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Positions

Rice University

Mary Gibbs Jones Professor of Humanities and Professor of History (2020-Present)

Associate Professor of History (2015-2020)

Assistant Professor of History (2008-2015)

University of Denver, Assistant Professor of History (2006-2008)

Education

Ph.D, History, Johns Hopkins University 2006.

M.A., Philosophy, Texas A&M University, 2001.

B.A., History, Texas A&M University, 2000.

Publications

Books

Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America (Oxford University Press, 2019).

Winner of the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in History.

Winner of the 2020 Avery O. Craven Award from the Organization of American Historians.

Finalist, 2020 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize.

The Problem of Democracy in the Age of Slavery: Garrisonian Abolitionists and Transatlantic Reform (Louisiana State University Press, 2013).

Winner of the Merle Curti Award for Best Book in American Intellectual History from the Organization of American Historians.

Co-Winner of the James H. Broussard First Book Prize from Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.

Co-Edited Journal Issue

Co-editor, with Bethany L. Johnson, of “New Approaches to Internationalizing the History of the Civil War Era,” special issue of *Journal of the Civil War Era* 2, no. 2 (June 2012). Also published in an Amazon Kindle edition.

Articles and Chapters

Blind Refereed Articles

“The Case of John L. Brown: Sex, Slavery, and the Trials of a Transatlantic Abolitionist Campaign,” *American Nineteenth-Century History* 14, no. 2 (June 2013), 141–159, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14664658.2013.805551>.

“His Brothers’ Keeper: John Brown, Moral Stewardship, and Interracial Abolitionism,” *Slavery and Abolition* 32, no. 1 (March 2011), 27–52, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/64545> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0144039X.2011.538197>

“Repealing Unions: American Abolitionists, Irish Repeal, and the Origins of Garrisonian Disunionism,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 28, no. 2 (2008), 243–269, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/27612>. **Winner of Ralph D. Gray Best Article Prize, SHEAR.**

“The Fourth and the First: Abolitionist Holidays, Respectability, and Radical Interracial Reform,” *American Quarterly* 57, no. 1 (2005): 129–151. <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/27613>

Invited Refereed Articles

“Saltwater Anti-slavery: American Abolitionists on the Atlantic Ocean in the Age of Steam,” *Atlantic Studies* 8, no. 2 (June 2011), 141–163. Reprinted in *Abolitionist Places*, ed. Martha Schoolman and Jared Hickman (London: Routledge, 2013), 9–31. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14788810.2011.562349>.

Refereed Book Chapters

- “The Transatlantic Mind of Wendell Phillips and the Problem of Democracy in America,” in *Wendell Phillips, Social Justice, and the Power of the Past*, ed. A. J. Aiséirithe and Donald Yacovone (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2016), 50-72.
- “Involuntary Removals: ‘Refugeed Slaves’ in Confederate Texas,” in *Lone Star Unionism, Dissent, and Resistance: Other Sides of Civil War Texas*, ed. Frank de la Teja (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2016), 60-83.
- “Philadelphia Abolitionists and Antislavery Cosmopolitanism, 1760-1840,” in *Antislavery and Abolition in Philadelphia: Emancipation and the Long Struggle for Racial Justice in the City of Brotherly Love*, ed. Richard Newman and James Mueller (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2011), 149-173.

Invited Articles

- “The Trouble with Freedom,” *Reviews in American History* 47, no. 2 (June 2019), 209-220.
- “The Bonds and Boundaries of Antislavery,” *Journal of the Civil War Era* 4, no. 1 (March 2014), 84-105. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/cwe.2014.0021>
- “New Approaches to Internationalizing the History of the Civil War Era: An Introduction,” co-authored with Bethany L. Johnson, *Journal of the Civil War Era* 2, no. 2 (June 2012), 145-150. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/cwe.2012.0046>
- “The Lincoln-Douglass Debates,” *Reviews in American History* 38, no. 1 (March 2010), 169-177. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/rah.0.0173>
- “John Brown, Quietist,” *Common Knowledge* 16, no. 1 (Winter 2010), 31-47. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1215/0961754X-2009-059>
- “Abolitionism” in *The Palgrave Dictionary of Transnational History*, ed. Akira Iriye and Pierre-Yves Saunier (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), 6-8.
- “The United States Navy and the African Squadron,” introduction to “Treasures from the Gilder Lehrman Collection” department in *New-York Journal of American History* 67, no. 1 (2008), 52-57.
- “Blogging in the Early Republic: Why Bloggers Belong in the History of Reading,” *Common-Place* 5, no. 4 (July 2005), <http://www.common-place.org/vol-05/no-04/mcdaniel/>. Reprinted in John Alberti, *Text Messaging: Reading and Writing about Popular Culture* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2008), 374-384.

Magazine Essays

- “The Nation’s Unsettled Account,” *Smithsonian Magazine*, September 2019
- “Looking Back on a Backward Survey,” *The American Historian* 7 (February 2016), 10-12.

Op-Eds

- “The Former Slave Who Sued for Reparations, and Won,” *New York Times*, September 4, 2019, <https://nyti.ms/30UM1hV>
- “Historian: No, the Civil War Didn’t Erase Slavery’s Harm,” *Houston Chronicle*, July 12, 2019, <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Historian-No-the-Civil-War-didn-t-erase-14089478.php>
- “The South Only Embraced States’ Rights as It Lost Control of the Federal Government,” *The Atlantic*, November 1, 2017, <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/11/states-rights/544541/>
- “History’s Echoes in the Policing that Made Eric Garner Say ‘Enough,’” *Time*, Dec. 5, 2014, <http://time.com/3620015/eric-garner-history-taxes-racism/>

Born-Digital Works

News Media

- “15 Unsung Moments From American History That Historians Say You Should Know About,” *Time*, June 28, 2019, <https://time.com/5616397/unsung-american-history/>
- “Heroes of the Sabine Pass,” *New York Times*, “Disunion” blog, September 9, 2013. <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/09/09/heroes-of-the-sabine-pass/>
- “To Be Born on the Fourth of July,” *The Atlantic*, July 4, 2013.
- “Captivity in Black and White,” co-authored with Andrew F. Lang, *New York Times*, “Disunion” blog, February 9, 2013. <http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/09/captivity-in-black-and-white/>

Digital Humanities

- Every3Minutes, a Twitter bot on the American slave trade, reviewed in *Journal of American History*

- “Data Mining the Internet Archive Collection,” peer-reviewed tutorial for *The Programming Historian*, March 3, 2014. <http://programminghistorian.org/lessons/data-mining-the-internet-archive>
- “Why Study Digital History?” (August 30, 2012). Editors’ Choice post for Global Perspectives on Digital History. <http://gpdh.org/2012/09/03/why-study-digital-history/>

Digital Archives and Exhibits

- Co-Director (with Lisa Spiro), *Harvey Memories Project*. A community-driven digital archive of images, stories, and audio-visual recordings about the lived experience of Hurricane Harvey. <https://harveymemories.org/>
- Editor, *Dick Dowling and Sabine Pass in History and Memory* (2012-). An Omeka exhibit hosted at the Woodson Research Center, Fondren Library, Rice University. <http://exhibits.library.rice.edu/exhibits/show/dick-dowling>

Invited Online Essays

- “The Relationship between National Exceptionalism and the Transnational Perspective,” Forum on Transnational History published by Palgrave Macmillan, <http://www.transnationalhistory.com/discussion.aspx?id=1548>
- “Cliopatria Symposium on Transnational Histories,” *History News Network*, April 19, 2006, <http://hnn.us/blog/24073>

Encyclopedia Entries

- “West Indian Emancipation Celebrations,” “World’s Antislavery Convention 1840,” “Thompson, George,” “O’Connell, Daniel,” and “Kossuth, Louis,” in *Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Abolition*, ed. Peter Hinks and John McKivigan (2 vols., Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007), vol. 2, 398-399, 511-513, 679-680, 742-744, 760-762.
- “Leonard Grimes” and “Jehiel Beman” in *The African American National Biography*, ed. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), 2:359-360, 3:650-651.

Book Reviews

- Kellie Carter Jackson, *Force and Freedom: Black Abolitionists and the Politics of Violence*, in *Civil War History* 66, no. 1 (March 2020), 81-83, <https://doi.org/10.1353/cwh.2020.0007>
- Kimberly M. Welch, *Black Litigants in the Antebellum American South*, in *Journal of the Civil War Era* 9, no. 3 (September 2019), 464-467, <https://doi.org/10.1353/cwe.2019.0056>
- Corey M. Brooks, *The Liberty Power: Antislavery Third Parties and the Transformation of American Politics*, in *Common-place*, 17, no. 1 (2017), <http://common-place.org/book/feelthebirney/>
- Ira Berlin, *The Long Emancipation: The Demise of Slavery in the United States*, and Patrick Rael, *Eighty-Eight Years: The Long Death of Slavery in the United States, 1777-1865*, in *American Historical Review* 121, no. 3 (2016), 931-933. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/ahr/121.3.931>
- David Brion Davis, *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation*, in *New West Indian Guide / Nieuwe West-Indische Gids* 89, nos. 3-4 (2015), 295-297. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/22134360-08903002>
- Lewis Perry, *Civil Disobedience: An American Tradition*, in *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 14, no. 2 (April 2015), 272-273. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1537781414000863>
- Suzanne Cooper Guasco, *Confronting Slavery: Edward Coles and the Rise of Antislavery Politics in Nineteenth-Century America*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 34, no. 3 (Fall 2014), 520-523. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1353/jer.2014.0050>
- Kenneth W. Howell, ed., *Still the Arena of Civil War: Violence and Turmoil in Reconstruction Texas, 1865-1874*, in *Western Historical Quarterly* 43, no. 2 (Summer 2013), 206.
- Angela F. Murphy, *American Slavery, Irish Freedom: Abolition, Immigrant Citizenship, and the Transatlantic Movement for Irish Repeal*, in *Journal of British Studies* 51, no. 3 (July 2012), 776-777. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1086/665402>
- Margot Minardi, *Making Slavery History: Abolitionism and the Politics of Memory in Massachusetts*, in *Civil War Book Review* (Summer 2011), online at <http://www.cwbr.com>.
- Robert E. McGlone, *John Brown's War Against Slavery*, in *Journal of Southern History* 77, no. 2 (May 2011), 436-7.
- Brian McGinty, *John Brown's Trial*, in *Journal of American History* 97 (September 2010), 512-513.

- Bruce A. Ronda, *Reading the Old Man: John Brown in American Culture*, in *Journal of Southern History* 76, no. 1 (February 2010), 169-170.
- George M. Fredrickson, *Big Enough to Be Inconsistent: Abraham Lincoln Confronts Slavery and Race*, in *Journal of Southern History* 75, no. 4 (November 2009), 1062-1063.
- Lorien Foote, *Seeking the One Great Remedy: Francis George Shaw and Nineteenth-Century Reform*, in *Civil War History* 52, no. 2 (2006), 178-180.
- Stanley Harrold, *The Rise of Aggressive Abolitionism: Addresses to the Slaves*, in H-Net Reviews, September 2004, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=80561097904796>.

Awards

- 2020 Pulitzer Prize in History
- 2020 Avery O. Craven Award, Organization of American Historians
- 2017 George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2015 Charles Duncan Award for Outstanding Faculty Achievement, Rice University
- 2015 Finalist, Sophia Meyer Farb Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Teaching, Rice University
- 2014 Merle Curti Award for Best Book in American Intellectual History, Organization of American Historians
- 2014 James H. Broussard First Book Prize, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (co-winner)
- 2014 Finalist, Sophia Meyer Farb Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Teaching, Rice University
- 2011 Virginia and Griff Lawhon Digital Education Award, Rice University
- 2009 Ralph D. Gray Article Prize from the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, awarded to the best article published in the 2008 volume of the *Journal of the Early Republic*
- 2004 Honorable Mention, La Pietra Dissertation Travel Fellowship in Transnational History, Organization of American Historians
- 2002 Alexander Butler Prize, for the best paper by a first-year history doctoral student at Johns Hopkins University

Grants

- 2018 Rice HERE Grant for Harvey Memories Project (\$50,000)
- 2018 Rice Humanities Research Center Grant for Harvey Memories Project (\$10,000)
- 2016 Public Scholar Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (\$50,400)
- 2015 Faculty Research Fellowship from Humanities Research Center, Rice University (one semester teaching release for Fall semester)
- 2013 Yale University Faculty Fellowship from Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition (\$3,275 honorarium for four weeks as a scholar-in-residence at the Center)
- 2013 Seed Grant for a Digital Humanities Project from the Humanities Research Center, Digitization in the Humanities Workshop (\$2,000)
- 2012 Grant to organize and host a year-long series of “master classes” to introduce undergraduates and graduate students to the field of digital history, Humanities Research Center, Rice University (\$6,000)
- 2004 Scholarly Fellowship, Library of the New-York Historical Society and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- 2004 Prize Teaching Fellowship from the Center for Africana Studies, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2003 Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2001 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies.
- 2001 William and Lois Diamond Fellowship, awarded to one outstanding incoming doctoral student in the Department of History.

Interviews

- Interviewed for *The Reckoning*, a national public radio series scheduled to air in 2020.
- Interviewed for a “Backstory” segment on WGN, airing in spring 2020.
- Quoted about Sugar Land convict leasing discovery in *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Houston Chronicle*, and other outlets.
- Interviewed about the Harvey Memories Project by Texas Standard, August 2, 2018; Houston Public Media, July 30, 2018; KHOU, August 27, 2018; KPRC, August 22, 2018; and Fox26 Houston, August 22, 2018.

Guest on Houston Matters, Houston Public Media: September 11, 2014; and March 23, 2016; April 18, 2019.
Interviewed by KPRC Channel 2 reporter Courtney Gilmore, October 7, 2015.
Interviewed by KPRC Channel 2 reporter Ryan Korsgard, June 23, 2015.
Interviewed for New Books in American Studies podcast by Daniel Kilbride, September 20, 2013, online at <http://newbooksnetwork.com>.
Interviewed on-screen for *The Abolitionists*, a three-part American Experience documentary airing nationally on PBS in January 2013, online at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/abolitionists/>.

Presentations

Invited Public Lectures

University of Maryland, College Park: “Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America,” Miller Center for Historical Studies, November 19, 2019.
University of North Texas, Texas Edges Lecture Series: “Doom and Dawn: A True Story of Slavery in Civil War Texas,” November 13, 2019, Denton, TX.
Houston Community College: “Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America,” October 14, 2019, Houston, TX.
Reed College: “Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America,” September 23, 2019, History Department, Reed College, Portland, OR.
Rice University: “A Case of Reparations: One Woman’s Story of Restitution for Slavery in Nineteenth-Century America,” February 26, 2018, History Department Brown Bag Seminar, Rice University, Houston, TX.
University of North Texas: “Slave Sales on Twitter,” November 16, 2015, Symposium on Digital Scholarship, Denton, TX.
AHA THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology): “Beyond Networking: Twitter as a Medium for History,” January 6, 2015, New School for Social Research, New York City, NY.
Rice University Center for Teaching Excellence: “Beyond Busy Work: Designing Assignments for an Audience of More than One,” with Scott E. Solomon, November 10, 2014, Brown Bag Series at Huff House.

- Louisiana State University: “Constitution Burning: The Radical Agitation of American Abolitionists in Transatlantic Context,” October 10, 2014, Modern History Colloquium.
- Yale University: “How Slavery Survived the Civil War: Rethinking Confederate Refugees to Texas, 1862–1866,” December 4, 2013. Brown Bag Lecture at Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition.
- Houston Baptist University: “Before Juneteenth: The Emancipation Proclamation in Texas,” September 22, 2012. Plenary Lecture at “The Emancipation Proclamation: A Turning Point,” a Regional Commemoration and Conference.
- Houston Museum of Natural Science: “Dick Dowling and the Battle of Sabine Pass: The View from Emancipation Park,” April 24, 2012. Featured Speaker, Distinguished Lecture Series.
- Rice University Digital Media Center: “Teaching with Blogs,” October 14, 2010.
- Texas A&M University: “Saltwater Antislavery: Abolitionist Journeys on the Atlantic Ocean in the Age of Steam,” April 23, 2010. Keynote Address at “Encounters along the Journey,” the Spring 2010 Interdisciplinary Symposium of the Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research.
- Lone Star College, Cy Fair: “Abraham Lincoln and the Road to the Emancipation Proclamation,” January 18, 2012. Invited Speaker in series held in conjunction with *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*, a traveling exhibition from the National Constitution Center.
- University of Montreal, Department of History: “Beyond Anti-Exceptionalism: Using Transnational History to Write the History of Nationalism,” October 29, 2007.

Invited Course Lectures

- Rice University, Introduction to Digital Humanities course: “Getting Online,” September 5, 2013; and “Doing Digital Research,” October 1, 2013.
- Rice University, Digital Humanities Boot Camp Series, Humanities Research Center: “Online Publishing,” February 6, 2013.
- Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, Rice University: “Abolitionism and Slavery in the Coming of the Civil War,” Fall 2011.

Conferences

Invited Conference Papers

- Tougaloo College: "Punishment for Profit: Prison Labor and Mass Incarceration," October 11, 2019, Historians Against Slavery Conference.
- CUNY Graduate Center: "Garrisonian Abolitionists and the Half-Way House of Antislavery Politics," October 18, 2014. Part of *The Antislavery Bulwark: The Antislavery Origins of the Civil War*.
- Texas State University: "Slaveholding Refugees in Wartime Texas," April 5, 2014. Part of symposium on Lone Star Unionism and Dissent: *The Other Civil-War Texas*.
- Harvard Law School: "Wendell Phillips and the 'Ever-Restless Ocean' of Democracy," June 2-4, 2011. Part of Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice.
- Yale University: "John Brown, William Lloyd Garrison, and Nonviolent Abolitionists," October 31, 2009. Invited Panelist for "John Brown, Slavery, and the Legacies of Revolutionary Violence in Our Own Time: A Conference Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Harpers Ferry Raid," 11th Annual International Conference of the Gilder Lehrman Center.
- Rice University: "Ghosts of Distinction: Reconsidering John Brown's Interracial Relationships," September 9, 2008. Invited presentation to Houston Area Southern Historians (HASH) Symposium.
- Johns Hopkins University: "Are They a Nation? Civic Nationalism in Transnational Perspective," April 27-28, 2007. Symposium in Honor of Dorothy Ross.

Conference Papers

- OAH (Organization of American Historians) Annual Meeting: "Wood v. Ward: A Case of Kidnapping and Reparation in Nineteenth-Century America," April 5, 2019, Philadelphia, PA.
- Conference on Remaking North American Sovereignty: "Beyond Failure: Rethinking Confederate State Policies on the Western Frontier," August 1, 2015, Banff, Alberta, Canada, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/81440>.
- OAH Annual Meeting: "Remembering Henry: Refugee Slaves in Civil War Texas," April 13, 2014, Atlanta, GA, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/75992>.

- BrANCH (British American Nineteenth Century Historians) Bi-Annual Meeting: “American Abolitionists, John Stuart Mill, and the Transatlantic Problem of Democracy,” October 12-14, 2012, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK.
- SHEAR (Society for Historians of the Early American Republic) Annual Meeting: “Spreading the News about Hydropathy: How Did Americans Learn to Stop Worrying and Trust the Water Cure?,” July 19-22, 2012, Baltimore, Maryland, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/64493>.
- CLAW (Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World program) International Conference on “Civil War-Global Conflict”: “The Case of John L. Brown: Slavery, Sex, South Carolina, and the Whispering Gallery of Transatlantic Abolitionism,” March 3-5, 2011, College of Charleston, SC, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/37261>.
- OAH Annual Meeting: “‘All Hail, Public Opinion!’: American Abolitionists on British Liberalism and the Repeal of the Corn Laws,” March 17-20, 2011, Houston, TX, broadcast on C-Span at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/298663-1>.
- OAH Annual Meeting: “What Counts as Radical Abolitionism? A Reconsideration of Recent Scholarship,” Organization of American Historians, March 26-28, 2009, Seattle, WA, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/27611>.
- AHA (American Historical Association) Annual Meeting: “Repealing Unions: American Abolitionists, Irish Repealers, and the Coming of the Civil War, 1842-1847,” January 5-8, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.
- OAH Annual Meeting: “Our Country is the World: American Abolitionists, Louis Kossuth and Philanthropic Revolutions,” March 25-28, 2004, Boston, MA, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/27609>.
- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference: “Haiti versus Jamaica: American Abolitionists, Anglophilia and West Indian Emancipation,” June 6-8, 2003, New Orleans, LA, <http://hdl.handle.net/1911/27610>.
- Sixth Annual Conference on Holiday, Ritual, Festival, Celebration, and Public Display: “The Abolitionist Fourth of July,” May 30-June 1, 2002, Bowling Green State University.

Roundtable Panels

- OAH Annual Meeting: “Open Access, Transparent Peer Review,” April 14, 2018, Sacramento, CA.

AHA Annual Meeting: "The History Major in a Digital Age," Roundtable on the Future of the History Major, January 4, 2015, New York City, NY.
AHA Annual Meeting: "Resolutions for Teaching Digital History," Roundtable on Teaching Digital History Methods for History Graduate Students, January 6, 2013, New Orleans, LA.
University of Houston: "New Directions in the Study of the Civil War Era: A Roundtable Forum," Invited Panelist for forum cosponsored by the Center for Public History and the Department of History, October 18, 2010.

Panel Chair or Commentator

Chair, "Passages from Quantitative History to Digital Humanities," American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 3-6, 2019.
Chair and Commentator, "Coercion by Any Other Name: Reconstruction of White Supremacy in the Long Nineteenth Century," Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Dallas, TX, November 9-12, 2017.
Chair, "American Reform Radicalized: The Impact of Transnational Contact in Shaping Antebellum Reform," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, St. Louis, Missouri, July 18-21, 2013.
Commentator, "The Memory of John Brown & Radical Antislavery Culture in America, 1880-1940," Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C., April 7-10, 2010.
Commentator, "American Civic Identity and Practice in Comparative Perspective," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 19, 2008.

Panels Organized

Organized panel in honor of David Brion Davis for Annual Meeting of Society for U.S. Intellectual History, New School, New York, NY, November 9, 2019.
Organized conference "Capitalism and Convict Leasing in the American South: A Symposium," Rice University, (April 12, 2019), <https://glasscock.rice.edu/node/9501>
Organized and led break-out sessions on Open Notebook History and Programming for Historians at THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) AHA 2013, January 3, 2013.
Member, Organizing Committee for "Global Modernities: Keywords and Methods" Conference at Rice University (May 18-20, 2012)

Co-organizer, “South and the World in the Civil War Era” symposium at Rice University (February 20-22, 2009)

Organized panels on “New Perspectives on African American Mobility in the South,” at the OAH Annual Meeting (2014); “Rethinking Radicalism in the Antislavery Movement” at the OAH Annual Meeting (2009); “Transnational Histories of the American Civil War Era” at the AHA Annual Meeting (2006); and “Revolutions in Atlantic Abolitionism” at the OAH Annual Meeting (2004).

Teaching

Courses

Spring 2020

HUMA 122: “Who Should Vote?”

Fall 2019

HIST 587: “19th Century US Research” (with Fay Yarbrough)

Spring 2019

HIST 118: “The United States, 1848 to the Present”

Fall 2018

HIST 588: “Graduate Readings in 19th Century U.S. History”

Spring 2018

HIST 246: “The American Civil War Era”

Fall 2017

HIST 587: “U.S. Social and Cultural History Methods” (with Fay Yarbrough)

Spring 2016

FWIS 173: "Legendary Americans"

HIST 587: "U.S. Social and Cultural History Methods" (with Fay Yarbrough)

Spring 2015

HIST 118: "The United States since 1848"

HIST 588: "Nineteenth Century American History Readings"

Fall 2014

HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era"

HIST 423: "American Radicals and Reformers"

HIST 577: "Pedagogy Seminar"

Spring 2014

HIST 318: "Digital History Methods"

HIST 587: "U.S. Cultural History Methods"

Fall 2013

HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era" (with Fay Yarbrough)

FWIS 173: "Legendary Americans"

Spring 2013

HIST 118: "The United States, 1848 to the Present"

HIST 588: "Graduate Readings in Nineteenth-Century America"

HURC 402/603: "Digital History Masterclass" (Part 2)

Fall 2012

HURC 402/603: "Digital History Masterclass" (Part 1)

Spring 2012

HIST 423: "American Radicals and Reformers"

HIST 587: "Methods in U.S. Cultural History"

Fall 2011

HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era"

HIST/FSEM 159: "Legendary Americans"

Spring 2011

HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era"

HIST 588: "Graduate Readings in Nineteenth Century America"

Summer-Fall 2010

Summer: HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era"

Fall: On Departmental Teaching Release

Spring 2010

HIST 118: "United States History, 1848 to Present"

HIST 423: "American Radicals and Reformers"

Fall 2009

HIST/FSEM 159: "Legendary Americans"

HIST 587: "Methods in U.S. Cultural History"

Spring 2009

HIST 246: "The American Civil War Era"

HIST 588: "Graduate Readings in Nineteenth Century America"

Fall 2008

HIST 396: "The Rise of Transnational Activism"

HIST 423: "American Radicals and Reformers"

Graduate Directed Readings Courses

Fall 2013: Comparative Slavery and Abolition (Wes Skidmore)

Spring 2012: Nineteenth-Century U.S. History Readings (Lauren Brand, John Marks, and Kelly Weber)

Spring 2010: Civil War Era Readings (Sarah Bischoff, Zach Dresser, and Andy Lang)

Spring 2009: Slavery and Politics in Early Republic (Drew Bledsoe and Carl Paulus)

Undergraduate Independent Study Courses

Fall 2018: William Marsh Rice and Slavery (Andrew Maust)

Fall 2014: Abolitionist Poetry (Clare Jensen)

Spring 2011: Civil War Memory (Ryan Shaver, Kathryn Skilton, Jocelyn Wright, and Jaclyn Youngblood)

Fall 2009 to Spring 2010: Independent Research on African American Abolitionist Movement (Anna Roberts)

Supervised Undergraduate Senior Theses

Kathryn Skilton (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)

Caitlin Miller (Fall 2009-Spring 2010)

Graduate Students

Doctoral Thesis Committees (Director)

Edward Valentin, "Black Enlisted Men in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Race, Citizenship, and Military Occupation, 1866-1930" (defended March 2020)

Christina Regelski, "Strangers in a Strange Land: Voluntary Exile in the Civil War South" (defended April 2019)

Keith McCall, "Reconstructing Race, Place, and Population: Postemancipation Migrations and the Making of the Black South, 1865-1915" (defended March 2019)

William R. Black, "No Northern or Southern Religion: Cumberland Presbyterians and the Christian Nation, 1800-1877" (defended July 2018)

William Skidmore, "Informed Activism: Antislavery Knowledge Production and the Global Discourse of Slavery, 1833-1843" (defended June 2018; co-directed by Jim Sidbury)

Maria R. Montalvo, "The Slavers' Archive: Enslaved People, Power, and the Production of the Past in the Antebellum Courtroom" (defended April 2018)

Thomas Blake Earle, "The Liberty to Take Fish: Cod Fisheries, American Diplomacy, and Atlantic Environments, 1783-1877" (defended April 2017)

Whitney Nell Stewart, “The Racialized Politics of Home in Slavery and Freedom” (defended April 2017; co-directed by Jim Sidbury)

Lauren Brand, “Sovereign Spaces: Negotiating Native and Federal Power in the Old Southwest” (defended April 2016, winner of the Longcope Award from Department of History and the John W. Gardner Award from the School of Humanities)

Dissertations in progress: Arang Ha

Doctoral Thesis Committees (Member)

Sean Morey Smith, “Race and Abolition in the Anglophone Atlantic, c. 1730-1840” (defended April 2020)

William D. Jones, “Remaking African America in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1790-1860” (defended April 2020)

S. Wright Kennedy, “Lowering Mortality: A Spatial History of Segregation, Environment, and the Mortality Transition in New Orleans” (defended August 2018)

Rachel Hooper (Art History), “American Art Histories: Framing Race in Exhibitions, 1842-1876” (defended April 2018)

Cara J. Rogers, “Jefferson’s Sons: *Notes on the State of Virginia* and Virginian Antislavery, 1760-1832” (defended March 2018)

Amanda Moehnke, “Building the Body: Gendered Space and Urbanization in Rio de Janeiro and New York City, 1890-1930” (defended April 2017)

John Garrison Marks, “Race and Freedom in the African Americas: Free People of Color and Social Mobility in Cartagena and Charleston” (defended August 2016)

Kelly Weber Stefonowich, “The Ideology of White Southern Daughterhood, 1865-1920” (defended August 2016)

Ben Wright, “Gospel of Liberty: Antislavery and American Salvation” (defended March 2014)

Mercedes Harper, “White Women’s Heritage Organizations in Texas, 1870-1970” (defended January 2014, winner of John W. Gardner Award from the School of Humanities)

Zachary W. Dresser, “The Theology of Reconstruction: White Southern Religious Leaders in the Aftermath of the Civil War” (defended July 2013)

Andrew F. Lang, “The Garrison War: Culture, Race, and the Problem of Military Occupation during the American Civil War Era” (defended April 2013, win-

ner of Longcope Award from Department of History and John W. Gardner Award from the School of Humanities)
Sarah Bischoff Paulus, “Abraham Lincoln’s Northwestern Approach to the Secession Crisis” (defended April 2013)
Carl Paulus, “The Slaveholding Crisis: The Fear of Insurrection, the Wilmot Proviso, and the Southern Turn against American Exceptionalism” (defended April 2012)
Joseph Locke, “Making the Bible Belt: Preachers, Prohibition, and the Politicization of Southern Religion, 1877-1918” (defended April 2012)
Wesley A. Phelps, “A Grassroots War on Poverty: Community Action and Urban Politics in Houston, 1964-1976” (defended March 2010, winner of Longcope Award from Department of History and John W. Gardner Award from the School of Humanities)
Dissertations in progress: Maki Kodama

Graduate Comprehensive Examination Committees (Chair)

Arang Ha (2018)
Edward Valentin (2017)
Christina Regelski (2016)
Keith McCall (2015)
William Black (2015)
Wes Skidmore (2014)
Maria Montalvo (2014)
Cara Rogers (2014)
Wright Kennedy (2014)
Blake Earle (2013)
Lauren Brand (2012)

Graduate Comprehensive Examination Committees (Member)

John Crum (2019)
Maki Kodama (2018)
Cynthia Martinez (2018)
Will Jones (2016)
Erika Rendon (2015)
Whitney Stewart (2013)
Kelly Weber (2012)

John Marks (2012)
Andrew Lang (2010)
Sarah Bischoff (2010)
Zachary Dresser (2010)
Carl Paulus (2009)

Service

Professional Service

Elected Member, Advisory Council, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, SHEAR (2019-2021)
2017 Merle Curti Award Committee, Organization of American Historians
Editorial Board Member, *The Programming Historian* (2014-2017)
Board Member and Social Media Coordinator, Historians Against Slavery (2013-2015)
Elected Member, Nominations Committee, SHEAR (2013-2015)
Manuscript or proposal reviewer for *Journal of American History*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, Louisiana State University Press, *American Nineteenth Century History*, *Civil War History*, Oxford University Press, Cornell University Press, Harvard University Press, and others.
Member, Ad Hoc Working Committee on developing a social media and new technology proposal for SHEAR
Co-Book Review Editor, H-SHEAR, the H-Net mailing list for the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (2007-2013).
2010 Ralph D. Gray Article Prize Committee, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.
Contributed letter of support to successful NEH grant proposal by the New-York Historical Society to catalog 36,000 nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century pamphlets (2006).

University Service

Co-Chair, Task Force on Slavery, Segregation, and Racial Injustice (2019-present)
Member, IT Council (2018-present)

College Magister, Duncan College (2015-2020)
Faculty Member-at-Large, IT Council (2015-2016)
Member, Advisory Committee on Campus Bookstore (2015)
Member, Shared Research Cyberinfrastructure Working Group (2015-2017)
Member, Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum (2014-2015)
Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching Excellence (2013-2016)
Divisional Advisor, Duncan College (2014-2015)
Head Resident Fellow, Duncan College (2012-2015)
Member, Committee on Examinations and Standing (2010-2012)
Faculty Mentor, Will Rice College (2011-2012)
Associate, Will Rice College (2008-2012)
Common Reading Discussion Leader (2011-2013)
O-Week Dinner Host or Co-Host (2009-2014)
Member, Organizing Committee for “Global Modernities: Keywords and Methods” Conference, Humanities Research Center (May 18-20, 2012)
Host for public talks by Richard Bell, University of Maryland (October 25, 2019);
Scott Reynolds Nelson, College of William and Mary (October 24, 2013);
Sharon Leon, Jo Guldi, Scott Nesbit, and Chad Black (2012-2013); Francois Furstenberg, Universite de Montreal (September 12, 2011); Daniel Walker Howe, Emeritus at University of California, Los Angeles (April 15, 2011);
James Crisp, North Carolina State University (Fall 2009)
Member, Ad Hoc Committee formed by the Humanities Research Center to plan a lecture series in conjunction with Civil War sesquicentennial. Helped host visits to campus by Pulitzer-Prize-winning author Tony Horwitz and CUNY historian James Oakes (Spring 2010-Spring 2011)
Co-organizer of public talk by Professor Andrew Torget, University of North Texas, “Does the Digital Revolution Mean the End of the Humanities?” (April 16, 2010)
Member, Organizing Committee for “The South and the World in the Civil War Era,” Museum of Southern History Symposium on Southern History (February 20-22, 2009)

Departmental Service

Department Chair (2020-2023)
Elected Member, Executive Committee (2017-2019)
Member, Graduate Committee (2009-present)
Webmaster (2011-2013)

Member, Senior U.S. History Search (Fall 2010-Spring 2011)
Elected Member, Salary Committee (2010-2011)
Departmental Recording Secretary (2008-2009)
Member, Undergraduate Committee (2008-2009)
Speaker, History Graduate Student Association “Grad Barrel” on Dissertation Writing (April 13, 2010); Reading in Graduate School (November 19, 2010); Blogging as a Teaching Tool (March 30, 2012)

Community Service

Fort Bend Independent School District Advisory Committee on the “Sugar Land 95” (2019)
City of Sugar Land Task Force on Convict Leasing Memorial (2018)
Speaker at a Teacher’s Workshop held at the Framingham Historical Society, Framingham, MA (July 9, 2013)
Speaker at a teacher’s workshop run by The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park on “King Cotton Comes to Texas” (June 17, 2013)
Speaker for Civic Humanist Program, Rice University. Spoke to high school students at Empowerment College Preparatory High School (March 23, 2012), Yates High School (April 27, 2012), Austin High School (February 25, 2013), and Davis High School (April 9, 2013), about the Civil War and emancipation in Houston
Presenter at Advanced Topics Institute for high school AP Teachers, Rice University (Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2014)
Delivered remarks at closing reception for “Discovering the Civil War,” a National Archives traveling exhibit at Houston Museum of Natural Science (April 16, 2012)
Met with editorial board for KPRC Local 2 (NBC affiliate station) to offer expertise on the Civil War for an on-air editorial by the station manager (September 15, 2011)
Presenter at Teaching American History Grant workshop for area teachers, Rice University (Summer 2011)
Panelist for teacher workshop on Abraham Lincoln, organized by Channel 8 PBS and TEA for Texas high school history teachers (January 15, 2009)