

## Tom Head, Ph.D.

**BOOKS PUBLISHED (academic, trade nonfiction, general reference):** *World History 101* (Adams Media/Simon & Schuster, 2017); *It's Your World, So Change It: Using the Power of the Internet to Create Social Change* (Que/Pearson, 2010); *Civil Liberties: A Beginner's Guide\** (Oneworld, 2009); *Crime and Punishment in America* [with David Wolcott] (Facts on File, 2008); *Conversations with Carl Sagan\*\** (University Press of Mississippi, 2006); *The Absolute Beginner's Guide to the Bible* (Que/Pearson, 2005); *Bears' Guide to the Best Education Degrees by Distance Learning* [with John Bear, Mariah Bear, and Thomas Nixon] (Ten Speed, 2001); *Get Your IT Degree and Get Ahead* [with Mariah Bear and John Bear] (Osborne/McGraw-Hill, 2000).

**BOOKS PUBLISHED (juvenile nonfiction, K-12 reference):** *Air Commandos* (Black Rabbit, 2016); *Green Berets* (Black Rabbit, 2016); *Ancient Mesopotamia* (Abdo, 2015); *Freedom of Religion* (Facts on File/InfoBase, 2005); *The Future of the Internet* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2005); *Is Torture Ever Justified?* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2005); *Religion and Education* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2005); *What is the State of Human Rights?* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2005); *1966* [with Carol Carwile Head] (Greenhaven/Gale, 2004); *The Bill of Rights* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2003); *Confederate Generals* (Blackbirch/Gale, 2003); *Mysterious Places* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2003); *Possessions and Exorcisms* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2003); *Slaves* (Blackbirch/Gale, 2003); *Union Generals* (Blackbirch/Gale, 2003); *Women and Families* (Blackbirch/Gale, 2003); *Mikhail Gorbachev* (Greenhaven/Gale, 2002).

**SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS:** "What Chokwe Lumumba Taught Me" in *Passing It On: Moving Stories of Activists, 1960-2000* (Archway, 2015); "Future of Cancer" in the *Encyclopedia of Cancer and Society*, 2nd edition (SAGE, 2015); "Ancient Thought," "Medieval Thought," and "Mississippi" in the *Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, 2nd edition (SAGE, 2014); "Arkansas," "Connecticut," "District of Columbia," "Louisiana," and "Mississippi" in *Chuck Stewart's Proud Heritage: People, Issues, and Documents of the LGBT Experience* (ABC-CLIO, 2014); "Community Organizing" in the *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity* (SAGE, 2014); "Equal Opportunity Employment Commission" and "Knowledge Construction" in *Cortes's Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia* (SAGE, 2013); "Martin Luther King Jr. and Latinos" in *Latino History and Culture: An Encyclopedia* (Sharpe, 2010).

**SCRIPTWRITING:** Writer and researcher, *Wisecrack* (2016), for six videos ("Is Zootopia Racist?," "Philosophy of Darth Vader," "Philosophy of the Joker," "South Park and Religion," "Why Do We Love Serial Killers?," and "Will VR Porn Replace Sex?").

**MISCELLANEOUS WRITING:** About.com Guide to Civil Liberties (2006-2015); contributing columnist, *Jackson Free Press* (2007-2015); contributing writer, *Mysterious Universe* (2014-2016); contributing writer, CMUSE (2015-2016); contributing writer, billyboy/William Green Architecture (2015); contributing writer, *Hopes & Fears* (2016); contributing writer for AP Psychology test preparation materials, *Shmoop* (2016); contributing writer, the Art Story Foundation (2016); freelance copywriter, Random House Books (2015-present); language arts curriculum editor, Education Designers/Creative Content (2017-present).

**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. in Religion and Society, Edith Cowan University (2013); M.A. in Humanities, California State University—Dominguez Hills (2000); Professional Certificate in Grant Writing, San Diego State University (2013); Professional Certificate in Online Education, University of Wisconsin—Madison (2016); Certificate in Paralegal Studies, Auburn University (2017); EEO Investigator Certification, Art of Resolution LL.C. (2017); B.A. in Liberal Arts, Regents College (1996); additional coursework in counseling psychology (Mississippi College, 1997), theological studies (Spring Hill College, 1999-2000), bioethics (Harvard/EdX, 2017), decision science (DelftTU/EdX, 2017), and novel writing (University of British Columbia/EdX, 2016). Currently seeking the IAI's associate Certified Forensic Interviewer (aCFI) certification.

**COURSES AND WORKSHOPS TAUGHT:** *Argument Class* (Mississippi ACLU Youth Hip-Hop Summit, Summer 2013); *Love and Social Justice* (AmeriCorps, Spring 2012); *Love and the Vulnerable Individual* (Millsaps College Community Enrichment Series, Fall 2011); *Introduction to Surrealism* (Millsaps College Community Enrichment Series, Fall 2011).

**AWARDS:** Association of Alternative Newsweeklies (AAN) AltWeekly Award, 2nd Place, Small-Circulation Political Columns (2012); Certificate of Appreciation, Rankin County Democratic Party (2010); Certificate of Appreciation, Mississippi ACLU (2006).

(\* Adapted into audiobook format by Bolinda Publishing, narrated by Richard Aspel.)

\*\* Translated into Portuguese by Rui Lage, and published as *Conversas com Carl Sagan* (Quasi Edições, 2009).