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EMPLOYMENT

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Lindsay Young Professor of History, 2026 - present

Associate Professor of History, 2019 – 2026

Assistant Professor of History, 2013 – 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, May 2013

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

M.A. in History, August 2007

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

B.A. in History, May 2004

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

[Red Dead's History: A Video Game, an Obsession, and America's Violent Past](#) (New York: St. Martin's Press / Macmillan, 2024)

- [Digital audio](#) narrated by Roger Clark (*Red Dead Redemption II*'s Arthur Morgan)
- Showcased in Land Grant Films' 2025 Telly Award-winning documentary [Shooting for an A: Video Games and Education](#)
- Reviewed in the [Wall Street Journal](#), [Kirkus Reviews](#) (starred review), [Library Journal](#), [The Journal of Southern History](#), [Teaching History](#), [The American Historical Review](#), [The Public Historian](#), and [The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era](#); media coverage in [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), [The American Historical Association](#) and the [AHA's History in Focus](#) podcast, [C-SPAN American History TV](#), [BBC](#), [The History Channel](#), [The Act Man game stream channel](#), WGN Chicago's [Backstory with Larry Potash](#), [The Gilded Age and Progressive Era](#) podcast, [IGN](#), [GameSpot](#), [WUNC](#), [Drafting the Past](#) podcast, [The Video Librarian](#), [The History of California](#) podcast, [Shepherd.com](#), [Heroes Behind Headlines](#) podcast, [2 Complicated 4 History](#) podcast, [History Shorts](#) podcast, [Literary Hub](#), [History Hit](#), [Den of Geek](#), [History Nerds United](#) podcast, [the Danny Jones Show](#) podcast, [Well That](#)

[Aged Well](#) podcast, UTK's [Torchbearer](#) magazine, the [Knoxville News-Sentinel](#) and Knoxville's [WBIR](#) and [WATE](#) TV stations and [WUOT](#) radio station

[*Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside*](#) (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2017) (published in simplified Chinese in 2023 by China Science and Technology Press Co., Ltd.)

- Winner of the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize, recognizing the best first book on the history of international relations, granted by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
 - Winner of the Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award, recognizing the best book on Latin American foreign policies or international relations, granted by the Latin American Studies Association
 - Winner of the Theodore Saloutos Memorial Award, recognizing the best book on U.S. agricultural history, granted by the Agricultural History Society
 - Winner of the William M. LeoGrande Prize, recognizing the best book published in Latin American or Latino studies, granted by American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies and School of Public Affairs
 - Co-winner of the Peter Dobkin Hall History of Philanthropy Book Prize, recognizing the best book on the history of philanthropy, granted by the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
- Reviewed in the *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Diplomatic History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Foro Internacional* (roundtable review), *Agricultural History*, *Environmental History*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Agriculture and Human Values*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Iberoamericana*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class Histories of the Americas*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Historia Agraria de América Latina*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, [H-Diplo Roundtables](#), [H-LatAm](#), [The Latin American Review of Books](#), and [New Books Network](#) podcast

Articles and book chapters:

“[Reaching the Digital Generation](#),” *Perspectives on History* 63, no. 1 (January 2025), 29-30

“¿Una revolución verde para quién? La promesa perdida del Mexican Agricultural Program de la Fundación Rockefeller,” in Netzahualcoyótl Gutiérrez Nuñez, Diana Alejandra Méndez Rojas, Alfredo Pureco Ornelas, and Pedro Urquijo Torres, eds., [La revolución verde en América Latina](#) (Mexico City: Centro de Investigaciones en Geografía Ambiental de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and the Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora, 2025), 23-70

[“Teaching History with Video Games,”](#) *American Historical Review* 128, no. 4 (December 2023), 1755-1775

[“African Americans and Federal Land Policy: Exploring the Homestead Acts of 1862 and 1866,”](#) co-authored with Andrew Muhammad and Christopher Sichko, *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* 46, no. 1 (October 2023), 95-110. [Olsson researched and wrote 4 pages of the historical analysis.]

[“The South in the World since 1865: A Review Essay,”](#) *Journal of Southern History* 87, no. 1 (February 2021), 67-108

[“Comentarios en torno al libro *Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside* premio Tomassini 2019 de LASA,”](#) *Foro Internacional* LX, no. 3 (2020) (translated by Jorge Valenzuela) (part of longer roundtable titled “*Agrarian Crossings* Moviente”), 1176-1180

“Transplanting el Tenesí: Mexican Planners in the US South during the Cold War Era,” in Andra Chastain and Timothy Lorek, eds., [Itineraries of Expertise: Science, Technology, and Environment in Latin America’s Long Cold War](#) (Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2020), 71-92

Roundtable participant, [“New Narratives of the Green Revolution,”](#) *Agricultural History* 91, no. 3 (Summer 2017), 397-422

[“Sharecroppers and Campesinos: The American South, Mexico, and the Transnational Politics of Land Reform in the Radical 1930s,”](#) *Journal of Southern History* 81, no. 3 (August 2015), 607-646, winner of the 2016 Stuart L. Bernath Scholarly Article Prize from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations; winner of the 2016 Wayne D. Rasmussen award from the Agricultural History Society

[“Peeling Back the Layers: Vidalia Onions and the Making of a Global Agribusiness,”](#) *Enterprise & Society* 13, no. 4 (December 2012), 832-861, winner of the 2012 Mira Wilkins Prize for best article in international business history, Business History Conference

[“Your DeKalb Farmers Market: Food and Ethnicity in Atlanta,”](#) *Southern Cultures* 13, no. 4 (Winter 2007), 45-58, republished in Sauceman and Edge, eds., *Cornbread Nation V: The Best of Southern Food Writing* (University of Georgia Press, 2010)

Online publications:

2025 [Interview with IGN](#) about 2026 experiment course “Grand Theft America: U.S. History since 1980 through the *GTA* Video Games,” September 19

2024 [“Why I Turned the ‘Red Dead Redemption II’ Video Game Into a History Class on America’s Violent Past,”](#) *The Conversation*, Uncommon Courses; republished

- on [*Not Even Past*](#)
- [“The Pinkertons in Myth and History,”](#) *The History Reader*
- [“The Decade in Southern History that \(Almost\) No One is Talking About,”](#) *The History Reader*
- 2019 Consultant and interviewee, [“The Man Who Tried to Feed the World”](#) (2020), Apograph Productions for PBS’s *American Experience* series, WGBH Boston
- 2019 [“The Hole in Donald Trump’s Wall,”](#) *Washington Post*, January 9
- 2016 “U.S. Regionalism and the Many Histories of the Green Revolution,” posted January 7 on HistPhil.org, series on the Green Revolution (<https://histphil.org/2016/01/07/u-s-regionalism-and-the-many-histories-of-the-green-revolution/>)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026 University of Tennessee Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award
- 2023 James R. & Nell W. Cunningham Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2021 Professional and Scholarly Development Award, University of Tennessee, to support research on *The Global Cowboy*
- 2019 LeRoy P. Graf Award for Faculty Excellence, Department of History, University of Tennessee
- 2018 Early-Career Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee, December
- Professional and Scholarly Development Award, Office of Research and Engagement, University of Tennessee, January
- 2016 National Endowment for the Humanities faculty fellowship, January – December
- Quest Scholar of the Week, University of Tennessee, February
- 2015 Residential Fellowship, 2015-2016, Tennessee Humanities Center
- Bill and Rita Clements Fellowship for the Study of Southwestern America, 2015-2016, Clements Center for Southwestern Studies, Southern Methodist University (declined)

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, 2015-2016 (declined)
- Finalist, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Agrarian Studies Program, Yale University
- 2014 Finalist, C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize, granted by the Southern Historical Association, October
- Dissertation Prize, Latin American and Caribbean Studies section of the Southern Historical Association (LACS-SHA), September
- Quest Scholar of the Week, University of Tennessee, September
- Oxford University Press USA Dissertation Prize in International History, granted by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, June
- Gilbert C. Fite Dissertation Award, granted by the Agricultural History Society, June
- Professional Development Award, University of Tennessee, Spring
- Excellence in Research Award in the Humanities, University of Georgia Graduate School, February
- Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award for the outstanding research of a recent doctoral graduate, University of Georgia, January
- 2013 William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, October
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Food Studies, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2013-2014 (declined)
- 2012 Ambrose Monell Fellow in Technology and Democracy, Miller Center for Public Affairs National Fellowship (now the Jefferson Scholars Foundation), University of Virginia, 2012-2013
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2012-2013 (declined)
- Warner-Fite Award for Outstanding Graduate Scholarship in American/U.S. History, April, Department of History, University of Georgia
- 2011 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC-IDRF), 2011-2012

- Research Fellowship for the Study of the Global South, New Orleans Gulf South Center at Tulane University, Spring
- Rockefeller Archive Center Grant-in-aid, Tarrytown, NY, May
- University of Georgia Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute Graduate Field Research Award, Spring
- 2010 University of Georgia Graduate School Dean's Award for research travel, Winter
- 2009 William Jennings Bryan Award for best graduate paper of the year, for "Peeling Back the Layers of Globalization: Biology, Technology, and Labor in the Making of a Global Agribusiness, 1930-2000," University of Georgia Department of History, April
- 2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Georgia, April
- 2006 Best Paper Prize at the UMass graduate history conference "History and Power Across American Borders," for "Beyond Grits and Greens: The DeKalb Farmers Market, Food, and Ethnic Identity in Atlanta, 1977-2006," Amherst, MA, November 4

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Keynote speaker, "Leveling Up the Classroom" conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, May 2
- "Red Dead's History: How a Video Game Can Help Us Understand America's Violent Past," invited lecture, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, March 26
- 2024 "Red Dead's History: How a Video Game Can Help Us Better Understand America's Violent Past," invited lecture at Louisiana State University, November 15
- "Red Dead's History: How a Video Game Can Help Us Better Understand America's Violent Past," invited lecture at Texas A&M University, October 16
- "Teaching American History Through Video Games," invited lecture at the Community College Humanities Association's annual conference, Knoxville, TN, October 3
- Red Dead's History* book panel with Roger Clark and Spencer Baculi, Comic-Con International, San Diego, CA, July 27
- 2023 Panelist and presenter, "The Green Revolution: A Global Perspective on its 80th

- Anniversary,” Session 13, “The United States,” Zoom webinar sponsored by the Colegio Mexiquense, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and the Instituto José María Luis Mora, September 12
- 2022 “The Global Cowboy: How American Country Music Traveled and Transformed the World,” University of Tennessee Global Studies Club invited speaker series lecture, April 4
- “The Global Cowboy: Country Music’s Journey Through the American Empire of the Twentieth Century,” Tennessee Humanities Center’s Conversations and Cocktails speaker series, March 31 (via Zoom)
- 2021 “The Global Cowboy: Country Music and American Empire in the Twentieth Century,” keynote address ([recording here](#)) at the [Capitalist Souths graduate student conference](#), University of Georgia History Department, May 21-22 (virtual via Zoom)
- 2020 Panel discussion leader, “Transnational History and the U.S. in the World,” National Fellowship Program 20th Anniversary Conference, University of Virginia, September 26 (postponed due to COVID-19)
- Panelist, “Future Directions in Global and Transnational History,” Vanderbilt University, April 24 (postponed due to COVID-19)
- “The Unexpectedly Entangled Histories of the U.S. and Mexico,” Department of History, California State University at Fresno, March 17 (canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “The Global Cowboy: Country Music’s Travels in the Twentieth-Century World,” Modern U.S. History Seminar, Ohio State University Department of History, October 30
- “The Global Cowboy: Country Music’s Travels in the Twentieth-Century World,” MADCAP workshop, Department of History, University of Virginia, April 19
- 2018 “The Entangled Histories of the US and Mexican Countryside,” at the MIT Seminar in Environmental and Agricultural History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November 16
- “The Entangled Histories of the United States and Mexico,” Department of Historical and Cultural Studies, University of Toronto, September 24
- “Looking for Parallels and Intersections in US and Mexican History,” Department of History, University of Georgia, March 29
- “Seeking Parallels and Intersections in US and Mexican History,” Department of

- History, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 7
- “Roots of the Green Revolution: How the American South Became the Unlikely Laboratory of the Twentieth Century’s Largest Rural Development Program,” Agrifood Seminar at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, January 16
- 2017 “Finding Parallels and Intersections in US and Mexican History,” distinguished alumni lecture, Department of History, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, November 15
- “How East Tennessee Transformed the World: Following the TVA’s Global Career during the Cold War,” East Tennessee History Center, Knoxville, TN, October 24
- “How East Tennessee Transformed the World: Following the TVA’s Global Career during the Cold War,” Blount County Public Library, Maryville, TN, October 23
- 2016 “Roots of the Green Revolution: The American South, Mexico, and the Technopolitics of Agriculture,” at Yale University’s Agrarian Studies colloquium, March 4
- “How East Tennessee Transformed the World: TVA’s Global Career after World War II,” at the Tennessee Humanities Center’s Conversations and Cocktails series, March 1
- 2014 “Remaking the Mexican Farm: The Rockefeller Foundation and the Lost Promise of the Green Revolution,” at the workshop “A Diet of Globalization for Mexico,” University of Illinois at Chicago, December 4-6
- “Next Generation Philanthropy Scholars” conference at the Rockefeller Archive Center, Tarrytown, NY, Oct. 16-18
- “Teaching American and World History Through Food,” at the 33rd Annual Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies, East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville, TN, February 22
- 2013 “Food, Farms, and Global Poverty: Rethinking the History of the Green Revolution,” at the University of Illinois – Chicago’s Food Studies Working Group, October 3
- “The Domestic Roots of the Green Revolution: How the American South Provided a Blueprint for Global Rural Development,” at the University of Georgia’s Institute for Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics annual retreat, May 16-17

- “Technology and Democracy in the Green Revolution: Rockefeller Agricultural Development from the American South to Mexico,” at the University of Virginia’s Miller Center of Public Affairs spring fellows’ conference, May 10-11
- 2012 “Doing Digital History: EndNote, Acrobat, and Photoshop,” in James C. Cobb’s Graduate Research Seminar, University of Georgia, October 10
- 2010 “Atlanta’s Buford Highway and the Culinary Culture of Migration,” at the Southern Foodways Alliance Annual Field Trip, Atlanta, Georgia, June

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2026 Organizer, chair, and participant, “Writing Agricultural History for the Public” roundtable at the Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, June 4-6
- 2024 Invited panelist, “Violence, Power, and American History in Video Games,” #AHRSSyllabus session, American Historical Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 6
- 2023 Chair and commentator, “South of the South: Exploring the History of the U.S. South and Latin America,” Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, NC, November 9-13
- Chair, “Seed Networks in the Long Green Revolution,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Knoxville, TN, June 8-10
- 2022 Commentator, “The U.S. South: Colonialism, Internal Colonialism, and Uneven Development,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 17
- Chair and commentator, “Histories of Resistance,” Agricultural History Society annual conference, Stavanger, Norway, August 3-5
- “American Country Music in the Boondocks: Empire, Agrarian Nostalgia, and Indigenous Identity in the Philippine Cordillera,” Agricultural History Society annual conference, Stavanger, Norway, August 3-5
- Chair and commentator, “Of Famine and Feasts: Food and Foreign Relations in the Postwar Era,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, New Orleans, LA, June 16-18
- “Cowboys in the Philippine Boondocks: Country Music and the Long Afterlife of American Empire,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual conference, New Orleans, LA, June 16-18
- “Country Music and American Empire in the Philippine Boondocks,”

- International Country Music Conference annual conference, Nashville, TN, June 3-5
- 2021 “Listening to Dolly Parton in Nigeria: American Country Music and Agrarian Nostalgia in West Africa,” International Country Music Conference (virtual conference), June 5
- Panelist, roundtable on Amy C. Offner’s *Sorting Out the Mixed Economy*, Agricultural History Society annual meeting (virtual conference), June 3
- Chair and commentator, “Agricultural Intersections: Integrating Foreign Policy Sources into Agricultural History,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting (virtual conference), June 4
- Commentator, “Comparative Histories of Latin American Land Reform,” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting (virtual conference), May 26
- Commentator, “Faith to Feed the Hungry World: U.S. Religions NGOs and International Agricultural Development in the Twentieth Century,” Organization of American Historians annual conference (digital on-demand recording), April
- Moderator and organizer, “The Global in the U.S. South: Views of Immigrants and Labor” digital roundtable, Haines-Morris lecture series on “The U.S. in the Globe / The Global in the U.S.,” University of Tennessee, February 19
- 2020 Moderator and organizer, “The U.S. South in the Globe” digital roundtable, Haines-Morris lecture series on “The U.S. in the Globe / The Global in the U.S.,” University of Tennessee, November 12
- Roundtable panelist, “The U.S. South in the Twentieth-Century World,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 18-20 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Roundtable panelist, session on Amy Offner’s *Sorting out the Mixed Economy*, Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Knoxville, TN, June 2-5 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Commentator, “Using Federal Sources to do Agricultural History,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Knoxville, TN, June 2-5 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Listening to Dolly Parton in Nigeria: American Country Music and Agrarian Nostalgia in West Africa,” International Country Music Conference, Nashville, TN, May 28-30 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Listening to Dolly Parton in Nigeria: American Country Music and Agrarian

- Nostalgia in West Africa,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Washington, DC, June 6-8
- Roundtable panelist, “Rural and Agricultural Modernization in Europe and America,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Washington, DC, June 6-8
- Luciano Tomassini Book Award panel for *Agrarian Crossings*, in conversation with Mónica Serrano, Gabriela Soto Laveaga, Amy Offner, and Susan Gauss, Latin American Studies Association, Boston, MA, May 23-27
- Panel commentator, “Cultivating Environmental Reform: Competing Agrarian Politics in Twentieth-Century Latin America,” American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, January 3-6
- 2018 Roundtable panelist, “The American South and Global Capitalism,” Southern Historical Association annual meeting, Birmingham, AL, November 8-11
- “Hank Williams in Japan and Other Unlikely Stories: The Global Career of US Country Music in the Twentieth Century,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, May 24-26
- Panel chair and commentator, “Knowledge and the Farm,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, May 24-26
- Response comment, roundtable on Tore Olsson’s *Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside*, Agricultural History Society annual meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, May 24-26
- Organizer and panelist, roundtable on Mikael Wolfe’s *Watering the Revolution: An Environmental and Technological History of Agrarian Reform in Mexico*, Agricultural History Society annual meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, May 24-26
- Panel commentator, “The Making of the Global South in the US Gilded Age and Progressive Era Imaginary,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Sacramento, CA, April 12-14
- “Low Modernism and the Green Revolution,” forum with James C. Scott of Yale University on rural development, at the American Historical Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, January 4-7
- 2017 Panel commentator, “Farming the Fault Line: Agriculture Across Borderlands,” Agricultural History Society meeting, Grand Rapids, MI, June 8-10
- Organizer and paper commentator, Agricultural History Society annual graduate student workshop, Grand Rapids, MI, June 7

- 2016 “Transplanting ‘el Tenesí’: Mexican Planners in the American South during the Cold War Era,” at the Yale University conference “Traveling Technocrats: Experts and Expertise in Latin America’s Long Cold War,” New Haven, CT, Oct. 14-15

“The Roots of the Green Revolution: The American South, Mexico, and the Transformation of the Global Countryside,” at the World History Association, Ghent, Belgium, July 2-5

Panelist, roundtable on Gabriel Rosenberg’s 2015 *The 4-H Harvest: Sexuality and the State in Rural America* (University of Pennsylvania Press), Agricultural History Society annual meeting, New York, NY, June 23-25

Panelist, roundtable titled “New Histories of the Green Revolution,” Agricultural History Society annual meeting, New York, NY, June 23-25

“Transplanting ‘el Tenesí’: A History of Comparisons between the U.S. South and Mexico,” at the Canadian Latin American and Caribbean Studies annual meeting, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 1-3

“Rethinking the Green Revolution, From the American South to Mexico,” at the Association for American Geographers’ annual meeting, San Francisco, California, March 29 – April 2

- 2015 Panel commenter, “Elites and Agriculture,” at the Agricultural History Society’s annual meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, June 4-6

“Integrating U.S. Regionalism into ‘Americanization’ Narratives in the Era of Development,” at the American Historical Association annual meeting, New York, NY, January 2-5

- 2014 “Sharecroppers and Campesinos: Transplanting the Mexican Revolution in the New Deal South,” Southern Historical Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 13-16

Chair and commenter for panel titled “Pleasure in the Land: Marking the Spatial Boundaries of the ‘Good Life’ in 20th Century America,” at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, November 6-9

“Sharecroppers and Campesinos: Transplanting Revolutionary Mexican Agrarianism in the Rural New Deal,” at the Agricultural History Society’s annual meeting, Provo, Utah, June 19-22

“Imagining the American South in Mexico: The Rockefeller Foundation, U.S. Regionalism, and Mexico’s Green Revolution, 1943-1950,” at New York

- University's international workshop "American (Inter)Dependencies: New Perspectives on Capitalism and Empire, 1898-1959," New York, NY, April 3-5
- "The Farm Security Administration as Pan-American Leftist Solidarity," at the conference "Illustrating Anarchy and Revolution: Mexican Legacies of Global Change," at the Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas, Austin, TX, February 5-7
- 2013 "Sharecroppers and Campesinos: How Revolutionary Mexican Agrarianism Radicalized the Rural New Deal," Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 21-24
- "Sharecroppers and Campesinos: How Revolutionary Mexican Agrarianism Remade the Rural New Deal," Latin American Studies Association's annual meeting, Washington, DC, May 29 – June 1
- "From Cotton Farmers to Campesinos: Rockefeller Rural Development in the American Mediterranean," at the American Historical Association's annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6
- 2012 "Sharecroppers and Campesinos: The U.S-Mexican Dialogue on Land Reform and Rural Development in the Radical 1930s," at the Empire and Solidarity in the Americas workshop, University of New Orleans, October 12-13
- "American Ejidos: How Mexican Revolutionary Agrarianism Remade the Rural New Deal," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting, Hartford, CT, June 28-30.
- 2011 "Green Revolutions: Agricultural Science and Agrarian Politics in the Transnational Sunbelt," at the Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico, July 27-August 3
- "Science and the Small Farm: Rockefeller Agronomy in the American South and Mexico and the Competing Visions of the Green Revolution," at the Agricultural History Society's annual meeting, Springfield, IL, June 15-28
- "Corn versus Cotton: Monoculture, Subsistence, and Market Integration in Two Green Revolutions," at the German Historical Institute's conference "Cash Crops in Global History," Washington, DC, June 2-4
- 2010 "Peeling Back the Layers of Globalization: Vidalia Onions and the Nuevo New South," at "Southern Nation," Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 24-25
- "Peeling Back the Layers of Globalization: Vidalia Onions and the Nuevo New South," at the Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (S-FARE), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, April 9-10

- 2009 "From Poultry Capital to 'Alien Capital': Labor, Management, and Demographic Change in the Northeast Georgia Poultry Industry, 1940-2000," at the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky, November 5-8
- 2007 "Beyond Grits and Greens: The DeKalb Farmers Market and Transnational Foodways in Atlanta, 1977-2006" at the Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational Studies of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico, August 1-8
- 2006 "Beyond Grits and Greens: The DeKalb Farmers Market, Food, and Ethnic Identity in Atlanta, 1977-2006," at the University of Massachusetts graduate history conference on "History and Power Across American Borders," Amherst, MA, November 4

BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- 2024 Review of *Cold War Country: How Nashville's Music Row and the Pentagon Created the Sound of American Patriotism*, by Joseph Thompson, *Diplomatic History*
- 2023 Review of *Arise! Global Radicalism in the Era of the Mexican Revolution*, by Christina Heatherton, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*
- 2021 Review of *The Mismeasure of Progress: Economic Growth and its Critics*, by Stephen J. Macekura, *Diplomatic History*
- Review of *Getting What We Need Ourselves: How Food Has Shaped African American Life*, by Jennifer Jensen Wallach, *Journal of American History*
- 2020 Review of *Sorting Out the Mixed Economy: The Rise and Fall of Welfare and Developmental States in the Americas*, by Amy Offner, *Enterprise & Society*
- Review of *Global Development: A Cold War History*, by Sara Lorenzini, *Diplomatic History* 44, no. 5
- Review of *Cigarettes, Inc.: An Intimate History of Corporate Imperialism*, by Nan Enstad, *Agricultural History* 94, no. 2
- 2019 Review of *Bulldozer Revolutions: A Rural History of the Metropolitan South*, by Andrew Baker, *Agricultural History* (forthcoming)
- Review of *The Science and Politics of Race in Mexico and the United States, 1910-1950*, by Karin Alejandra Rosemblatt, *Hispanic American Historical Review* 99, no. 3
- 2018 Review of *Farming Across Borders: A Transnational History of the North*

- American West*, edited by Sterling Evans, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 122, no. 2
- Review of *Cultivating Success in the South: Farm Households in the Postbellum Era* by Louis A. Ferleger and John D. Mentz, *Journal of Southern History* 84, no. 2
- 2017 “The Nature of Economic Development,” *Reviews in American History* 45, no. 1, review of *The Slain Wood: Papermaking and its Environmental Consequences in the American South* by William Boyd, *Transforming the South: Federal Development in the Tennessee Valley, 1915-1960* by Matthew L. Downs, and *Concrete Revolution: Large Dams, Cold War Geopolitics, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation* by Christopher Sneddon
- 2016 Review of *Corazón de Dixie: Mexicanos in the U.S. South since 1910* by Julie M. Weise, *North Carolina Historical Review* 93, no. 3
- Review of *Buying into the Regime: Grapes and Consumption in Cold War Chile and the United States* by Heidi Tinsman, *The Latin Americanist* 60, no. 4
- 2015 Review of *Transforming the South: Federal Development in the Tennessee Valley, 1915-1960* by Matthew L. Downs, *Journal of Historical Geography* 50 (October)
- 2014 Review of *The Larder: Food Studies Methods from the American South*, edited by John T. Edge, Elizabeth Engelhardt, and Ted Ownby, *Agricultural History* 89
- 2012 “Poultry Workers and Social Class in the South,” in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Volume 20: “Social Class” (University of North Carolina Press, 2012)
- 2011 “Soccer,” in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Volume 16: “Recreation” (University of North Carolina Press, 2011)
- 2010 Review of *The World According to Monsanto: Pollution, Corruption, and the Control of Our Food Supply* by Marie-Monique Robin, *Enterprise & Society* (November 2010)
- Review of *Latino Immigrants and the Transformation of the American South*, edited by Mary Odem and Elaine Lacy, *H-net: H-Southern Industry* (February 2010)
- 2009 “Latinos in Georgia,” in the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*, ed. John C. Inscoe

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Graduate courses:

- HIST 512, "The Profession of History"
- HIST 543, "The United States since 1968," historiography course
- HIST 551, "America and the World since 1865," historiography course
- HIST 545, "American History since the Civil War," historiography course
- HIST 593, "Agriculture and Environment in the American South," independent readings course
- HIST 593, "The U.S. South in the World since 1865," independent readings course
- HIST 593, "History of Mexico, 1870s-Present," independent readings course

Undergraduate courses:

- HIST 150, "Grand Theft America: US History since 1980 through the *GTA* Video Games"
- HIST 299, "Country Music U.S.A.: An Introduction to Historical Thinking"
- HIST 499, "East Tennessee and the World: Senior Research Seminar"
- HIST 499, "Food and Drink in the Modern South: Senior Research Seminar"
- HIUS 222, "Modern American History in Thirty Pop Songs: U.S. History, 1865-Present"
- HIUS 301, "Borders, Burritos, and Gringos: The Entangled Histories of the United States and Mexico"
- HIUS 310, "Red Dead America: The Real History Behind the Popular Video Games"
- HIUS 365, "Food and Power in U.S. History"

Ph.D. students supervised:

- Kaitlin Simpson (2018-2024), currently assistant professor of history at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- Annamaria Haden (2021-)
- Camren Lewin (2024-2026)
- Madeline Thompson (2025-)
- Sarah Babcock (2025-)
- Arthur Monning (2026-)

MA students and theses supervised:

- Ella Maldonado (2025-2026)
- Alexander Kim (2025-)
- Steven Nickoloff (2024)
- Adrien Xavier Lievin, "Reforming "by the Kitchen Route": Virginia

Moore and Home Demonstration, 1910-1946” (2017)’

Service on Ph.D. comprehensive exam committees:

- Jacob Nelson (2020)
- Mark Joslin (2022)
- Steven Nickollof (2023)
- Roraig Finney (2023)
- Amanda Klug (2022)
- Camren Lewin (2023)
- Kiana Rubish (2024)
- Dave Strickler (2023)
- Rachel Wiedman (2024)
- Madeline Thompson (2026)

Service on Ph.D. dissertation committees:

- Roraig Finney, “Strangers in Dixie’s Land: Immigration and Nativism in the South, 1850-1920” (2026)
- Andrew Butler, “Christ His Grace Is Sufficient Mobile Home Service And Transporting, Inc.: Poems” (UTK Department of English, 2024)
- Minami Nishioka, “Protestant Missionaries, Japan, and U.S. Imperial Expansions into Ryūkyū/Okinawa, 1846-1919” (2023)
- Joshua Hodge, “Alabama’s Public Wilderness: A Cultural History of Land Use in the Gulf South, 1819-1900” (2019)
- J. Tomlin, “Papal Plots and Muslim Mischief: Religious Fears and Political Sensibilities in Early America” (2018)
- Andrea Perales Fernández de Gamboa, “Desaprendiendo las múltiples significaciones de Emiliano Zapata: Una lectura decolonial” (Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literature, 2017)
- Jordan Kuck, “The Dictator without a Uniform: Karlis Ulmanis, Agrarian Nationalism, Transnational Fascism, and Interwar Latvia” (2014)

Undergraduate honors theses supervised:

- Andrew Batey (2025)
- Tristan Brown (2025)
- Sam Konsavage (2024)
- Thomas Hyde (2024)
- Corinne Kamien (2023)
- Sadie Kimbrough (College Scholars, 2023)
- Jake Nipper (2022)
- Caleb Weerasekera (2020)
- Caitlyn Haley (2014)

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2005-2010, for courses in
Early American History, to 1865 (three courses)
Modern U.S. History, 1865 to present (five courses)
Modern Latin American History, 1810 to present (one course)
Mexican History, from pre-Columbian era to the present (one course)
Food and Power in American History (one course)

SELECTED SERVICE

Service to the discipline

Manuscript referee for:

Cambridge University Press
Columbia University Press
Cornell University Press
Oxford University Press
University of Chicago Press
University of Minnesota Press
University of Missouri Press
University of North Carolina Press
University of Tennessee Press
University of Texas Press

Article referee for:

Agricultural History
Agriculture and Human Values
American Quarterly
Contemporary European History
Diplomatic History
Encounters in Theory and History of Education
Enterprise and Society
Gastronomica
Georgia Historical Quarterly
Journal of Agrarian Change
LABOR
Modern American History

Executive Committee member, Agricultural History Society, 2022-2025

Reviewer, ACLS faculty fellowship, 2024, 2023, 2021

Workshop director, National Council for History Education's "The Rural Experience in America," May 11, 2024

Editorial Board member, *Agricultural History*, 2020-2022

Local accommodations host, Agricultural History Society, 2023 annual meeting

Selection committee, Marilyn Blatt Young Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2020-2023 (chair in final year)

Chair, Richmond Brown Dissertation Award selection committee, Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (SHA-LACS), summer 2020

Selection committee, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2019-20, 2020-21

Selection Committee, ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2020-21

Peter Dobkin Hall History of Philanthropy Book Prize committee, Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), summer 2020

Program committee, Southern Historical Association, 2018-19

Organizer and host, Southern Forum for Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (SFARE), April 26-27, 2018, Knoxville, TN

Organizer and commenter, Agricultural History Society annual graduate student workshop, June 2017

Service to the university

Reviewer, Generative AI faculty fellowship committee, Spring 2025

Co-organizer, Digital Games Research Seminar, Denbo Center for the Humanities and Arts research seminar, 2024-present

Chair, Global Citizenship – United States subcommittee, University of Tennessee VolCore (new general education overhaul), 2020-2022

Editorial Board member, University of Tennessee Press, 2021-2022

Faculty Senator, University of Tennessee, 2018-2021

Research Council member

SARIF grant selection committee

Faculty representative, Student Media Board

Founder and coordinator, Tennessee Workshop in Food, Agriculture, and Society,
Humanities Center Research seminars, 2016-2018

Service to the Department of History

Director of Graduate Studies, 2022-2026

Chair, Stokely Management Center 6th floor Beautification committee, 2024

Chair, Graduate Committee, Department of History, 2021-22

Americanist Caucus facilitator, 2021-2023

LeRoy Graf Award Committee, UTK History Department, 2020-2022

Organizer, Department of History Faculty Research Colloquium, 2015-2026