to serve children and families.

1989- 2000

**Children Youth and Families Professional**

**Children Youth and Families Services**

Miami, FL.

Worked in different capacities that included Families Counselor, Supervisor, Health and Human Services Board Liaison, Executive Assistant to the District Administrator, Community Resource Developer, all for the purpose of providing community based services to at-risk residents of Miami-Dade.

### **COMPS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Dr. Jenna Gibbs  
Dr. Alexandra Cornelius  
Dr. Noble David Cook

### **FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century United States History  
Religion, Slavery and Anti-Slavery in United States History  
African American Religion in United States History  
Empire, Slavery and Anti-Slavery in the Atlantic World

### **SCHOLARLY/CONFERENCE PAPERS GIVEN**

2015            “The Fearful Penalties of God’s Broken Law: Henry Highland Garnet and the Theology of Divine Retribution for Slavery.” Memphis University Graduate Student African American History Conference

### **SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS TAUGHT**

2014            “The Florida Standards: Change this Year!” Opening of Schools at Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center

2012            “Teaching Eighth Grade U.S. History: Pre-Columbian America to Reconstruction.” Social Studies Summer Institute.

2012            “Teaching the Gettysburg Address.” Teaching American History Workshop Series for Elementary Education Teachers.

### **SERVICE ORIENTED/COMMUNITY LECTURES**

2014            South Florida Church of Christ “Abolitionists and the Theology of Divine Retribution”

2012            Church of God Tabernacle of Miami “The evolution of Abraham Lincoln’s views regarding the fate of African Americans”

- 2011 African American Research Library and Cultural Center. "Abolitionists and the Theology of Divine Retribution"
- 2015 Columbia, S.C. Church of Christ. "Abolitionists and the Theology of Divine Retribution"