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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D. Candidate, 2015-present

Major Field: United States History Second Field: Global History

Exam Fields: The Growth of the American State in the Nineteenth Century, Pre-1800

America, 19th-century United States, 20th-century United States

Adviser: Harry Watson

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, M.A. in History, 2015

M.A. Thesis: "Suffrage for White Men Only: The Disfranchisement of Free Men of

Color in Antebellum North Carolina"

Adviser: Paul Quigley

Centre College, B.A. in History, magna cum laude, 2013

Senior Thesis: "A Divided State in a Divided Nation: An Exploration of East Tennessee's Support for the Union in the Secession Crisis of 1860-1861"

Adviser: Michael Hamm

Publications

- "Nat Turner." In *Encyclopedia of Racial Violence*, edited by Douglas Flowe and Sowande Mustakeem. (accepted)
- "Memory Struggles in the Past and Present: A Review of Recent Contributions to the Study of Civil War Memory." *Essays in History* (2016). http://www.essaysinhistory.com/memory-struggles-in-the-past-and-present-a-review-of-recent-contributions-to-the-study-of-civil-war-memory/.
- "Ardent Nullifier and Gradual Emancipator: The Paradox of Virginia Governor John Floyd." *Southern Historian* 37 (Spring 2016): 23-45.
- "The Noblest Enterprise of Modern Times': Robert Y. Hayne's 1836 Address to the Knoxville Convention." *Journal of East Tennessee History* 87 (2016): 93-107.
- "The Nullification Crisis." Essential Civil War Curriculum.

http://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com.

"A Divided State in a Divided Nation: An Exploration of East Tennessee's Support of the Union in the Secession Crisis of 1860-1861." *Journal of East Tennessee History* 84 (2013): 3-22.

Conference Presentations

"Manifest Destiny's Prehistory: The Polk Family's Colonization of Indigenous Lands along the Duck River in Early Tennessee," James K. Polk and His Time: A Conference Finale to the Polk Project, Knoxville, TN, April 12–13, 2019. (accepted)

- "From Territory to Statehood: Land Policy, Indian Affairs, and American Federalism in the Tennessee River Valley, 1790-1805," British American Nineteenth Century Historians Conference, Cambridge University, United Kingdom, October 5-7, 2018.
- "An Enemy to Liberty, Humanity, and the Laws': The 1791 Treaty of Holston and Competition for Sovereignty in the Tennessee Valley," 2018 Graduate Student History Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 24, 2018.
- "Combined Authority, Divided Sovereignty: Governor Joseph McMinn of Tennessee, Indian Removal, and the Expansion of American Empire, 1815-1819," 2018 History Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 9-10, 2018.
- "Suffrage for White Men Only: The End of Free Men of Color's Political Citizenship in Antebellum North Carolina," Citizenship in the Era of the American Civil War Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia, April 24, 2015.
- "At the Intersection of Social Improvement and the Market Revolution: The Failure of the Kentucky Asylum's Congressional Land Grant in the Florida Territory," Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia, March 22, 2014.

Book Reviews

- "Media 'Propagation' in the Making of Revolution." Review of *The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution* by Robert G. Parkinson. *Common-place* 17, no. 2.5. (May 2017). http://common-place.org/book/media-propagation-in-the-making-of-revolution/.
- Review of To Retain Command of the Mississippi: The Civil War Naval Campaign for Memphis, by Edward B. McCaul, Jr., Journal of East Tennessee History, 86 (2015).

Professional Experience

Community Histories Workshop, UNC – Chapel Hill, Graduate Fellow, Fall 2016-present

- Contributes to community-oriented digital humanities projects, including Digital Rocky Mount Mills and the Dorothea Dix Park History Initiative
- Researches, transcribes, and digitizes relevant manuscript sources from the Southern
 Historical Collection at Wilson Library, the State Archives of North Carolina, the David
 M. Rubenstein Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Duke University, and the Library of
 Virginia
- Writes historical narratives that focuses on community histories
- Creates digital humanities visualizations using the Prospect and Scalar digital humanities platforms
- Digitizes and transcribes community materials received through oral history interviews, history harvests, or direct communication with community stakeholders

Southern Historical Collection, UNC – Chapel Hill, American Studies Community Archives Graduate Research Fellow, August 2017-August 2018

- Created and curated digital humanities projects dealing with community history
- Developed digital tools to assist community stakeholders in preserving, sharing, and organizing their community's historical materials, including the "Archivist in a Backpack" prototype

- Graduate Teaching Assistant for a new graduate/advanced undergraduate (honors) American Studies course, AMST 475H: Documenting Communities
- Conducted training and provided support for relevant technologies, oral history collection and processing, and project management
- Technical liaison between library staff, community partners, and other stakeholders for digital humanities practice

Digital Innovation Lab, UNC – Chapel Hill, Intern, Summer 2016

- Wrote blog posts, conducted research, and created digital exhibits for Digital Loray digital humanities project
- Created family trees in ancestry.com for residents of Loray Mill Village
- Beta-tested Prospect, a DH platform that is a plugin for WordPress

Journal of East Tennessee History, Intern, Fall 2014

- Edited journal content for the *Journal of East Tennessee History* volume 86
- Communicated with potential authors about submission guidelines and the journal's publishing scope

Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Graduate Assistant, Spring 2014 & Fall 2013

- Organized on-campus events, including Civil War Weekend
- Helped develop Mapping the Fourth of July in the Era of the Civil War, a digital humanities project about interpretations of American Independence Day during the Civil War era
- Compiled a database of digitized primary source resources related to Civil War history
- Contributed to the Center's Civil War Driving Tour of Southwest Virginia

Kentucky School for the Deaf History Museum, Undergraduate Intern, Spring 2013

- Organized and catalogued the museum's historical materials into a searchable database
- Wrote historical narratives about the school for public presentations

East Tennessee Historical Society, Intern, Summer 2011

• Identified and categorized significant articles in the *Knoxville Gazette* published during the Civil War era

Honors and Awards

Raymond Faherty Fund for Military History, UNC History Department, 2018

Summer Research Grant, Center for the Study of the American South, 2018

Wills Research Fellowship, Tennessee Historical Society, 2018

Graduate Student Transportation Grant, UNC-CH Graduate School, 2018

UNC Department of History Outstanding Teaching Award Finalist, 2016

Clein Graduate Summer Internship Award, UNC History Department, Digital Innovation Lab, Summer 2016

Virginia Tech Department of History Outstanding Thesis Award, 2015

Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Scholarship, 2013-14 & 2014-15

Virginia Tech History Graduate Student Association, President, 2014-2015 William A. Davis Memorial Prize for the Centre College Senior with the Best Record in American History, 2013

Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society

Phi Alpha Theta history honor society

Teaching

American History from 1865 to the Present, Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2018
Diaries, Memoirs and Testimonies of the Holocaust, Graduate Student Writing Tutor, Fall 2017
North Carolina History 1865 to the Present, Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 2017
American History to 1865, Graduate Student Instructor, Spring 2016-Fall 2016
North Carolina History to 1865, Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2015
The American Civil War Class, Graduate Assistant, Spring 2015
Arab-Israeli Dispute Class, Graduate Assistant, Spring 2015
American Environmental History, Graduate Assistant, Spring 2014
Antebellum U.S. South, Graduate Assistant, Fall 2013

Professional Affiliations

Southern Historical Association
The Society of Civil War Historians
East Tennessee Historical Society
The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
British American Nineteenth Century Historians

Research Interests

Early Republic and Antebellum United States; Legal, Social, and Political History of the U.S. South; American Indian History