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EDUCATION

- 2015 PhD, the Pennsylvania State University. History.
Dissertation advised by Anthony E. Kaye.
2009 MA, University of Connecticut. History.
2007 BA, Westfield State University. History, *magna cum laude*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina, Assistant Professor of History (JUL 2022-present).
Butler University, Associate Professor of History). AUG 2014-JUN 2022. Rank and tenure in 2020.

SCHOLARSHIP

Published Articles:

- “‘Patriots,’ ‘Cowards,’ and ‘Men Disloyal at Heart:’ Labor and Politics at the Springfield Armory, 1861-1865”, *Journal of Military History*, vol. 84, No. 1 (JAN 2020), pp. 51-81.
- “‘In the Exercise of a Sound Discretion, Who, of This Class of Persons, Shall Have a Right to the License...’: Family, Race, and Firearms in Antebellum North Carolina”, *Journal of Family History*, vol. 44, no. 4 (JUL 2019, [digital], OCT 2019 [print]), pp. 392-412.
- “‘A nuisance requiring correction’: Firearm Laws, Black Mobility, and White Property in Antebellum Eastern North Carolina”, *North Carolina Historical Review*, vol. 93, no. 4 (OCT 2016), pp. 386-404.

Published Book Reviews:

- Rethinking Rufus: Sexual Violations of Enslaved Men* by Thomas A. Foster, *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 42, no. 2 (Summer 2022), pp. 305-308.
- The Secret Life of Bacon Tait a White Slave Trader Married to a Free Woman of Color*, by Hank Trent, *The Journal of Southern History*, vol. 84, no. 2 (MAY 2018), pp. 454-455.
- Two Captains from Carolina: Moses Grandy, John Newland Maffitt, and the Coming of the Civil War*, by Bland Simpson, *The Journal of African American History*, Vol. 100, No. 1 (Winter 2015), pp. 147-149.
- On the Edge of Freedom: The Fugitive Slave Issue in South Central Pennsylvania, 1820-1870*, by David G. Smith, *Civil War Book Review*- Vol. 15, No. 2 (Spring 2013), electronic.

Select Conference Presentations:

- JUN 2021 “‘No one ever had better servants than I have’: Labor, Race, and Manhood in Civil War North Carolina”. Society of Civil War Historians (virtual meeting).
- NOV 2018 “‘He said he ‘could not help it...’: Firearms, Race, and Manhood in the Early Republic South”. Southern Historical Association.

- OCT 2018 “Freedom and Movement in the Transatlantic: Blackness in Digital Humanities Pedagogy”. Co-presented, Intentionally Digital, Intentionally Black; African American History, Culture and Digital Humanities Conference, University of Maryland.
- JUN 2018 “‘Persons descended from negro ancestors...’: Race, Rights, and Firearms in the North Carolina Courts, 1840-1860.” Society of Civil War Historians.
- JUL 2017 “‘Plucked of his borrowed plumage...’: Firearms, Labor, and Antebellum North Carolinians’ Constructions of Black Manhood”. Society for Historians of the Early American Republic.
- FEB 2017 “‘They have always bourn an honest Character...’: Family, Community, and the Challenges to Free Black North Carolinians’ Firearm Use, 1840-1860”. Indiana Association of Historians.
- OCT 2016 “‘The county court might think it a very prudent precaution to limit the carrying of arms...’”: Free People of Color, Firearms, and the State, 1840-1860”. Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences.
- AUG 2016 “‘I wish Roden had of had my gun...’: The Defense of William A. Tripp’s Plantation during the Civil War”. Midwest Civil War Study Group.
- NOV 2015 “‘I think you can rely a great deal on Roden’s judgment’: Armed Black Men’s Labor on the Confederate Home Front”. Southern Historical Association.
- OCT 2013 “‘...armed with a gun, to the terror of the citizens...’: The Threat of Armed Black Men in Antebellum North Carolina”. Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

Select Invited Presentations:

- APR 2022 Panelist, post-show conversation for Charles Smith’s *The Reclamation of Madison Hemings* at the Indiana Repertory Theatre, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- FEB 2022 “‘[A number of small black boys about town had pistols in their possession](#)’: [Race, Illegal Firearms, and the Law in Antebellum North Carolina](#)” for the lecture series, “Our only ‘felt’ history: New Perspectives on the U.S. Civil War” at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith.
- FEB 2020 “‘A Boy of Tender Years’ or ‘A Felon of a Character so Hardened’?: Firearms, Slavery, and Manhood in Antebellum North Carolina” paper workshop hosted by the History Department’s Gender, Race, and Sexuality Group at the University of Georgia.

Other Presentations:

- FEB 2018 Core Conversation on “Freedom and Movement in the Transatlantic World (GHS 210)”, co-presented at Butler University (BU).
- NOV 2017 “‘A boy of tender years...’: Race, Guns, and Power in the Antebellum South”, presented at the Indianapolis Literary Club.
- OCT 2017 Co-presented new, grant-supported course, “Freedom and Movement in the TransAtlantic World to the College of Liberal Arts’ Board of Visitors at BU.
- SEP 2017 Discussion lead for Butler University’s first lady’s book club (Colson Whitehead’s *Underground Railroad*).
- APR 2017 “Tips for Graduate School and Research Grant Applications”, co-presented. Department of History & Anthropology’s “Overlap” Lecture Series, at BU.

- MAR 2017 “Introducing GHS 210 Freedom and Movement in the Transatlantic World”, co-presented. Global and Historical Studies (GHS) Lunch Event, at BU.
- FEB 2017 “Trouble at the Dickinsons’: Murder and Manhood in Antebellum Wilmington, NC”. Department of History & Anthropology’s “Overlap” Lecture Series, at BU.
- JAN 2017 “...as freemen, they claim license to roam about and acquire ...’: Free Black Families, Firearms, and Antebellum Law”. Brown Bag Series for Faculty Research, Scholarship, & Creative Work, at BU.
- FEB 2017 “Practical Pedagogy: Five Tips on Class Participation”, co-presenter, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Faculty Workshop, at BU.
- FEB 2015 Co-presenter at Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity’s “Mind Alive!” Session, “Is Race a Relevant Construct?”, at BU.
- APR 2015 “Lincoln Unveiled”, co-presented talk. 3rd Annual Arts Fest: “Outlaws & Outsiders”, at BU.
- APR 2014 “...they commit numberless depredations upon the farms by killing stock of every description’: Armed Black Peoples’ Mobility and the Threat to White People’s Property in the Antebellum Era”. Africana Research Center’s Public Lecture Series, Penn State University

Select Guest Lectures:

- NOV 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 Zionsville Community High School’s Advanced Placement United States History students. “The Many Facets of Emancipation”, “A Multifaceted Look at Emancipation”, “Racial Terror & Reconstruction”, and “Retreat from Reconstruction”.
- FEB 2021, 2020 (2), 2019 TEC Connections Academy, Commonwealth Virtual School. “Slavery: Rebels and Abolitionists”, “Slavery: Rebels and Abolitionists”, “Difficult Subjects: A Discussion about Slavery and the American Past”, and “Reconstruction after the US Civil War”.
- JUN 2016 “Study Smart, Not Hard” presentation to college bound high school students at the KIPP Through College, KIPP DC: College Preparatory, Washington, D.C.
- APR 2016 “Adventures in Antebellum North Carolina’s Local History” guest lecture with Scott Swanson’s Family and Local History course, Butler University (BU).

Television and Radio Appearances:

- OCT 2017 [*A President at the Crossroads*](#) Television Program. Contributing on-screen historian. Aired October 19, 2017 on PBS/WFYI.
- MAR 2017 [*America: Facts vs. Fiction*](#). Television program. Season 4, Episode 13 “The Civil War.” Contributing on-screen historian. Aired March 4, 2017 on AHC.

Forthcoming Projects:

Book manuscript tentatively titled, *A Precarious Balance: Firearms, Race, and Community in North Carolina, 1729-1865*. Under contract with the University of North Carolina Press.

AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS:

- MAR 2017 Butler University Awards Committee faculty research grant. \$3,000.
- JUN 2016 National Endowment for the Humanities “Enduring Questions” course development grant. \$38,000. Project co-director with Drs. Lee Garver, Ania Spyra, and Robin Turner.

- Spring 2014 Humanities Dissertation Fellowship, the Africana Research Center, the Pennsylvania State University (College-level fellowship).
- Fall 2013 Edwin Earle Sparks Fellowship in the Humanities, the Pennsylvania State University (College-level fellowship).
- MAR 2013 North Caroliniana Society. Archie K. Davis Fellowship.
- MAY 2011 E-Tu Zen Sun Teaching Award, the Pennsylvania State University

COMPETITIVE WORKSHOPS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- JUN 2019 Council of Independent Colleges /Gilder Lehrman Institute Seminar, the Civil War in American Memory, Yale University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Select University Service:

- SEP 2021-
MAY 2022 Faculty Fellow, the Efrogmson Diversity Center, at Butler University.
- AUG 2020-
NOV 2021 Co-Chair of the Butler University group to review the Butler University Police Department.
- AUG 2020-
MAY 2022;
2016- 2018 Representative, Faculty Senate (College of the Liberal Arts and Sciences), at Butler University.
- DEC 2019 Panelist, Faculty Food for Thought, “Putting the Global in Faculty Development - Notes and Insights from GHS Abroad”, at Butler University.
- AUG 2018,
2019, 2020,
2021 Panelist, New Faculty Orientation Session, “Everything You Want to Know About Faculty Life at Butler”, at Butler University.
- OCT 2018-
APR 2022 President’s Faculty Advisory Committee (strategic planning and implementation), at Butler University.
- AUG 2017-
MAY 2022 Global and Historical Studies Program Executive Committee, at BU.
- AUG 2017-
AUG 2020 Student Affairs, Faculty-in-Residence in A-Wing of the Residential College, at BU.
- Spring 2017-
Fall 2019 Co-organizer for the Annual Thornbrough Lecture, sponsored by Butler University and the Indiana Association of Historians.
- APR 2016,
2018, 2019 Session Moderator, Undergraduate Research Conference, at Butler University.
- SEP 2016-
MAR 2017 Participant in the Center for Faith and Vocation’s faculty/staff workshop, “Informal Mentoring as Vocational Support”, at BU.
- AUG 2015,
2016 Faculty Orientation Guide, New Student Orientation, BU.

Masters Thesis Committees:

2016, Eric Nelsen Maurice (Butler University)

Undergraduate Honors Theses Advised:

2021, Ally Griffin (Butler University)

2020, MaryKatherine Klaybor (Butler University)

2018, Aaron Perch (Butler University)

