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Current Position:

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hillsdale College 2020-2021

Education:

PhD, Texas Christian University, 2013

Dissertation: "The Kentucky Colonel: Richard M. Johnson and The Wise of Western Democracy, 1780-1850." Directed by Dr. Kenneth R. Stevens.

M.A., History, College of Charleston (awarded jointly with the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina), 2008

Thesis: "Hail Columbia! Happy Land! Southerners in Europe and American Nationalism, 1830-1860." Directed by Dr. David T. Gleeson (Northumbria University, United Kingdom, 2009-)

B.A, History, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 2006

Teaching Experience:

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hillsdale College, 2020-2021

Online History Program Graduate Adjunct, Liberty University, 2019-

Assistant Professor of History, Regent University, 2016-19

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hillsdale College, 2014-16

Teaching Assistant (instructor of record) and Adjunct, Texas Christian University, 2012-2014

Graduate Assistant, Texas Christian University, 2009-2012

Instructor, Barber-Scotia College, 2008-2009

Classes Taught:

Hillsdale College:

Modern Latin America

American Heritage

Western Heritage

Civil War Era

Jacksonian Era

Honors Seminar

Liberty University:

The American Founding**

History of American Political Parties since 1896**

Civil War and Reconstruction**

History of Slavery and Servitude in the Western World**

History of Virginia**

World War II**

Regent University

Latin America
World History
Historiography and Methods
Western Civilization II
US History 201*
US History 202*
American Revolution and Constitutional Era*
Civil War
Jeffersonian/Jacksonian America*

TCU:

US History 1
US History 2

Barber Scotia College:

US History
World History

*denotes class also taught on campus *and* online

**denotes online graduate course

Publications:

Books:

Editor, William Swan Plumer, *Impeccable: The Person and Sinless Character of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. Log College Press, 2020.

I Have Always Adhered: A Religious Life of Andrew Jackson under contract with Eerdmans Publishing Company

Senior Assistant Editor, *The Texas Legations Papers, 1836-1845*, Kenneth R. Stevens ed. Texas Christian University Press, 2012. Winner of the 2013 Will Rogers Medallion Award for Western Nonfiction.

Articles:

“American Disestablishment: The Conclusion” in *Ad Fontes* Online (April 2020).

“The Promise and Peril of Disestablishment: Protestant Political Theology in the New Republic” in *Ad Fontes* 4 (December 2019).

“Circumspection” forthcoming in *Fides et Historia* 2019.

“The Necessary Result of Piety”: Slavery and Religious Establishments in South Carolina Presbyterianism, 1800–1840. *Religions* 2017, 8, 180.

“The Thousand Ridiculous and Romantic Misrepresentations: Severn Teackle Wallis’ Anglo-Catholicism in Nineteenth Century Spain,” in *Maryland Historical Magazine* (Winter, 2015).

“A Tennessean Abroad: Randal McGavock and Antebellum American Nationalism in Nineteenth Century Europe” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (2015).

“Turning up their Noses at the Colonel: Eastern Aristocracy, Western Democracy, and Richard Mentor Johnson,” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (Spring, 2014).

“From Savannah to Vienna: William Henry Stiles, the Revolutions of 1848, and Southern Conceptions of Order,” *American Nineteenth Century History* (Spring, 2013).

“‘Rode out of the Democratic Party as Heretic’: The Political Transformation of Sam Houston and the Southern Whig Legacy, 1848-1861,” *East Texas Historical Journal* (Winter, 2013-2014).

Book Chapters:

“Disestablishment in South Carolina” in Carl Esbeck and Jonathan Den Hartog, *Dissent and Disestablishment in the New American States, 1775 – 1833*, University of Missouri Press, 2019.

“No Bar to Christian Communion”: Slavery and the Rise of Elite Presbyterianism in South Carolina, 1800-1860’ in W. Bradford Littlejohn ed., *For Law and for Liberty: Essays on the Trans-Atlantic Legacy of Protestant Political Thought*.

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Nullification and Tariffs” in *World of Antebellum America*.

Other Publications:

The Imaginative Conservative

Evangelical History at The Gospel Coalition

The Federalist

Log College Press

Mere Orthodoxy

Public Discourse

Salisbury Post

University Bookman

Washington Examiner

Select Book Reviews:

Review of *The Free Exercise of Religion in America: Its Original Constitutional Meaning*, by Ellis M. West in *Journal of Southern History* (May 2020)

Review of *American Honor: The Creation of the Nation's Ideals During the Revolutionary Era*, by Craig Bruce Smith in *New Criterion* (May 2019)

Review of *Why Liberalism Failed*, by Patrick Deneen, in *Ad Fontes* (August 2018).

Review of *Strangers in a Strange Land*, by Charles Chaput, in *Mere Orthodoxy*, April 2017.

Review of *American Apostles: When Evangelicals Entered the World of Islam*, by Christine Leigh Heyrman in *Ad Fontes* (January, 2017)

Review of *White Trash*, by Nancy Isenberg in *Mere Orthodoxy* (Summer 2016)

Review of *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*, by Edward E. Baptist in *Journal of Markets and Morality* (Fall, 2015).

Review of *American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion: Reassessing the History of an Idea*, by John D. Wilsey in *Mere Orthodoxy* (Spring 2015).

Review of *A Cuban in Mayberry* in *Southern Literary Review*, Mar 2015.

Review of *The Son* by Philip Meyer in *Southern Literary Review*, January 2015.

Review of *Appomattox: Victory, Defeat and Freedom at the End of the Civil War* by Elizabeth Varon, Feb 2014 in *SLR*.

Review of *The Knights of the Golden Circle: Secret Empire, Southern Secession, Civil*

War, by David C. Kheen in *Civil War Book Review* (Summer, 2013).
 Review of *The Rogue Republic: How Would-be Patriots Waged the Shortest Revolution in American History*, by William C. Davis, in *Florida Historical Quarterly* (Summer, 2013).
 Review of *John Brown's Spy: The Adventurous Life and Tragic Confession* of John E. Cook by Steven Lubet in *Civil War Monitor* (Spring, 2013).
 Review of *American Mediterranean: Southern Slaveholders in the Age of Emancipation*, by Matthew Pratt Guterl, in *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (Winter, 2011).
 Review of *Harsh Country, Hard Times: Clayton Wheat Williams and the Transformation of the Trans-Pecos*, by Janet Williams Pollard and Louis Gwin in *West Texas Historical Association Yearbook*.
 Review of *The Dark Days of Abraham Lincoln's Widow: As Remembered by Her Own Letters*, by Myra Helmer Pretichard and Jason Emerson in *Ohio Valley History*.
 Review of *Light on the Devils: Coming of Age on the Klamath* by Louise Wagenknecht in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.

Select Conferences and Presentations:

"All the pious tendencies of Mrs. Jackson": Religion, Gender, and Authority in the Marriage of Andrew and Rachel Jackson" 84th Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Nov 8-11, 2018, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Panel Participant, "To Believe or Not to Believe: A Roundtable on Religious Sources" 31st Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History Calvin College, October 4-6, 2018.
 "Disestablishment in South Carolina," Religion and Politics in Early America: The Society of Early Americanists Special Topics Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, March 1-4, 2018.
 "Witherspoons in the South: The Legacy of Reformation Liberty in a Slave Society", Reformation500 Conference, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
 "Protestantism and Realism in the thought of James F. Byrnes," at Christian Love and National Interest: A Protestant Ethic of National Security. Symposium sponsored by Davenant Trust, Patrick Henry College, and Providence: A Journal of Christian and American Foreign Policy, Fairfax, VA, 22 April, 2017
 "Race, Slavery, and Scripture," College of Arts and Sciences Faculty-Student Research Symposium, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, 7 April 2017.
 "The Manhood of the Southern Saxons": Normanization and Presbyterians in the Antebellum South, 1830-1865 Convivium Irenicum, Landrum SC, June 10, 2015.
 "Louis T. Wigfall and the Gentrification of White Populist Democracy" East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting, Nacogdoches, TX, September 13, 2013.
 "Richard Mentor Johnson and Western Democracy in Antebellum America." Scott County Historical Society Meeting, Georgetown, KY, April, 2012.
 "Sam Houston: Whig?," East Texas Historical Association Annual Meeting, College Station, TX, February 17-19, 2012.
 "Turning Up Their Noses at the Colonel: Western Democracy, Eastern Aristocracy, and Richard Mentor Johnson," 77th Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, MD, October 27-30, 2011.
 "The Confederacy and Brazil, 1861-1865," Civil War—Global Conflict

Conference at the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, March 3-5, 2011.
“‘Under the Drapery of the West Indies’: The Rediscovery of the South and the Caribbean in Modern Fiction,” accepted for 2nd International Conference on Caribbean Studies at Marquette University, October 7-9, 2010.
“A Very Rare Sight in Haiti’: Early American Protestant Missionaries in Haiti, 1815-1871,” 32nd Mid-America Conference on History at University of Arkansas at Little Rock, September 23-25, 2010.
“Receiving Cuba’: The Transformation of Cuba in the American Mind, 1815-1860,” 57th Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder, April 7-11, 2010.
“Anna Calhoun Clemson and Western Europe, 1844-1851,” Texas A & M University Graduate History Conference at Texas A & M University March 6, 2010.

Awards & Fellowships:

Church and State Seminar participant, Witherspoon Institute (2016).
Professor of the Month, Hillsdale College (Sept 2015).
Filson Fellowship, Filson Historical Society (2012).
Scholarly Research Fellowship, Kentucky Historical Society (2012).

Invited Speaking:

Charlotte Fellows, January 2020
Panelist, 9th Annual Intercollegiate Colloquium on the Liberal Arts, Grove City College, October 2018.
“John Randolph, Virginia, and What it Means to be an American,” Hillsdale College American Studies Honorary, 13 Mar, 2017 at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale MI.
Session Leader, Modern Temperance, 8th Annual Intercollegiate Colloquium on the Liberal Arts, Grove City College, October 2017.
“Aye My Lord, That We’ll Do,” Hillsdale Collegiate Fellows Annual Dinner, April 2016.
“Weakness and Failure,” Hillsdale College American Studies Honorary, March 2015.
“Richard Mentor Johnson” Scott County Historical Society Meeting, Aug 2012.

Professional Affiliations:

American Historical Association (2007-)
Kentucky Historical Society (2011-)
Phi Alpha Theta (2010-)
Society of Civil War Historians (2012-)
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (2007-)
Southern Historical Association (2007-)
Texas State Historical Association (2012-)
University South Caroliniana Society (2012-)

Leadership, Academic and Graduate Affairs, Extracurricular Activities:

Chaperone and assisted Honors College events
Hillsdale College
Regent University

Faculty Advisor of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, 2015-2016

Texas Christian University, Graduate Senate, 2011-2012

College of Charleston, Graduate Student Government Senator, 2007-2008

College of Charleston, Graduate Honor Board, Voting Member, 2006-2008