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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, degree expected Fall 2020

Dissertation: "Reconstructed Rebels: The Ex-Confederate Allies of Congressional Reconstruction"

M.A., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2014

B.A., History, University of the South (Sewanee, Tennessee), 2012

**FIELDS OF INTEREST**

U.S. Reconstruction, Gilded Age, and Progressive Era; U.S. military history; U.S. Southern history; African American history

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2017-2019     **Graduate Student Instructor, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**  
American History to 1865 (Summer 2017 online, Summer 2018 in-person, Fall 2019 online)

2012-2020     **Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill**  
American History to 1865 (Spring 2013)  
American History since 1865 (Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)  
North Carolina History to 1865 (Fall 2013)  
North Carolina History since 1865 (Spring 2016)  
War and American Society to 1903 (Fall 2012)  
War and American Society since 1903 (Fall 2019)  
American Business History (Spring 2017)  
The Social History of American Popular Music (Fall 2014)  
Global History of Warfare (Spring 2020)  
History of Sea Power (Spring 2015)

**FEDERAL HISTORY AND PUBLIC HISTORY EMPLOYMENT**

2018-2019     Research Assistant for the Historical Office of the Office of the Secretary of Defense  
(Top Secret clearance)

2017-2018     Research Assistant to the Chancellor's Task Force on UNC-Chapel Hill History

2010, 2012     Summer Seasonal Interpretive Park Ranger, GS-03 at Vicksburg National Military Park

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles and Book Chapters

- 2021 (Forthcoming) “‘Works Meet for Repentance’: Congressional Amnesty and Reconstructed Rebels,” chapter in edited volume, *Freedoms Gained and Lost*.
- 2017 “A Confederate Colonel is Reconstructed,” in *Traces: The UNC-Chapel Hill Journal of History*.
- 2013 “Critical Introduction,” co-authored with John M. McCardell, Jr., introduction to the print-on-demand edition of William Gilmore Simms’s 1845 novel, *Castle Dismal; or, The Bachelor’s Christmas*.
- 2012 “Master of an Interior World: Masculinity, Sensibility, and William Gilmore Simms,” in *The Simms Review* (peer reviewed interdisciplinary journal).

### Digital History

- 2019 “Foreign Travels of the Secretaries of Defense, 1948-2019,” interactive public database, <https://history.defense.gov/DOD-History/Secretary-of-Defense-Travels/>.
- 2019 “Nixon and Ford Administrations” and “Pentagon” photo albums on Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office flickr, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/osdhistory/albums>.

### Writings for General Audiences

- 2017 “Silent Sam and other Civil War monuments rose on race,” op-ed in *The News & Observer*, Raleigh, NC, 23 November 2017.
- 2016 “With HB2 lawsuit, the Civil War returns to NC,” op-ed in *The News & Observer*, Raleigh, NC, 9 May 2016.
- 2015 “A Postracial Aftermath? Reconstruction’s Fantasy,” online blog contribution, *South Writ Large*, <http://www.southwritlarge.com>.
- 2015 “Wartime Reconstruction,” “Sieges,” and “Secession,” encyclopedia entries in *The World of the Civil War: A Daily Life Encyclopedia*.

### Book Reviews

I have published book reviews in *Civil War History*, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, *The Civil War Monitor*.

## PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “‘Works Meet for Repentance’: Congressional Amnesty and Reconstructed Rebels,” at College of Charleston’s Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World conference.

- 2015            “Reconstruction as Conversion: Honor, Loyalty, and Self-Invention in the Post-Civil War American South” at the University of Mississippi’s Center for Civil War Research conference.
- 2015            “‘A New Heaven and a New Earth’: The Postwar Legacy of Anti-Confederate Sentiment in North Carolina” at the North Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Symposium in Wilmington, North Carolina.

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2015            The Peter Filene Creative Teaching Award
- 2015            Mowry and Clein Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014            UNC Center for the Study of the American South Research Grant