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Academic Appointments:

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Associate Professor of History, 2020-
Director, Papers of Andrew Jackson, 2020-

Marshall University

Associate Professor of History, 2017-2020
Assistant Professor of History, 2013-2017

Education:

University of South Carolina

PhD, History, May 2012

Dissertation: "The Heart of the Sectional Conflict: Emotion, Politics, and the Coming of the American Civil War" (Directed by Dr. Mark M. Smith)

Examination fields: United States since 1789 (major field), Comparative History of Race and Slavery (second field), Modern Europe (third field)

MA, History, December 2009

Whitman College

BA, History (honors), *summa cum laude*, May 2007

Publications:

Books:

Arguing until Doomsday: Stephen Douglas, Jefferson Davis, and the Struggle for American Democracy (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020)

Bleeding Kansas: Slavery, Sectionalism, and Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border (Critical Moments in American History Series) (New York: Routledge Press, 2016)

Emotional and Sectional Conflict in the Antebellum United States (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014)

*Winner, 2015 James A. Rawley Award, Southern Historical Association (for a distinguished book on secession and/or the sectional conflict published in 2013-2014)

Journal Articles:

"Charleston, City of Mourners: Anticipations of Civil War in the Cradle of Secession," *Civil War History* (forthcoming, March 2021)

"The Compromise of 1850 and the Search for a Usable Past," *Journal of the Civil War Era* 9 (September 2019): 438-456

- “‘Tell Us Something About State Rights’: Northern Republicans, State Rights, and the Coming of the Civil War,” *Journal of the Civil War Era* 7 (June 2017): 242-268
- “Tracing the ‘Sacred Relicts’: The Strange Career of Preston Brooks’s Cane,” *Civil War History* 63 (June 2017): 113-132
- “Interdisciplinary Studies of the Civil War Era: Recent Trends and Future Prospects,” *Journal of American Studies* 51 (May 2017): 349-383
- “A Theory of Moral Outrage: Indignation and Eighteenth-Century British Abolitionism,” *Slavery & Abolition* 36 (December 2015): 662-683
- “Mountaineers Becoming Free: Emancipation and Statehood in West Virginia,” *West Virginia History* New Series 9 (Fall 2015): 37-71
- “What Twenty-First-Century Historians Have Said about the Causes of Disunion: A Civil War Sesquicentennial Review of the Recent Literature,” *Journal of American History* 99 (September 2012): 415-439
- “‘The Indignation of Freedom-Loving People’: The Caning of Charles Sumner and Emotion in Antebellum Politics,” *Journal of Social History* 44 (Spring 2011): 689-705

Essays in Edited Volumes:

- “Slavery,” in *Routledge History of Emotion in the Modern World*, eds. Katie Barclay and Peter Stearns (forthcoming)
- “Antebellum Camel Capers and the Global Slave Power,” in *Animal Histories of the Civil War Era*, ed. Earl J. Hess (under advance contract with Louisiana State University Press)
- “Secession and Disunion,” in *The Cambridge History of the American Civil War, Volume 2, Affairs of State*, ed. Aaron Sheehan-Dean (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019): 43-62
- “Politics and Changing Views of Jealousy in the Antebellum United States,” in *Emotions and Social Change: Historical and Sociological Perspectives*, eds. Ann Brooks and David Lemmings (New York: Routledge Press, 2014): 156-172

Book Review Essay:

- “The Problem of Slavery in American Politics,” *Canadian Review of American Studies* 49 (2019): 236-246 [review of: Adam I.P. Smith, The Stormy Present: Conservatism and the Problem of Slavery in Northern Politics, 1846-1865 (2017); Graham A. Peck, Making an Antislavery Nation: Lincoln, Douglas, and the Battle over Freedom (2017); and Paul D. Naish, Slavery and Silence: Latin America and the U.S. Slave Debate (2017)]

Book Reviews:

- James Lundberg, Horace Greeley: Print Politics and the Failure of American Nationhood (2020), *Journal of the Civil War Era* (forthcoming)
- Thomas J. Balcerski, Bosom Friends: The Intimate World of James Buchanan and William Rufus King (2019), *The Alabama Review* (forthcoming)
- Lawrence T. McDonnell, Performing Disunion: The Coming of the Civil War in Charleston, South Carolina (2018), *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (forthcoming)
- James C. Klotter, Henry Clay: The Man Who Would Be President (2018), *Journal of the Early Republic* 40 (Summer 2020): 358-361
- James J. Broomall, Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers (2019), *American Historical Review* 125 (April 2020): 654-655

- Harold Holzer and Norton Garfinkle, A Just and Generous Nation: Abraham Lincoln and the Fight for American Opportunity (2015), *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* 41 (Summer 2020)
- Michael F. Holt, The Election of 1860: “A Campaign Fraught with Consequences” (2017), *American Historical Review* 125 (February 2020): 232-233
- Jason Phillips, Looming Civil War: How Nineteenth-Century Americans Imagined the Future (2018), *Journal of American History* 106 (Sept. 2019): 468-469
- Michael D. Robinson, A Union Indivisible: Secession and the Politics of Slavery in the Border South (2017), *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 78 (Summer 2019): 191-193
- Dwight T. Pitcaithley, ed., The U.S. Constitution and Secession: A Documentary Anthology of Slavery and White Supremacy (2018), *New Mexico Historical Review* 94 (Summer 2019): 317-318
- Joan Cashin, ed., War Matters: Material Culture in the Civil War Era (2018), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 117 (Spring 2019): 400-402
- William J. Cooper, The Lost Founding Father: John Quincy Adams and the Transformation of American Politics (2017), *The Historian* 80 (Winter 2018): 810-811
- Chandra Manning, Troubled Refuge: Struggling for Freedom in the Civil War (2016), *North Carolina Historical Review* (July 2018): 363-364
- Carole Emberton and Bruce E. Baker, eds., Remembering Reconstruction: Struggles over the Meaning of America’s Most Turbulent Era (2017), *West Virginia History* 12 (Spring-Fall 2018): 137-138
- Matthew M. Stith, Extreme Civil War: Guerrilla Warfare, Environment, and Race on the Trans-Mississippi Frontier (2016), *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter* 30 (Winter 2018): 3
- Carl Lawrence Paulus, The Slaveholding Crisis: Fear of Insurrection and the Coming of the Civil War (2017), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 116 (Winter 2018): 111-113
- Christopher Phillips, The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border (2016), *Journal of Southern History* 83 (Nov. 2017): 980-982
- Craig Thompson Friend and Lorri Glover, eds., Death and the American South (2015), *Journal of Social History* 50 (Spring 2017): 597-599
- Daniel W. Crofts, Lincoln and the Politics of Slavery: The Other Thirteenth Amendment and the Struggle to Save the Union (2016), *Journal of the Civil War Era* 6 (Dec. 2016): 599-602
- Kevin Adams and Leonne M. Hudson, eds., Democracy and the American Civil War: Race and African Americans in the Nineteenth Century (2016), *Lincoln Herald* 118 (Fall 2016): 206-209
- Gary W. Gallagher and Joan Waugh, The American War: A History of the Civil War Era (2015), *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 124, no. 2 (2016): 167-168
- Lorien Foote and Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, eds., So Conceived and So Dedicated: Intellectual Life in the Civil War-Era North (2015), *Civil War History* 62 (June 2016): 214-216
- William A. Blair, With Malice Toward Some: Treason and Loyalty in the Civil War Era (2014), *North Carolina Historical Review* 93 (Jan. 2016): 107-108
- Edward G. Longacre, The Early Morning of War: Bull Run, 1861 (2014), *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter* 28 (Fall 2015): 2-3
- David Grant, Political Antislavery Discourse and American Literature of the 1850s (2012), *Pennsylvania History* 82 (Summer 2015): 397-399

- James Oakes, The Scorpion's Sting: Antislavery and the Coming of the Civil War (2014), *Journal of Southern History* 81 (Aug. 2015): 725-727
- Martha Hodes, Mourning Lincoln (2015), *Journal of Military History* 79 (July 2015): 845-846
- Holt Merchant, South Carolina Fire-Eater: The Life of Laurence Massillon Keitt, 1824-1864 (2014), *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 116 (April 2015): 149-152
- Rachel A. Sheldon, Washington Brotherhood: Politics, Social Life, and the Coming of the Civil War (2013), *Journal of American History* 101 (Dec. 2014): 934-935
- Christopher Childers, The Failure of Popular Sovereignty: Slavery, Manifest Destiny, and the Radicalization of Southern Politics (2012) and Martin H. Quitt, Stephen A. Douglas and Antebellum Democracy (2012), *Civil War History* 60 (June 2014): 205-208
- Robert J. Cook, William L. Barney, and Elizabeth R. Varon, Secession Winter: When the Union Fell Apart (2013), *Journal of American Studies* 48 (May 2014): E37 (electronic only)
- Steven Lubet, John Brown's Spy: The Adventurous Life and Tragic Confession of John E. Cook (2012), *Journal of the Civil War Era* 3 (Dec. 2013): 586-589
- Shearer Davis Bowman, At the Precipice: Americans North and South during the Secession Crisis (2010), *North Carolina Historical Review* 88 (July 2011): 366-367
- John Majewski, Modernizing a Slave Economy: The Economic Vision of the Confederate Nation (2009), *North Carolina Historical Review* 87 (Oct. 2010): 452-453
- Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene D. Genovese, Slavery in White and Black: Class and Race in the Southern Slaveholders' New World Order (2008), *Journal of Social History* 43 (Summer 2010): 1105-1107

Digital Publications:

- Field Dispatches for *Muster* (regular feature on the *Journal of the Civil War Era* blog):
- “Presidential Politics in a Public Health Crisis: Cholera and the 1832 Election” (July 14, 2020)
 - “Popularizing Proslavery: John Van Evrie and the Mass Marketing of Proslavery Ideology” (May 26, 2020)
 - “Teaching Military History with the *Official Records*” (January 21, 2020)
 - “Before Opinion Polling: Tracking Public Sentiment in Civil War-Era Politics” (December 3, 2019)
 - “Teaching with Raw Primary Sources: The Value of Transcription” (August 27, 2019)
 - “A Historian for Troubled Times: James Parton, Andrew Jackson, and the Secession Winter” (June 4, 2019)
 - “Mudsills vs. Chivalry” (December 21, 2018)
 - “The Other Lawrence Massacre: Sectional Politics and the 1860 Pemberton Mill Disaster” (September 26, 2018)
 - “Long Haired Sixties Radicals” (July 31, 2018) [reprinted as “Those Long-Haired (18)60s Radicals,” *America's Civil War* 32 (March 2019): 8-10]
 - “Neither Snow Nor Rain Nor Secession? Mail Delivery and the Experience of Disunion in 1861” (June 26, 2018)
 - “Politics of the English Language: Views from 1850” (March 30, 2018)
 - “Was There a Plot to Kill Stephen A. Douglas?” (January 30, 2018)
 - “The Dark Underbelly of Jefferson Davis's Camels” (November 21, 2017)
 - “States' Rights and Antislavery Activism” (September 22, 2017)

- “Remembering the Davis-Douglas Debates,” University of North Carolina Press Blog (June 18, 2020)
- Reading group discussant, “The Civil War-era United States and Transatlantic Currents of White Supremacy,” *H-Nationalism* (January 30, 2020)
- Review of Paul Finkelman and Donald R. Kennon, eds., Civil War Congress and the Creation of Modern America: A Revolution on the Home Front (2018), *Michigan War Studies Review* (January 27, 2020)
- Review of Stephen V. Ash, Rebel Richmond: Life and Death in the Confederate Capital (2019), *H-CivWar* (January 27, 2020)
- Review of Niels Eichhorn, Liberty and Slavery: European Separatists, Southern Secession, and the American Civil War (2019), *H-Slavery* (December 8, 2019)
- Review of Lawrence A. Kreiser, Jr., Marketing the Blue and Gray: Newspaper Advertising and the American Civil War (2019), *Civil War Book Review* (Fall 2019)
- Review of Alice Elizabeth Malavasic, The F Street Mess: How Southern Senators Rewrote the Kansas-Nebraska Act (2017), *The Civil War Monitor* (July 18, 2018)
- Review of Douglas R. Egerton and Robert L. Paquette, eds., The Denmark Vesey Affair: A Documentary History (2017), *H-SC* (August 31, 2017)
- Review of Corey M. Brooks, The Liberty Power: Antislavery Third Parties and the Transformation of American Politics (2016) and Brian Gabriel, The Press and Slavery in America, 1791-1859: The Melancholy Effect of Popular Excitement (2016), *H-Slavery* (January 31, 2017)
- “Fraud, Violence, and ‘Rigged’ Elections: A Warning from Bleeding Kansas,” *Muster (Journal of the Civil War Era)* blog (September 6, 2016)
- “Slave Narratives and the Civil War,” *Essential Civil War Curriculum*, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies
- “Causes of the Civil War,” *Essential Civil War Curriculum*, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies
- “Sectionalism from the Kansas-Nebraska Act to the Election of Lincoln,” *American Yawp* (an electronic U.S. history textbook)

Research Fellowships and Awards:

- Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2019-2020
- Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2019
- Everett Helm Visiting Fellowship, Lilly Library, Indiana University, 2019
- Fellowship Grant, West Virginia Humanities Council, 2019
- John Marshall Summer Scholar, Marshall University, 2019
- Summer Stipend, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2016
- Fellowship Grant, West Virginia Humanities Council, 2014
- Summer Research Award, Marshall University, 2014
- Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago Special Collections Research Center, 2014
- Research Grant, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies/Virginia Tech Special Collections, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2014
- Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago Special Collections Research Center, 2011

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Carolina, 2011-2012

Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 2011

Wilfrid and Rebecca Callcott Award, Department of History, University of South Carolina, 2010

John G. "Jack" Sproat Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of History, University of South Carolina, 2009

Other Fellowships, Awards, and Honors:

Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award, Marshall University, 2017

Finalist, Pickens-Queen Teaching Award, Marshall University, 2017

Quinlan Endowment Fund Award for Faculty Travel, Marshall University, 2014

Distinguished Graduate Scholar, Office of Research and Graduate Education, University of South Carolina, 2012

District 8 History Scholarship, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 2012

Postgraduate Travel Bursary, University of Western Australia, 2011

Graduate School Fellowship, University of South Carolina, 2007-2011

Finalist (one of five), Louis Pelzer Memorial Award, Organization of American Historians, 2009

Robert H. Wienefeld Essay Award, Department of History, University of South Carolina, 2009

Phi Beta Kappa, Whitman College Chapter, inducted May 2007

Conference Presentations:

"The Lords of the Lash and the Lords of the Ledger: Northern Proslavery Journalism and the Whig Origins of the *New York Day Book*," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2021

Roundtable Panelist, "Revisiting the 'Slave Power,'" Southern Historical Association, Louisville, KY, November 2019

"The Making of a Professional Racist: The Rise of John Van Evrie's Racist Publishing Empire in Pre-Civil War America," Washington Early American Seminar, University of Maryland, College Place, MD, September 2019

Civil War Institute Summer Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, June 2019:

Faculty Panelist: "The Political Crisis of the 1850s"

Faculty Panelist: "Artifacts of the Civil War"

"Young Hickory, the Little Giant, and the Democratic Party in the Age of Manifest Destiny," James K. Polk and His Time Conference, Knoxville, TN, April 2019

"Keep Cool and Disappoint Your Enemies: Stephen A. Douglas and the Perilous Politics of Emotional Self-Control," Society of Civil War Historians, Pittsburgh, PA, June 2018

"Pioneers and Mongrels: Antebellum Democrats Confront the Multiracial West," Western History Association, San Diego, CA, November 2017

"The Davis-Douglas Debates: Race, Property, and the Fate of Democracy in 1860," Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, LA, April 2017

"'Slavery Is Getting Death-Blows': Slave Resistance and Military Assistance in Civil War West Virginia," Annual Regional Underground Railroad Conference, Ohio River National Freedom Corridor, Maysville, KY, October 2016

"'A City of Mourners': Charlestonians and a Sanguinary Strike on Sumter," Society of Civil War Historians, Chattanooga, TN, June 2016

- “‘The Governing Race of This Country’: Race, Democracy, and Belonging in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” 16th Maple Leaf & Eagle Conference for North American Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 2016
- “Tracing the ‘Sacred Relicts’: The Strange Career of Preston Brooks’s Cane,” Objects as Subjects: Material Cultures of the Civil War Era Conference, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, October 2015
- “‘Mudsills versus Chivalry!’: Class Conflict and Total War in the Occupied South,” Filson Institute Conference, The Hard Hand of War: Civilians and Irregulars in the Civil War, Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, October 2014
- “‘Tell Us About State Rights!’: Republicans, States’ Rights, and Antebellum Political Realignment,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2014
- “Horace Greeley, Southern Hatred, and the Dilemma of Affective Reconstruction,” American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 2014
- “Grief, Mourning, and Patriotism in the Southern Confederacy, 1860-1861,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, St. Louis, MO, July 2013
- “Feeling Like Confederates: Public Mourning Rituals during the Secession Crisis,” Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, WI, April 2012
- “‘To Arouse Our Indignation and Our Pity’: A Reconsideration of British Abolitionism’s Emotional Appeal,” American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 2012
- “That Masterful Feeling: Emotion and Slaveholding in the Old South,” Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, MD, October 2011
- “From Masculine Virtue to Feminine Vice: Sectional Politics and Changing Views of Jealousy in the Antebellum United States,” Norbert Elias, Emotional Styles, and Historical Change Interdisciplinary Collaboratory, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, June 2011
- “A Theory of Moral Outrage: Indignation in Eighteenth-Century British Abolitionist Politics,” Conference on Emotions in the Medieval and Early Modern World, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, June 2011
- “Bringing Emotions History into the Classroom: The Secession Crisis as a Case Study,” National Council for History Education National Conference, “The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars,” Charleston, SC, April 2011
- “The Heart of the Master Class; or, The Politics of Domestic Affection in the Plantation South,” Graduate History Conference, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, March 2011
- “‘What Can Preserve Us But Constant Jealousy?’: Emotion and Secession in Southern Political Rhetoric, 1827-1861,” Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians, Liverpool, UK, October 2010
- “The Politics of ‘Sympathetic Anger’: Indignation in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Political Culture,” 2nd Annual Graduate Student American Political History Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, April 2010
- “The Heart of the Sectional Conflict: Emotion, Politics, and the Coming of the American Civil War,” St. George Tucker Society, Augusta, GA, August 2009
- “Echoes of the Old South: The Southern Soundscape and Social Hierarchy in Mary Boykin Chesnut’s Fiction,” Eighth Southern Conference on Women’s History, Southern Association for Women Historians, Columbia, SC, June 2009

Conference Panel Moderation/Commentary:

- Commentator: “Sectionalism & Secession,” Lebanon Valley College Center for Political History, Third Annual Conference on American Political History, Annville, PA, May 2019
- Chair/Commentator: “Westernizing the Civil War: Case Studies of the Trans-Mississippi Borderlands,” Western History Association, San Diego, CA, November 2017
- Commentator: “Managing Southern Hearts: Emotional Labor in the Old South,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2017
- Commentator: “Southern Abolitionists in the Civil War Era,” Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, AR, November 2015

Invited Lectures:

- “Slavery, Civil Rights, and the Gag Rule Debates in Congress,” virtual lecture, Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education and the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, Shepherd University, July 2020
- “Revisiting the Emancipation Proclamation in West Virginia and Beyond,” Athens Civil War Roundtable/Ohio University, Athens, OH, March 2019
- Respondent, “Monuments and the Historical Memory of the Civil War in Appalachia,” Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Symposium, Huntington, WV, March 2019
- “West Virginia and Lincoln’s Assassination,” keynote address, Conversations on Lincoln, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV, April 2018
- “Under Cover of Camels: Exploring the Dark Underbelly of the Camel Experiment in the Antebellum American Southwest,” Third Thursday Speaker Series, Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning, March 2018
- “West Virginia and the Lincoln Assassination,” Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable, Dunbar, WV, February 2017
- “West Virginians and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln,” Kiwanis Club of Huntington, Huntington, WV, April 2016
- “Emancipation and Statehood in West Virginia,” West Virginia Archives and History Library Lecture, Charleston, WV, August 2015
- “West Virginians and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln,” West Virginia Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, 2015
- *Huntersville Historical Traditions, Huntersville, WV, June 2015
 - *Mineral County Historical Society/Potomac State College, Keyser, WV, April 2015
- “West Virginians and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln,” Sons of the American Revolution, Huntington Chapter, Huntington, WV, May 2015
- “West Virginians and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln,” Little Lecture Series, West Virginia Humanities Council, Charleston, WV, March 2015
- “What Happened to Preston Brooks’s Cane?” Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Marshall University, February 2015
- “Revisiting the Emancipation Proclamation: West Virginia and Beyond,” West Virginia Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, 2014
- *Edgewood Summit Retirement Community, Charleston, WV, September 2014
 - *Dynamic Adults, 5th Ave. Baptist Church, Huntington, WV, May 2014
- “Statehood and Emancipation at 151: The View from the Mountain State,” Kanawha Valley Civil War Roundtable, South Charleston, WV, April 2014

“*Lincoln: A Historian’s Perspective*,” Phi Alpha Theta Honor Society, Marshall University,
March 2014

“The Emancipation Proclamation in History and Memory,” Columbia Philatelic Society,
Columbia, SC, January 2013

Interviews/Appearances:

Interview regarding *Arguing until Doomsday* hosted by the Gettysburg College Civil War
Institute and The Tattooed Historian, June 15, 2020

Guest on #writewednesday, a monthly Twitter-based interview about writing, Graduate Council,
Society for Civil War Historians, August 9, 2017

Interview regarding *Ultimate General: Gettysburg* [computer game], “History Respawned”
podcast, published January 31, 2017

Interview regarding secession and West Virginia statehood, “Houston Matters,” Houston Public
Media, aired July 27, 2016

Book talk/interview regarding *Emotional and Sectional Conflict in the Antebellum United States*,
“Chapters” (Armstrong Cable), aired April 20, 2015

Interview regarding Lincoln assassination, “West Virginia Morning,” West Virginia Public
Broadcasting, aired April 15, 2015

Interview regarding Lincoln assassination, “Talkline,” WV MetroNews, aired April 14, 2015

Teaching Experience:

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Undergraduate Courses:

Early American Republic

Marshall University

Undergraduate Courses:

American History to 1877

History of the Old South, 1492-1860

American Civil War and Reconstruction

History of the New South, 1877-Present

Gilded Age America, 1877-1900

U.S. West to 1900

The American Presidency [Honors Seminar]

Graduate Courses:

History of the Old South, 1492-1860

American Civil War and Reconstruction

History of the New South, 1877-Present

Gilded Age America, 1877-1900

U.S. West to 1900

Seminar in Reconstruction

Seminar in U.S. Political History

Readings in Southern History

Readings in 19th-Century U.S. History

MA Theses (Director)

Lauren M. Milton, “Civil Neighbors to Violent Foes: Guerrilla Warfare in Western
Virginia During the Civil War” (Summer 2019)

John M. McMillan, “Impracticable, Inhospitable, and Dismal Country: An Examination
of the Environmental Impact on Civil War Operations in West Virginia” (Spring
2018)

Seth Nichols, ““Let Us Bury and Forget’: Civil War Memory and Identity in Cabell County, West Virginia, 1865-1915” (Spring 2017)

Michael Emett, ““Or This Whole Affair Is a Failure’: A Special Treasury Agent’s Observations of the Port Royal Experiment, Port Royal, South Carolina, April to May, 1862” (Summer 2016)

MA Theses (Committee Member):

William Tanner Smoot, “In the Company of Angels: Expressions of Personal Autonomy, Authority, and Agency in Early Anglo-Saxon Monasticism” (Spring 2017)

Brandon Ray Kirk, “Desperate and Determined Men: West Virginia’s Lincoln County Feud” (Spring 2017)

Jennifer Spoor (English Dept.), “Remembering Breece Pancake” (Fall 2015)

Andrew Lore, “The Politics of War: Neoconservatism, The Abrams Doctrine, and the War Powers Resolution” (Spring 2015)

Service:

Marshall University

Service to the University

Faculty Senate Standing Committee – Library, 2015-2020

Board Member, Marshall University Library Associates, 2015-2020

Presidential Committee to Examine Building Names, 2018-2019

Facilitator/presenter, Writing Across the Curriculum Faculty Workshop, October 2017

Service to the College of Liberal Arts

Organizing Committee, Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference, 2013-2019

Faculty Concerns Committee, 2017-2019 (chair, 2017-2018)

Curriculum Committee, 2015-2018

Research Committee, 2013-2015

Service to the Department of History

Blake-Hulse Scholarship Selection Committee, 2014-2020

Assessment Committee, 2014-2017 (chair, 2015-2016)

University of South Carolina

Veteran Teaching Assistant Panel Discussant, TA Orientation, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, 2011, 2012

Judge, National Essay Contest, The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 2012

Judge, South Carolina State History Day, 2008, 2009, 2011

Treasurer, Graduate History Association, University of South Carolina, 2008-2010

Other Professional Experience:

Board of Historians, Essential Civil War Curriculum, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, 2016-

List Editor, H-Emotions listserv, 2012-2020

Co-editor, *West Virginia History*, 2017-2020

Membership Committee Member, Southern Historical Association, 2019-2020

Peer Review Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2019

Program Committee Member (for 2017 meeting), Southern Historical Association, 2016

Editorial Board Member, *West Virginia History*, 2015-2017

Book manuscript review:

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020
Cambridge University Press, 2020
University of Virginia Press, 2019
Liverpool University Press, 2019
University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018
Southern Illinois University Press, 2017

Book proposal review:

Routledge Press, 2020
University of North Carolina Press, 2017

Article manuscript review:

Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 2020
American Nineteenth-Century History, 2020
Journal of Southern History, 2019
Journal of the Civil War Era, 2019
History of Education, 2019
Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 2018
Journal of American Studies, 2017, 2018
ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance, 2015

Professional Memberships:

Abraham Lincoln Association
American Historical Association
Organization of American Historians

Society of Civil War Historians
Southern Historical Association
Western History Association