

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of History, University of Mississippi, 2018-present

Assistant Professor of History, University of Mississippi, 2011-present

Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellow, The New School & New-York Historical Society, 2010-2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D., United States History, Columbia University, 2010

Dissertation: "A Kingdom Divided: Border Evangelicals in the Civil War Era, 1837-1894"

Advisor: Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History

M.Phil., United States History, Columbia University, 2006

M.A., United States History, Columbia University, 2004

B.A., History, Reed College, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Arm of Power: Provost Marshals and Civilians on the Occupied Border (in progress).

A Kingdom Divided: Evangelicals, Loyalty, and Sectionalism in the Civil War Era. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2017.

Articles and Essays

"The Civil War, Slavery, and the Problem of Neutrality," in *Reckoning with History: Unfinished Stories of American Freedom*. Edited by Jim Downs, Erica Armstrong Dunbar, T. K. Hunter, and Timothy Patrick McCarthy. Columbia University Press, 2021.

"Civilians and Cities in a Western Borderland" (review essay on *Gender and the Jubilee: Black Freedom and the Reconstruction of Citizenship in Civil War Missouri* by Sharon Romeo and *Bonds of Union: Religion, Race, and Politics in a Civil War Borderland* by Bridget Ford), *Reviews in American History* 46: March 2018.

"Faith, Loyalty, and the Limits of Neutrality in the Crisis of the Union" (review essay on *The Politics of Faith During the Civil War* by Timothy Wesley), *Reviews in American History* 42: December 2014.

Book Reviews

"*Bonds of Salvation: How Christianity Inspired and Limited American Abolitionism*, by Ben Wright," *Journal of the Civil War Era* (forthcoming 2021).

"*Remembering Reconstruction: Struggles Over the Meaning of America's Most Turbulent Era*, Carole Emberton and Bruce E. Baker, eds.," *Journal of Southern History* 84 (2018).

"*The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border* by Christopher Phillips," *Journal of the Civil War Era* 7 (2017).

"*Religion, Race, and the Making of Confederate Kentucky, 1830-1880* by Luke Harlow," *The Journal of American History* 101 (2015).

"*Catholics, Slaveholders, and the Dilemma of American Evangelicalism, 1835-1860* by W. Jason Wallace," *Journal of Southern History* 78 (2012).

"*Faith, Valor, and Devotion: The Civil War Letters of William Porcher DuBose* edited by W. Eric Emerson and Karen Stokes," *Civil War History* 57 (2011).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Southeastern Conference Faculty Travel Grant, SECU Academic Initiative, 2015-2016
College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, University of Mississippi, 2012; 2013;
2015; 2016; 2018

William Winter Scholar (Outstanding Faculty Member), Natchez Literary and Cinema
Celebration, February 2013

Lewis E. Atherton Prize for Outstanding Dissertation on the History of Missouri, State
Historical Society of Missouri, 2011

Student Award of Excellence for Best Paper, Symposium on the Nineteenth Century Press,
the Civil War, and Free Expression, 2010

Bancroft Dissertation Award Nominee, Columbia University, 2010

Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellowship, New-York Historical Society/Eugene Lang College,
2010-2011

Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010

Doris G. Quinn Dissertation Fellowship, 2008-2009

Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003-2008

Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, 2007; 2008

Beinecke Scholarship for Graduate Study, 2002

INVITED TALKS

"Evangelicals, Sectionalism, and the Problem of Neutrality," for "A People's Historian and a
Historian's Historian," (Conference Honoring the Work of Eric Foner), Columbia University,
New York, NY, April 2017.

“Praying to the Same God?: Evangelicals and Sectionalism in the Civil War Era,” Angelo State University Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Lecture, San Angelo, TX, January 2015.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Borders, Boundaries, and Lines in the Civil War,” Conference on The Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2017.

“A Just and Lasting Peace: Reconstruction & the Making of Postwar America,” Porter Fortune Symposium and Conference on the Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2016.

“Gender War and Memory in the Anglo-American World,” University of Mississippi, 2015.

“Science, Medicine, and Technology in the Civil War,” Conference on the Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2014.

“This Terrible War,” Porter Fortune Symposium and Conference on the Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2013.

“The War at Home,” Conference on the Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2012.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Limits of Victory: The Afterlife of Loyalty on the Civil War’s Contested Border,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, January 2021 (accepted; to be presented online).

“Evangelicals, Slavery, and the Politics Question in the Civil War Era,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2018.

“Reforming the Past: Slavery, History, and the Problem of Reunion in the Reconstruction-era Churches,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2016.

“Secular Courts Behind the Sacred Veil: Church Property Cases and Sectionalism in the Civil War Era,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2014.

“Religious Reconstruction and Evangelical Conflict in the Post-war Border,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014.

“Spirituality and Loyalty on the Civil War Border,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, November 2012.

“Teaching Slavery: What Children Learned in the Antebellum North,” The New-York Historical Society, New York, NY, May 2011.

“The Influence of the Periodical Press’: Western Evangelical Publishing and the Rise of Sectionalism,” Symposium on the Nineteenth Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression, Chattanooga, TN, November 2010. *Recipient of Student Award of Excellence for Best Paper.*

“The Great Secession’: Disunion, Slavery, and Conflict on the Religious Border,” University of Mississippi Conference on the Civil War/Porter Fortune Symposium, Oxford, MS, October 2010.

“A Mob to Carry on the Peaceable Work’: Antebellum Disunion, Slavery, and the Religious Border,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2009.

“Rally Around Covington’: The Sectionalization of American Religion,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL, February 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Mississippi, Assistant & Associate Professor

United States to 1877

United States to 1877 (Undergraduate Honors Seminar)

United States in the Era of the Civil War

The Homefront in the American Civil War (Undergraduate Research Seminar)

The Era of the Civil War (Graduate Seminar)

American Sectionalism, Nationalism, and Regional Conflict (Graduate Seminar)

The Civil War Century (Graduate Research Seminar)

Graduate Workshop in Nineteenth-Century United States History

Eugene Lang College (The New School), Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellow

American Slavery in History and Memory

American Radicals, Visionaries, and Reformers, 1800-1860

Columbia University, Hofstadter Teaching Fellow

Natasha Lightfoot, *Caribbean in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*

Sarah Phillips *Politics of the American Environment, 1865 to the Present*

Eric Foner, *United States in the Era of Slavery and Jacksonian Democracy*

Samuel Moyn, *Historical Origins of Human Rights*

Thaddeus Russell, *American Civilization Since the Civil War*

Charles Armstrong, *Asian-Pacific Wars, 1931-1975*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Board of Directors, Mississippi Historical Society, 2021-present

Chair of Book Prize Committee, 2021-present

Tom Watson Brown Book Award Committee (Society of Civil War Historians), 2021

Fellowship Selection Panel, New-York Historical Society, 2017-2018

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2015-2016

Program Committee, 2015 Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2014-2015

“A House Divided: Sectionalism and the Road to the Civil War,” U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant Program, Brooklyn Historical Society, March 2011

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Interim Director, University of Mississippi Center for Civil War Research, 2020-present

United States Colored Troops Memorial Committee, 2018-2020

Faculty Senator for History, University of Mississippi Faculty Senate, 2017-2019

Chair, Committee on Governance, 2017-2019

Executive Committee, 2017-2019

University of Mississippi Slavery Research Group, 2017-present

Associate Director, University of Mississippi Center for Civil War Research, 2011-2020

Chancellor’s Committee on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, University of Mississippi, 2011-2015

Co-Chair, Past Perfect: The Lang College History Club, The New School, 2010-2011

Rapporteur, Columbia University Seminar on Early American History and Culture, 2004-2009

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“As the Churches Go, So Goes the Nation?: Evangelical Schism and American Fears on the Eve of the Civil War,” for *Muster (Journal of the Civil War Era Blog)*, 14 May 2019.

<https://www.journalofthecivilwarera.org/2019/05/as-the-churches-go-so-goes-the-nation-evangelical-schism-and-american-fears-on-the-eve-of-the-civil-war/>

"Centrism and Moderation? No Thanks. In Times of Moral Crisis Everyone Picks a Side—Even Those Proclaiming Neutrality," *Washington Post*, 27 February, 2019.

Scholar, Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War (National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association), Tupelo, MS, 2012

Interview for Civil War Sesquicentennial, CBS *Up to the Minute*, 11 April 2011.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Intern, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Libraries

Mellon Graduate Student Intern (New York Juvenile Asylum Records; James Stanley Durkee Sermons), 2009-2010

Provost's Graduate Student Intern (Peter Viereck Papers; Hubert H. Harrison Papers), 2006

Research Assistant, Monticello Archeology Department, Charlottesville, VA, 2002, 2001

AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Southern Historical Association

Society of Civil War Historians