

2023 George W. Knepper Annual Endowed Lecture

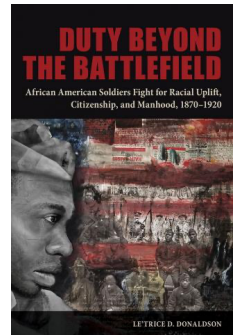
"A Destiny Deferred: Exploring the Life, Impact, and Memorialization of Charles Young."

Dr. Le'Trice Donaldson



"A Destiny Deferred" explores the life of one of the most influential figures in American military history. Brigadier General Charles Young's multi-faceted talent and determination had a tremendous impact on the United States Army, on higher education, and on foreign affairs. Young was a leader, a teacher, a playwright, an intellectual, and a statesman at various stages of his career. General Young during his life was the most celebrated African American soldier at the turn of the twentieth century. His legacy as a leader and civil rights advocate helped shape an entire generation of soldiers and civilians.

Le'Trice Donaldson is the Paul R. and Mary Haas Distinguished Professor of History at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Dr. Donaldson specializes in the late nineteenth and early twentieth-century African American military history, the Gilded Age, WWI, and Gender History. She works at the intersection of race, gender, military service, and the long civil rights movement. She is the author of *Duty Beyond the Battlefield: African American Soldiers Fight for Racial Uplift, Citizenship, and Manhood, 1870-1920*, and *A Voyage Through the African American Experience*.



**Wednesday, October 11th
5:30pm – Simmons Hall 111**

Free and Open to the Public – Refreshments will be served

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