

Biographical Information



Donald West is a full-time instructor in the Department of History, Humanities, and Languages at Trident Technical College. He teaches both series of the U.S. history and the African American history courses. He also teaches a survey history course on Africa. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, **West** is also a coordinator in his department.

West is a travel enthusiast, and he has used his love of history to facilitate learning through educational trips and tours in Charleston, South Carolina, the Southeast, and Washington D.C. He has also traveled to West Africa, where he has visited important historic sites including places connected to the Atlantic Slave Trade. West has also lectured and presented on aspects of African Americans in times of war. His articles have appeared in state and local as well as national anthologies and journals.

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Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Life member

Liberian Studies Association

Friends of Cameroon

Friends of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, College of Charleston

Civil War Reenactment Unit, 54th Mass Regiment, Company I

Smithsonian Institution

International African American Museum

REFERENCES:

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In addition to his teaching responsibilities, **West** has been a mentor and advisor in several student programs and organizations at Trident including the Clemente program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the TTC International Student Club. He has used his love of history to facilitate learning through travel, leading Trident students as well as other interested parties on local history tours in Charleston. Additional educational trips include other parts of South Carolina, the Southeast, and Washington D.C. He is a travel enthusiast and an active member of the International Education Committee, and a frequent participant in “Global Awareness Week” at Trident Tech.

West has traveled to Cameroon, Senegal, The Gambia, and Ghana. He also successfully helped to write two Fulbright grants, bringing African scholars to Trident Tech. to teach and lecture on African history and Black literature (2000&2005). His travels in West Africa, where he has visited important historic sites, includes landmarks connected to the Atlantic Slave Trade. In 2008, after submitting another grant awarded proposal, he traveled as the project director of a Fulbright-Hays grant with 12 other educators to Guinea and Sierra Leone. A website and anthology page of the Fulbright-Hays experience has been produced to educate students and the general public on West Africa and the Lowcountry connection. https://www.tridenttech.edu/academics/divisions/hss/hss_manoriver.htm

