

# Augustus Burns III

<b>Name</b>	Augustus M. Burns (Deceased)
<b>Professional Occupation</b>	Professor of History
<b>Institution</b>	University of Florida
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://tobaccodocuments.org/profiles/people/burns_augustus.html">http://tobaccodocuments.org/profiles/people/burns_augustus.html</a>
<b>Short Description</b>	<p>A lecture series has been organized annually since 2000 to recognize Burns' contributions. Guest speakers on the first memorial lecture included historian Stephen Ambrose, who has also testified as an expert for the tobacco industry.<sup>1</sup> Burns was deposed in two cases. In his deposition in <i>Engle v. R.J. Reynolds</i>, Burns acknowledged that he made \$100 an hour for his litigation-driven work.<sup>2</sup> In <i>Florida v. American Tobacco</i>, Burns was also questioned on his remuneration:</p> <p><i>“Q. What does it add up to, do you know, in terms of compensation to you over this period of time?</i></p> <p><i>A. \$75,000, \$80,000.</i></p> <p><i>Q. What is your annual salary there at the university?</i></p> <p><i>A. \$52,000 a year.”<sup>3</sup></i></p> <p>In two years Burns got paid by the tobacco companies for his work as an expert witness amounting to 80 % of his normal salary that he received from his university.</p>
<b>Education</b>	Ph.D.
<b>Major Fields</b>	Racial history in the South
<b>Major Publications</b>	Graduate Education for Blacks in North Carolina, 1930-1951 (1980), Frank Porter Graham and the 1950 Senate Race in North Carolina (1990)
<b>Number of Cases</b>	2

<sup>1</sup> Consulted via <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/events/news/Articles%201996-2004/200003-atc.html>. Accessed 31 Oct 2014.

<sup>2</sup> See deposition of Augustus Burns, November 6, 1998, *Engle v. R.J. Reynolds*. Westlaw reference: 1998 WL 35273084.

<sup>3</sup> See deposition of Augustus Burns, May 9, 1997, *Florida v. R.J. Reynolds*. Westlaw reference: 1997 WL 34665268.

Case <sup>4</sup>	Year	Manner of Involvement
1. Florida v. American Tobacco	1997	Deposition
2. Engle v. R.J. Reynolds	1998	Deposition

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<sup>4</sup> Information on the cases is based on Proctor, Robert. 2012. *Golden Holocaust: Origins of the Cigarette Catastrophe and the Case for Abolition*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 460. & The following online databases: <http://legacy.library.ucsf.edu>. <http://tobaccodocuments.org>. <http://lawschool.courtroomview.com/experts>. & Westlaw.