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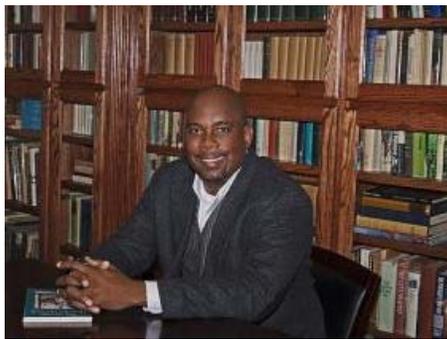
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Checking in with ... Glenn McNair

Now a college professor, this SSU grad has also served as a Savannah cop and federal agent

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Glenn McNair, an associate professor of history at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, also serves as the editor of the Georgia Historical Society.

By Chuck Mobley

Name: Glenn McNair

Age: 48

Hometown: Savannah

Family: Wife, Sylvie Coulibaly, in Ohio; mother, Lauretta McNair, and sister, Lisa McNair, who both live in Savannah.

Pets: A Jack Russell terrier

Employment: He's an associate professor of history and the chair of the history department at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

Education: He graduated from Beach High School in 1980, and went on to

earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Savannah State University, a master's degree in history from Georgia College & State University and a doctorate degree in American history from Emory University.

Achievement: Earlier this year, he was named the editor of the Georgia Historical Quarterly, a scholarly journal published by the Georgia Historical Society. He's just the sixth person to hold that position during the Quarterly's 93-year history.

Arresting manner: He served in the Savannah Police Department in the 1980s, and also worked as an agent in the Macon office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. In 1992, as part of the presidential campaign, he was temporarily posted to the Secret Service, which assigned him to the protective details of President Bill Clinton and other candidates.

career switch: He realized that "criminals were not James Bond-style villains" said McNair, so he went "looking for something else to give me intellectual stimulation."

In print: His 2009 book, "Criminal Injustice: Slaves and Free Blacks in Georgia Criminal

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Justice System," was published by the University of Virginia Press. He's also written articles for the Quarterly and other scholarly journals.

Right man for the job: McNair brings a "fresh perspective" to the position of editor, "while maintaining the Quarterly's reputation for cutting-edge research and analysis," said W. Todd Groce, president and CEO of the Georgia Historical Society.

Hobbies: Flying model airplanes, weight-training, and playing golf.

Favorite TV show: "Dexter," which he called "a crazy concept show" with a "twisted sense of what's right and wrong."

Favorite band: Earth, Wind & Fire, "hands down, my favorite," said McNair, who added that he listens to something by them every day.

Favorite authors: Thomas Sowell, a black economist who "broadened" his approach on how to see race, McNair said. Pat Conroy is his favorite "modern writer in the South."

Favorite sports: Football and boxing.

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5 books on history

Glenn McNair's top five books on Georgia history:

- "Saving Savannah: The City and the Civil War" by Jacqueline Jones
- "What Virtue There Is in Fire: Cultural Memory and the Lynching of Sam Hose" by Edwin T. Arnold
- "Slavery in Colonial Georgia, 1730-1775" by Betty Wood
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