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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

University at Albany, State University of New York, 2003

Master of Liberal Arts

University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1996

Bachelor of Arts in History

University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1991

Bachelor of Arts in Literature

University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1991

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-Present: Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2009-2016: Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2003-2009: Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2002-2003: Ad-Interim Instructor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2001-2002: Adjunct Instructor of History, Guilford College

2001: Adjunct Instructor of History, University at Albany, State University of New York

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- "Heathens and Other Adversaries Against Us": Religion, War, and Racial Identity in Colonial New England* (under contract to the University of Massachusetts Press)
- A Dream of the Judgment Day: American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1620-1890* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021)
- The First Great Awakening: Redefining Religion in America, 1725-1775* (Madison, N.J.: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2015)
- "The Perfect Rule of the Christian Religion": A History of Sandemanianism in the Eighteenth Century* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008)

Journal Articles

- "Sober Dissent' and 'Spirited Conduct': The Sandemanians and the American Revolution, 1765-1781," *Historical Journal of Massachusetts* XXVIII, No. 2 (Summer 2000), 142-166

Selected Items in Reference Works

- The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, Lynn Dumenil and Paul S. Boyer, eds., "Great Awakenings" (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)
- African-American National Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn B. Higginbotham, eds., "Samuel Fraunces," "Thomas Jeremiah", "Anthony Johnson", "Christopher McPherson", "Vincent Populus" (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008)
- Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775: A Political, Social, and Military History*, Spencer C. Tucker, ed., s.v. "Albany Conference," "Black Robes," "Captivity Narratives," "Gaspee, burning of the (9 Jun. 1772)," "Golden Hill, Battle of (19 Jan. 1770)," "Jesuits," "Praying Indians/Praying Towns," "Puritans," "Quaker Pacifism," "Rowlandson, Mary White (1653-1678)," "Sons of Liberty" (Santa Barbara: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2008)
- Britain and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History: A Multidisciplinary Encyclopedia*, Will Kaufman and Heidi Slettedahl MacPherson, eds., s.v. "Colonists and Settlers: British in North America," "Lexington and Concord, Battles of (1775)," "Loyalism and Loyalists (US)" (Santa Barbara: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2005)
- Encyclopedia of New York State*, Peter R. Eisenstadt, ed., s.v. "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts" (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2005)
- Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*, Brenda Brasher, ed., s.v. "Sanctification" (Great Barrington, Mass.: Routledge Press/Berkshire Reference Works, 2001)

Essays in Books

- "Teaching the First Great Awakening," in Karen Johnson and John Yeager, eds., *Understanding and Teaching Religion in U.S. History* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2024)
- "God Has Made Us to Differ': Jonathan Edwards, Indians, and the Enlightenment," in John T. Lowe and Daniel N. Gullotta, eds., *Jonathan Edwards within the Enlightenment: Controversy, Experience, and Thought* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020)
- "Great Multitudes Flocking after Him': The Great Awakening among Common People," in John A. Grigg ed., *British Colonial America: People and Perspectives (Perspectives in American Social History, Vol. I)*, (Santa Barbara, CA: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2008)
- "The Promised Day of the Lord': American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1735-1783," in Richard Connors and Andrew Colin Gow, eds., *Anglo-American Millennialism from Milton to the Millerites (Studies in the History of Christian Traditions, Vol. 113)* (Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004)
- "Yes, the Great Awakening Was a Key Factor Leading to the American Revolution," in Keith Krawczynski, ed., *History in Dispute: The American Revolution* (Detroit: Thomson/Gale, 2003)

Book Reviews

- Untitled Review of *Old Canaan in a New World: Native Americans and the Lost Tribes of Israel*, by Elizabeth Fenton (New York: New York University Press, 2020), *The Journal of American History* 109 (Jun. 2022)

- Untitled Review of *Dreams and the Invisible World in Colonial New England: Indians, Colonists, and the Seventeenth Century*, by Ann Marie Plane (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014), *The Historical Journal of Massachusetts* 49 (Summer 2021)
- Untitled Review of *Speaking with the Dead in Early America*, by Erik R. Seeman (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), *The New England Quarterly* 93 (Sept. 2020)
- Untitled Review of *The Rhetoric of the Revival: The Language of the Great Awakening Preachers*, by Michal Choiński (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2016), *Church History* 87 (Mar. 2018)
- Untitled Review of *Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England*, by Douglas L. Winiarski (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017), *The Journal of American History* 104 (Mar. 2018)
- “Two-and-a-Half Men: Religion and Revolution in British America,” review of *George Whitefield: America’s Spiritual Founding Father*, by Thomas S. Kidd (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2014), and *Jacob Green’s Revolution: Radical Religion and Reform in a Revolutionary Age* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2014), *Reviews in American History* 44 (Mar. 2016)
- Untitled Review of *Papist Devils: Catholics in British America, 1584-1783*, by Robert Emmett Curran (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2014), *The Journal of Southern History* (Forthcoming: August 2015)
- Untitled Review of *God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution*, by Thomas S. Kidd (New York: Basic Books, 2010), *The History Teacher* (August 2011)
- Untitled Review of *Captive Histories: English, French, and Native Narratives of the 1704 Deerfield Raid*, by Evan Haefeli and Kevin Sweeney (Amherst and Boston: University of Massachusetts Press, 2006), *The Historical Journal of Massachusetts* (Summer 2009)
- “Can Two Walk Together, Except They Be Agreed?” review of *Beyond Toleration: The Religious Origins of American Pluralism*, by Chris Beneke (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (October 2007) <http://www.common-place.org/vol-08/no-01/reviews/smith.shtml>
- “Missed Opportunities,” review of *At Ease in Zion: Social History of Southern Baptists, 1865-1900*, by Rufus B. Spain (Reprint, Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2003), H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences (May 2004) www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews
- “One Great Conversation,” review of *Theology in America: Christian Thought from the Age of the Puritans to the Civil War*, by E. Brooks Holifield (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (April 2004) www.common-place.org/vol-04/no-03/reviews/smith.shtml.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscripts

Lost Soul: A Life of Edgar Allan Poe

Any Colour You Like: Pink Floyd in Time and Space, 1965-2025

CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA

- 17 June 2023, *The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference*, “Of a tawny, or Indian color’: Indians and African Americans in the Salem Witch Hunt,” Pittsburgh, PA
- 25 February 2023, *World History Association of Texas Annual Meeting*, Session Chair/Commentator, “Women, Religion, and Rights,” Commerce, TX
- 17 October 2020, *The Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies*, Session Chair/Commentator, “Pointing Their Finger: Shifting Standards of Morality and Religiosity in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic World,” Williamsburg, VA (Virtually Attended)
- 5 January 2020, *American Historical Association 134th Annual Meeting*, Panelist, “Teaching Religion in American History,” New York City, New York

- 23 February 2019, *World History Association of Texas Annual Meeting*, "Mighty Cities Rising on Every Hill': Revival, Holy War, and the Millennium in Colonial British-American Print Culture," Commerce, TX
- 19 May 2019, *Twenty-Fourth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War*, "The Glorious Day is Coming On: The Seven Years' War as an Apocalyptic Struggle," Ticonderoga, N.Y.
- 15 November 2013, *Researching New York Annual Conference*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Great Awakenings," Albany, N.Y.
- 18 November 2011, *Researching New York Annual Conference*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Faces and Places of Revolutionary New York," Albany, N.Y.
- 23 October 2011, *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Session Chair/Organizer, "Southern Crucible: Paradigms of Race and Religiosity in Colonial Georgia," Baltimore, MD
- 26 February 2010, *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 Annual Meeting*, Session Commentator, "In the Name of the King: Royal Authority in the American Colonies," Charleston, S.C.
- 11 April 2009, *Southwestern Historical Association/Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Land and Water," Denver, CO
- 7 June 2008, *The 29th Conference on New York State History*, Session Commentator, "The American Revolution," Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 12 April 2008, *Phi Alpha Theta North-Central and Northeast Texas Regional Meeting*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Surviving Natural and Man-Made Maladies," Fort Worth, TX
- 15 March 2008, *Southwestern Historical Association/Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting*, "More Like True Religion Than Anything I Ever Observed': Asserting the American Indian Presence in the First Great Awakening," Las Vegas, NV
- 10 June 2007, *Joint Meeting: Thirteenth Annual Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference and Fifth Biennial Society of Early Americanists Conference*, "Do Not 'Make Medicine' But Pray": Religious and Cultural Revivalism among Eastern Woodlands Indian Peoples, 1755-1775," Williamsburg, VA
- 14 April 2006, *Southwestern Social Science Association/Southwestern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Session Commentator, "Conflict, Crisis, and Currency in Early America," San Antonio, TX
- 7 January 2006, *American Society of Church History Winter Meeting*, "May God Preserve Our [Churches] Amidst All Attacks': Sandemanianism and Calvinism in Pre-Revolutionary New England," Philadelphia, PA
- 16 September 2005, *East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting*, Phi Alpha Theta Session Chair, Nacogdoches, TX
- 17 April 2002, *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Spring Colloquia Series*, "A Salvation from Heaven': The Fate of Dissenting Protestantism in British North America, 1745-1775," Williamsburg, VA
- 10 July 2001, *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Seventh Annual Conference*, Session Commentator, "Rethinking Religion in a Commercial World: Contexts, Contest, and the Meaning of Revolutionary Community," Glasgow, Scotland
- 4 January 2001, *British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference*, "A Principle of Duty': American Anglicanism in the Crucible of Revolution, 1760-1783," Oxford, England
- 30 October 2000, *Center for Millennial Studies Fifth Annual Conference*, "The Promised Day of the Lord': American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1755-1783," Boston, MA.
- 29 April 2000, *Joint Meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Catholic Historical Association*, "Patriots of Necessity: The Baptist Commitment to the American Revolution Reconsidered," Santa Fe, N.M. (Session/Panel Co-Organizer)
- 16 October, 1999, *New England Historical Association Fall Conference*, "Sober Dissenters': The Sandemanians and the American Revolution, 1765-1781," Boston, MA.
- 29 June 1999, *Brunel-Cambridge Conference on Early American History and Culture*, "The Pretense of Agreement: A Reevaluation of the Baptist Commitment to the American Revolution, 1765-1783," London, England
- 4 March 1999, *Society of Early Americanists First Biennial Meeting*, "Spirited Conduct': The Sandemanians of Boston, 1766-1778," Charleston, S.C.

PUBLIC LECTURES & MEDIA APPEARANCES
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- 7 March 2022, Expert Commentary in *I Was There* documentary series, “The Salem Witch Trials,” The History Channel / Committee Films
- 6 October 2020, “The Apocalyptic American Revolution,” Lunch Break Special, Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum, Greenville, TX
- 5 May 2017, “Tourists on the Red Road: Indian Traditional Medicine and White Cultural Appropriation,” Texas A&M University Libraries “Native Voices” Exhibit Keynote Speech, Commerce, TX
- 12 September 2016, “Gun Ownership and the Origins of the Second Amendment,” Texas A&M University-Commerce Constitution Day Observance, Commerce, TX
- 23 October 2014, “Redefining the First Great Awakening,” Texas A&M University-Commerce Center for Faculty Excellence & Innovation Brown Bag Lunch Series, Commerce, TX
- 17 September 2007, “Religious Establishments and the Constitution,” Texas A&M University-Commerce Constitution Day Observance, Commerce, TX
- 17 September 2004, “Religion and the Framers of the Constitution,” Texas A&M University-Commerce Constitution Day Observance, Commerce, TX

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2018
A Dream of the Judgment Day: American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1620-1890
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2013
The First Great Awakening: Redefining Religion in British America, 1725-1775
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Research Enhancement Grant, AY 2012-2013
The First Great Awakening: Redefining Religion in British America, 1725-1775
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Research Mini-Grant, June 2006
“The Perfect Rule of the Christian Religion”: A History of Sandemanianism in the Eighteenth Century
- The David Library of the American Revolution, Residential Fellowship, July-August 2001
“‘They Suffer Only for Righteousness’ Sake’: The Glasite-Sandemanian Movement in the British-American Atlantic World, 1720-1790”
- University of Glasgow, Early American Studies Fellowship, June 2001

HONORS & AWARDS

- Nominee, H. M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Scholarship and Creative Activity—Texas A&M University-Commerce, Jan. 2022
- Nominee, William Leonidas Mayo Professorship—Texas A&M University-Commerce, Jan. 2021
- Recipient, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching—Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 2021

Inaugural Recipient, Harry Wade Senior Faculty Award—Texas A&M University-Commerce, Jan. 2021

Nominee, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Jan. 2019

Recipient, H. M. Lafferty Distinguished Faculty Award for Research and Creative Activity, Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 2016

Nominee, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Jan. 2016

Recipient, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 2011

Certificate of Appreciation for Meritorious Service, Faculty Senate, Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 2010

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Faculty Senate, History Dept. Representative (Fall 2005-Summer 2011, Fall 2015-Summer 2018)

—Faculty Senate President (Fall 2009-Summer 2010)

—Faculty Senate President-Elect (Fall 2008-Summer 2009)

—Chair, Faculty Awards Committee (Fall 2008-Spring 2010)

—Chair, Academic Life Committee (Fall 2007-Fall 2008, Fall 2009-Summer 2011)

Teaching Effectiveness and Retention Appeals Committee (Fall 2010-Present)

History Department Library Representative (Fall 2002-Present)

Chair, History Department Scholarship Committee (Fall 2020-Present)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Phi Alpha Theta

Poe Studies Association