**Curriculum Vitae**

Alec J. Blaylock

Ph. D. Student

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University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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**EDUCATION**

2023 Ph. D. History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (In-Progress)

2021-2023 M. A. History (with Thesis), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

2017-2021 B.A. History (with Honors Thesis), University of Southern Mississippi (Honors College), *Summa Cum Laude,* GPA: 4.0

2017-2021 B.A. English, University of Southern Mississippi (Honors College), *Summa Cum Laude,* GPA: 4.0

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Blog Posts**

Blaylock, A. J. “Civil War Ciphering: Confederate Coding in the Vicksburg Campaign, 1863.” *Looking Beyond the Letters,* October 2023. <https://cwrgmblog.org/civil-war-ciphering-confederate-coding-in-the-vicksburg-campaign-1863/>

**Book Reviews**

“C. W. Goodyear: President Garfield: From Radical to Unifier,” *Ohio Valley History*, 2023.

“Kidada E. Williams: I Saw Death Coming: A History of Terror and Survival in the War Against Reconstruction,” *The Southern Historian,* 2023.

“Knudsen: James Longstreet and the American Civil War (2022),” *The Civil War Monitor,* 2022. <https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/book-shelf/knudsen-james-longstreet-and-the-american-civil-war-2022>.

“Morgan: Six Miles from Charleston, Five Minutes to Hell (2022),” *The Civil War Monitor,* 2022. [*https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/book-shelf/morgan-iii-six-miles-from-charleston-five-minutes-to-hell-2022*](https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/book-shelf/morgan-iii-six-miles-from-charleston-five-minutes-to-hell-2022)*.*

**Master’s Thesis**

Blaylock, Alec J. “A Grand Coup for Civil Rights”: African American State Militia Units and the Battle for Civil War Memory in Reconstruction Louisiana, 1874,” The University of Alabama, March 2023.

**Undergraduate Thesis**

Blaylock, Alec J. “To Suppress Riots and Insurrections: Development and Transformation in Mississippi’s State Militia, 1865-1890.” *The Aquila Digital Community*, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2021, <https://aquila.usm.edu/honors_theses/789>.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2023 “Militiamen, Memories, and Mayhem: Rethinking the Role of African American State Militias in Reconstruction Louisiana,” *Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting,* Jacksonville, FL, September 23, 2023.

2023 “A Grand Coup for Civil Rights: African American State Militia Units, Explosive Emotions, and Civil War Memory in Reconstruction Louisiana, 1874,” *Experiencing War Memorials: Feeling, Place, and Public Memory,* The University of Alabama, February 23, 2023.

2022 Moderator, “The Civil War and Reconstruction Era,” *Rethinking Alabama Politics from the Civil War to the Present: A History Symposium,* The University of Alabama, October 3, 2022.

2021 “The Ballad of Oliver Cromwell,” *Tide Together Graduate Research Symposium*, The University of Alabama, April 2022.

* Best Presentation, Honorable Mention

2021 “To Suppress Riots and Insurrections: The Transformation of Mississippi’s State Militia, 1868-1890,” Mississippi Undergraduate Honors Conference, 2021, online.

* Award for Humanities Best Four-Year Oral Presentation

2021 “Militiaman to Martyr: Oliver Cromwell and the Transformation of the Mississippi State Militia, 1868-1890,” University of Southern Mississippi Undergraduate Research Symposium, online.

* Donald Drapeau Undergraduate Research Prize for Best Work on a Literary and Historical Studies Topic, First Place.
* Dale Center for the Study of War and Society Virginia E. Culpepper Memorial Award

**INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

2021(Fall) Panelist, Honors Keystone Peer Panel on Writing the Undergraduate Thesis, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

2021(Spring) Panelist, Honors Keystone Peer Panel on Writing the Undergraduate Thesis, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

2020 “J. R. R. Tolkien’s ‘Leaf by Niggle’: A Discussion,” C. S. Lewis Society of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

2019 “Going Abroad without Going Broke: Financial Advice for Studying Abroad” Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2022. Research Travel Grant, University of Alabama Graduate School

2021. Graduate Council Fellowship, University of Alabama

2020 Virginia E. Culpepper Memorial Award, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Southern Mississipp

**TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**Research**

2023-Present Graduate Research Assistant, Civil War Governors of Kentucky Digital Project.

2021 Assistant Editor, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi Digital Project.

2021-2023 Graduate Research Assistant, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Alabama Digital Project.

2021 Graduate Research Assistant, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi Digital Project.

2020-2021 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi Digital Project.

**Teaching**

2023 (Fall). Grader, History 140 (World History Since 1945), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Instructor of Record: Dr. Eren Tasar

2023 (Spring) Graduate Teaching Assistant of History 103 (U. S. History to 1877), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Instructor of Record: Dr. Heather Kopelson

2022 (Fall). Graduate Teaching Assistant of History 104 (U. S. History Since 1877), University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. Instructor of Record: Dr. John Giggie.

2021 (Spring) Teaching Assistant of HIS 101 (World Civ. To 1500 CE), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. Instructor of Record: Dr. Courtney Luckhardt.

2020 (Fall) Peer Instructor of IDS 110 (Luckyday Program Seminar), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. Instructor of Record: Dr. Karen Kozlowski.

2020 (Fall) Teaching Assistant of HIS 101 (World Civ. To 1500 CE), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. Instructor of Record: Dr. Andrew Wiest.

2019 (Fall) Peer Instructor of IDS 110 (Luckyday Program Seminar), University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg. Instructor of Record: Dr. Karen Kozlowski.

**Other Related Employment**

2022 Library Assistant, Circulation Department, Tuscaloosa Public Library, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

2018-2020 Student Worker, School of Humanities, University of Southern Mississippi.

**SERVICE**

**Service to the Department of History, University of Alabama**

2022-2023. Treasurer, Graduate Student Association

2022-2023 Mentor, Tide Together Graduate Mentorship Program

2022 Delegate, Graduate Student Association House of Delegates

2021-2022. Committee Member, *Power and Struggle Conference*

2022 Panelist, Graduate Research Panel, Prospective Student Visit Day

2021 Judge, Paper Contest, *Power and Struggle Conference*

2021 Copy Editor, *The Southern Historian*

**Service to the University of Southern Mississippi**

2019-Present Scholarship Application Reviewer, Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program

2019-2021 Board of Directors, C. S. Lewis Society of Southern Mississippi

2018-2020 Advisor, Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program Advisory Board

2019-2021 Campus Tour Guide, Eagle Connection

2019 Chaplain, Theta Alpha Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

2018 Academic Chairman, Theta Alpha Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

2017-2018 Freshman Associate, Student Government Association

**Service to the Community**

2022 Volunteer, Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Conference, Montgomery, AL.

2020 Volunteer, Salvation Army Thrift Store, Hattiesburg, MS

2019 Tim Tebow’s Night to Shine, Hattiesburg, MS

2018-2019 Volunteer, Children’s Ministry, Temple Baptist Church

2017-2018 Volunteer, Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg, MS

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

2021 Excellence in Research Award, Honors College, University of Southern Mississippi

2021 Virginia E. Culpepper Memorial Award, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Southern Mississippi (conference presentation)

2021 Who’s Who, University of Southern Mississippi

2020 Virginia E. Culpepper Memorial Award, Dale Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Southern Mississippi (research grant)

2020-2021 Carrol Warren Parker History Endowment Scholarship, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi

2020-2021 Wilbur and Polly Stout English Endowment Scholarship, Department of English, University of Southern Mississippi

2019-2021 Keystone Scholarship, Honors College, University of Southern Mississippi

2017-2021 Luckyday Citizenship Scholarship, Luckyday Scholars Program, University of Southern Mississippi

2019 Study Abroad Scholarship, Luckyday Citizenship Scholars Program

2019 Pi Kappa Phi Member of the Year, Theta Alpha Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity

2019-2021 Arthur (Big Art) Fabra Memorial Scholarship, Theta Alpha Chapter, Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

2019 Best Newcomer, Milton for Mississippi Creative Writing Project, English Department, University of Southern Mississippi

2017-2021 President’s List, University of Southern Mississippi, Every Semester (8)

2017-2021 Valedictorian Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi

2017-2021 Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi

2017-2021 STAR Student Scholarship, University of Southern Mississippi

 **Honor Societies:** Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Order of Omega Greek Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English - Primary Language/Complete Fluency

Spanish – Intermediate Reading Comprehension

**RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / WORKSHOP (select)**

2021-2023 Mentee, Tide Together Graduate Mentorship Program

2021 Professionalization Workshop, Department of History, University of Alabama

2021 Omeka S Workshop, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Alabama Project

2020 Metadata Workshop, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi Project

2020 Transcription Workshop, Civil War and Reconstruction Governors of Mississippi Project

2020 39th Annual Conference on the First Year Experience, National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, Washington D. C.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Southern Historical Association

Society of Civil War Historians