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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

2020 Ph. D., History, The University of Texas at Arlington

Dissertation title: “Black Skin - White Money: The Transatlantic Propaganda Campaign to Recolonize West Africa, 1786-1863”

Supervising Committee: Imre Demhardt, Sam Haynes, Christopher Morris,
Kenyon Zimmer

Comprehensive Exam Fields:

West African Cartography	Imre Demhardt
African-American Religion in the Age of Revolution	John Garrigus
Manifest Destiny and Anglo-Atlantic Connections	Sam Haynes

2014 B.A., History & Political Science, University of Arkansas at Monticello

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

2018-2020 Instructor of Record, HIST 1312, U.S. History 1865 to Present, The University of Texas at Arlington

2015-2016 Teaching Assistant, HIST 1311, U.S. History to 1865, The University of Texas at Arlington

2015 Visiting Adjunct Instructor, HIST 348V cross-listed as POLI 374, Field Study, Spain, University of Arkansas at Monticello

2014-2015 Teaching Assistant, HIST 1312, U.S. History from 1865 to Present, The University of Texas at Arlington

Other Experience

- 2020 Advanced Placement Program Reader – US History, Educational Teaching Services (ETS)
- 2016-2018 *Walter Prescott Webb Lecture Series* Graduate Assistant, The University of Texas at Arlington; Chair - Scott Palmer
- Assisted in organization of two years of the annual lecture series entitled respectively “The Economics of Higher Education” in 2017 and “The Digital Medieval: New Directions in Medieval History and the Digital Humanities” in 2018
 - Organized, developed, and completed plan for sale and donation of over 3,000 of the past volumes in the companion Walter Prescott Webb Series stretching from 1965 to 2013.
 - Planned and realized a new Digital History Lab for the department that allows students and professors to create GIS maps, chroma-key based videos, and superior audio modules to add to the classroom experience.
 - Formatted and compiled 2017 Department of History Self Study
- 2017 Research Assistant, *Texas Her-story* Digital Humanities Database Project, The University of Texas at Arlington, Women and Gender Studies Program; Director Sonja S. Watson
- Organized and cataloged primary sources found in the UTA Library’s Special Collections in the form of documents and photos that show women taking an active role in shaping Texas history while highlighting the multicultural aspect of women in Texas history.
 - Designed database to organize future and present primary source findings including geographical locations and corresponding Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) categories to facilitate the use of the final digital collection by K-12 teachers to improve their classroom instruction and provide undergraduates with a source for any number of research projects.
- 2012-2013 Student Archivist for Special Collections and Government Documents, *Fred J. Taylor Library*, University of Arkansas at Monticello; Library Director, Sandra Campbell
- Provided reference services and assisted patrons with research through virtual and in-person means.
 - Digitized and reformatted materials to promote their preservation and use.
 - Assisted collections manager with organizing and classifying accessions, including creating finding aids, cataloging, and redesigning the layout of physical archives.
 - Cataloged, Recorded, and Organized all Federal and State Documents
 - Repaired cloth book bindings including joint, hinge, and book block.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

- 2017 Dean's Excellence Award for International Research, The University of Texas at Arlington
- 2014 - 2018 Enhanced Graduate Teaching Fellowship, The University of Texas at Arlington
- 2014 – 2015 Bob and Ann Utley Graduate Fellowship, The University of Texas at Arlington,
- 2014 - 2015 A. F. Zimmerman Scholarship, sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
- 2014 Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship, National Council of Undergraduate Research. sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- 2014 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2014 Outstanding Graduate in History Award, School of Social Sciences, University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2013 & 2014 Service above Self Award, Social/Behavioral Sciences Department, University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2013 University of Arkansas at Monticello Chancellor's Leadership Award, sponsored by Alpha Chi National Honor Society
- 2012 - 2013 University of Arkansas at Monticello Academic Olympics Scholarship, sponsored by Alpha Chi National Honor Society, University of Arkansas at Monticello

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2019 "From Houston to Monrovia: Texas and the Development of Liberian Recolonization, 1833-1868" presented at the International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, Arlington, Texas
- 2019 "Visions of Africa: The Obsession of Anglo-Atlantic Leaders with Recolonizing Former Slaves to the West African Coast 1772-1872" presented at Spotlight Student Research Forum, Arlington, Texas
- 2017 " 'A Noxious Weed Cannot Bear Grapes': African-American Resistance to African Colonization Attempts, 1791-1866" presented at the International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, Arlington, Texas

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- 2016 “Anthony Finley: Cartographical View of American Nationalism and Colonialism in Liberia, 1824-1831” presented at the International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, Arlington, Texas
- 2016 “Kitty: One Quadroon Slave’s Chosen Path to Liberia, 1832-1835” presented at the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society North Texas Regional Conference, Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2015 “Filibustering for Freedom: The Transatlantic Transformation of James Workman's Rhetoric,” presented at the Southern Historical Association annual conference, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 2015 “Fenian Freebooters: A Plot by Irish Immigrants to Conquer Spanish America, 1806” presented at the International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History, Arlington, Texas
- 2014 “A Failed Revolution on the Mississippi: A Secret Society’s Involvement in the Aaron Burr Conspiracy,” presented at the National Alpha Chi Honor Society annual conference, St. Louis
- 2014 “New Orleans’ Exploration of Nationhood” presented at the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Arkansas Regional Conference, University of Central Arkansas
- 2014 “The Recipe for Revolution: A Study of Success and Failure in Revolutionary Movements” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans
- 2013 “America’s Failed Revolution: A Secret Society’s Involvement in the Aaron Burr Conspiracy,” presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse
- 2013 “The Mexican Association: The Secret Society behind the Aaron Burr Conspiracy,” presented at the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Arkansas Regional Conference, Harding University
- 2012 “The Architect of the Aaron Burr Conspiracy: The Treasonous Designs of General James Wilkinson,” presented at the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society Arkansas Regional Conference, University of Central Arkansas

Guest Lectures

- 2014 “The Making of the United States Constitution” lecture for Political Science class, PSCI 2213 American National Government (Dr. Carol Strong), University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2014 “The Social Contract Theories of Hobbes, Locke, and Montesquieu” lecture for Political Science class, PSCI 2233 Comparative Politics (Dr. Carol Strong), University of Arkansas at Monticello

Keynote Speaker

- 2013 “General James Wilkinson’s Revolutionary War Record” lecture for the David Love Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Transatlantic History Student Organization
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society
Alpha Chi National Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

SERVICE

- 2019 Conference Coordinator International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History entitled “Currents of Power: Empire, Nation, Encounter, and Exchange”
- 2018-2019 President of the Transatlantic History Graduate Student Organization at University of Texas at Arlington,
- 2016–2018 Treasurer of Omicron Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
- 2016-2017 Committee member, International Graduate Student Conference on Transatlantic History entitled “1917: Revolution, Radicalism, and Resistance in the Atlantic World”
- 2016 Digital Assistant, *Berachah Industrial Home For the Redemption of Erring Girls* Digital Humanities Database Project, The University of Texas at Arlington, UTA Library Special Collection; Director Brenda McClurkin
- 2014-2020 Regional Judge for Texas Region 21 Annual National History Day Competition, Arlington, Texas
- 2014-2016 Coordinator of the annual book sales for the Transatlantic History Student Organization
- 2014-2015 Co-President of Omicron Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society

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- 2013 Digital Research Assistant, *Taylor House at Hollywood Plantations*, Preliminary Research, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Phi Alpha Theta Representative
- 2013-2014 President of Arkansas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society
- 2013-2014 President of Alpha Eta Omicron chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Honor Society
- 2013-2014 Vice President of Alpha Nu Zeta chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society
- 2013-2014 Student Representative, North Central Association, University of Arkansas at Monticello Self Study Commission, Criterion Three: Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
- 2013 President of the Senate, Arkansas Student Congress on Human Relations
- 2012–2014 Student Representative, University of Arkansas at Monticello Library Committee

LANGUAGES

Basic Reading knowledge of Spanish and Latin

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2002-2009 Diamond Sales and Shipping, Bailey, Banks, & Biddle Fine Jewelers, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; General Manager, Jennifer Morris, (225) 772-3333

(References Available Upon Request)