

Joy Bivins Curator



Experience: Chicago History Museum (Curator, 2003–present; Exhibition Developer, 2002–03)

Education: MPS, Africana Studies, Cornell University, 2003; BA, History and Afro-American and African Studies, University of Michigan, 1998

Joy Bivins' major responsibilities include overseeing content development for Museum exhibitions and helping to shape the Museum's vast collections in collaboration with fellow collections and curatorial staff. Since joining the Museum in 2002, Bivins has curated several exhibitions including *Colonia to Community: The Southeast Side*, September 2006–July 2007; *Teen Chicago*, April 2004–December 2005 (winner of the 2005 American Association of Museums Excellence in Exhibitions award); *Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America*, June 2005–December 2005; *South Shore Posters*, November 2004–December 2005; and *Chicago History in Pictures*, December 2002–December 2005.

Bivins has published two exhibition-related articles in the Museum's magazine, *Chicago History*, including: "Emmett Till's Day in Court," Fall 2005; and "Coming of Age in Chicago," Fall 2004, which she co-authored with Harvey J. Graff. Bivins also authored "Rosa Parks Acted for the Whole Community," published in the November 2005 issue of *Streetwise*.

During her time at the Museum, Bivins has been interviewed and consulted for both radio and television programming including: *Chicago Tonight*, WTTW, February 2006 on African American History month for the "Treasures of Chicago" series; "Englewood Speaks," CLTV, April 2006 for the History of Englewood segment; *Chicago Tonight*, WTTW, October 2006 for "The Death of Rosa Parks with Timuel Black;" and *Eight Forty-Eight*, WBEZ, June 2005 for "Without Sanctuary" in-gallery interview.

In addition to her contributions at the Museum, Bivins has given presentations at the annual meetings of the American Association of Museums, the Association of African American Museums, the Association of Midwest Museums, the Oral History Association, and Chicagoland area elementary and high schools. In April 2006, Bivins received the American Association of Museums' Diversity Fellowship award.