

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, American History; Expected August 2015

University of Georgia, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, Athens, Georgia

Dissertation: “Vexed Waters: Confederate Sailors, Naval Guerrillas, and Masculinity Along the Mississippi River, 1861-1865”

Advisor: Stephen Berry

Comprehensive Exam Fields: U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History since 1865, Gender & Women’s History, Global War and Society (completed July 2012)

Graduate & Professional Training Certificates:

- Women’s Studies Graduate Certificate (December 2012)
- Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in University Teaching (May 2013)
- Graduate School Teaching Portfolio Certificate (May 2013)
- Certificate in Academic Advising (November 2014)

Master of Arts, History; Area of Specialization: U.S. History, May 2009

George Mason University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Fairfax, Virginia

Research Project: “An Island of Defense: Guantanamo Bay During the Cuban Missile Crisis”

Advisor: Martin Sherwin

Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction; Area of Specialization: History, May 2007

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, College of Education, Corpus Christi, Texas

Capstone Research Project: “A History for All of Us: Finding Equal Representation of Gender, Race & Sexuality in High School U.S. History Textbooks”

Advisor: Nancy Nelson

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude History; Concentration: Latin American Studies, May 2004

Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY

Honors Thesis: “Diverging Courses: An Examination into the Union and Confederate Marine Corps During the Civil War and the Organizations and Leaders that Shaped Them”

Advisor: Edward Baptist

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Civil War; U.S. History until 1877; Gender History; U.S. Women’s History; Women’s Studies; War and Society, Piracy

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & HONORS

Excellence in Teaching Award, 2015
Gregory Graduate Student Research Award, 2015
Gregory Graduate Student Research Award, 2014
2 Gregory Graduate Student Travel Awards, 2014
Dean's Award in Arts and Humanities, UGA Graduate School, 2014
Vincent J. Dooley Graduate Research Award in History, University of Georgia, 2013
Gregory Graduate Student Research Award, 2013
Graduate Research Award, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, 2013
Janice E. Arnett Graduate Scholarship, Kappa Delta Foundation, 2012
University of Georgia Rotaract, Student Service Award, 2012
Blue Key Honor Society, 2012
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2011
Gregory Graduate Student Research Award, 2010
Phi Alpha Theta, April 2007
National Chancellor's List, 2005

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Articles and Book Chapters

“Murky Waters: Naval Guerrillas on the Lower Mississippi River” in *The Guerrilla Hunters: Exploring the Civil War's Irregular Conflicts* edited by Barton Myers and Brian McKnight (under contract with Louisiana State University Press)

“Unquestionably There Is an Organized Band of Incendiaries”: Confederate Boat Burners on the Mississippi River, in *New Interpretations in Naval History: Selected Papers from the Eighteenth McMullen Naval History Symposium Held at the United States Naval Academy, 19–20 September 2013* (in publication, Naval War College Press)

Books

The Civil War: A Visual History (New York: Dorling Kindersley Publishers, 2011), “Additional Text” author and researcher

Articles: Encyclopedia Entries

“Phoebe Yates Levy Pember,” *American Women's History: An Encyclopedia*

Articles: Popular Media

The Civil War Monitor: Front Line Blog

“John Mackie: The Man and the Memory” (May 2012); “The Monitor, The Merrimack, and Me” (March 2012)

The Civil War Monitor: Photo Essays

“Wounded Warriors: Civil War Amputation” (October 2013); The Struggle for Vicksburg (May 2013); “Civil War Envelopes” (March 2013)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Richmond Must Fall: The Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, October 1864* by Hampton Newsome for *West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies*, forthcoming

Review of *War on the Waters: The Union and Confederate Navies, 1861-1865* by James M. McPherson, *Southern Studies*, forthcoming

Review of *The Civil War in the West: Victory and Defeat from the Appalachians to the Mississippi* by Earl J. Hess, *Bowtied and Fried*, forthcoming

Review of *Promotion of the Bottom of the River: The Blue and Gray Naval Careers of Alexander F. Warley, South Carolina* by John M. Stickney, *The South Carolina Historical Magazine*, April 2013

“Romance and Reunion,” Review of *Undaunted Heart: The True Story of a Southern Belle and a Yankee General* by Suzy Barile, H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews. May, 2011.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Conspiring with the Enemy: Civil War Boat Burners and Law of War,” to be presented at the 2015 McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, September 2015.

“Devils in Disguise: Masculinity and Irregular Naval Warfare along the Lower Mississippi,” presented at the The Sixth Academic Conference of The Filson Institute, “The Hard Hand of War: Irregulars and Civilians in the Civil War,” Louisville, October 2014.

Commentator, **Harvard-Stanford-Georgia Capitalism Graduate Student Workshop**, Athens, October 2014,

Participant, **NEH Workshop on Digital Methods for Military Historians**, Boston, October 2014.

“Devils in Disguise: Masculinity and Naval Guerrillas,” presented at the History and Gender Workshop, Athens, October 2014.

“Disloyal Men in Disguise: Naval Guerrillas Along the Mississippi River,” presented at the 2014 Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Baltimore, June 2014.

“Gendered Identity in the Confederate Navy,” presented at the History and Gender Workshop, Athens, June 2014.

Panel Chair, **“Feminist Scholarship-Activism: A Rhizomatic Respond to a Neoliberal Dichotomy,”** for the 21st Annual Women’s Studies Student Research Symposium, Athens, March 2014.

“Unquestionably there is an Organized Band of Incendiaries”: Confederate Boat Burners on the Mississippi River,” presented at the 2013 McMullen Naval History Symposium, Annapolis, September 2013.

“Teaching With Twitter & Wordle: Integrating Web 2.0 In The Classroom,” presented at the 2013 University of Georgia Teaching & Learning Conference, Athens, April 2013.

“A Brotherhood Adrift: Confederate Sailors” presented at the 2012 Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend and Civil War Navy Conference, Newport News, March 2012.

“The Heritable Blood is Not Corrupted’: Civil War and Reconstruction Virginia via the *Bigelow v. Forrest* Case Study” presented at the 2011 Virginia Forum, “Different Virginias,” Lexington, March 2011.

“A Haven of Defense: The U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile Crisis” presented at the History Graduate Student Association’s Student Speaker Series, Athens, October 2010.

“The Heritable Blood is Not Corrupted”: A Case Study in Confiscation, Treason, Inheritance, and *Bigelow v. Forrest* (1869) presented at the George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center Graduate Conference “In Search of the State: The U.S. and its Citizens in the Long 19th Century,” University Park, February 2010.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Contributing Editor, *The Civil War Monitor* (August 2011-Present)

- eMail Marketing Editor, December 2012-present
- “Iron Men Afloat” editor, 2012
- The Front Line Blog Editor, August 2011-August 2012
- Social Media Editor, August 2011-March 2012

WORK & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

HIST 4072: The American Civil War, University of Georgia (Summer 2014)

HIST 2111: American History thru 1877, University of Georgia (Fall 2012)

HIS 330: United States Military History, Park University-MCAS Cherry Point (Summer 2012)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

HIST 2111: U.S. History through 1877 (with Kathi Nehls)—Spring 2015
HIST 2112: U.S. History since 1865 (with Brian Drake) —Fall 2014
HIST 2111: U.S. History through 1877 (with Claudio Saunt)—Fall 2011
HIST 2112: U.S. History since 1865 (with Shane Hamilton) —Spring 2011
HIST 2111: U.S. History through 1877 (with Brian Drake) —Fall 2010
HIST 2112: U.S. History since 1865 (with Montgomery Wolf) —Spring 2010
HIST 2111: U.S. History through 1877 (with Stephen Berry)—Fall 2009
HIST 100: Western Civilization (with John Orens) —Fall 2008 & Spring 2009
HIST 100: Western Civilization (with Balazs Szelenyi) —Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

Undergraduate Advisor

For (non-Honors) History Majors, University of Georgia (2013-2014)

History and Gender Workshop, Graduate Student Coordinator

Planned, coordinated, and marketed History and Gender Workshop events, guest speakers, and professional development to University of Georgia undergraduates, graduate students, and staff (2012-2013)

Gender History Curriculum Development Coordinator

For Undergraduate and Graduate Gender History Curriculum & Programming, University of Georgia (Spring 2013)

Graduate Research Assistant

Dr. Berry and the Center for Visual History (Spring 2012)

Guest Lecturer

“The American Revolution,” HIST 2111 (Kathi Nehls), February 2015
“The Civil War: From Emancipation to Appomattox, 1863-1865,” HIST 2111 (Josh Haynes), April 2014
“The Civil War Navy,” HIST 4072 (James Welborn), October 2013
“Ending the War, Beginning the Fight for Freedom,” HIST 2111 (Josh Haynes), April 2013
“Utilizing Web 2.0 in the College Classroom,” GRSC 7770 (James Welborn), October 2012
“Slavery in the 1800s,” HIST 2111 (Josh Haynes), November 2011
“Social Darwinism and Eugenics,” HIST 1000 (Balazs Szelenyi), April 2008

Other

Reader, US History AP® Exam, College Board
Lexington, KY, June 2013

Research Assistant, *The Civil War: A Visual History* (2011), Dorling Kindersley Publishers
Via Athens, GA, Summer 2010

Marketing Strategist, U.S. Destination Marketing, Inc.
Corpus Christi, TX, August 2004 to August 2008

Intern for the Department of Old Civil & Military Record, National Archives of America
Washington, DC, Summer 2002

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Certified UGA LGBT Resource Center Safe Space (April 2015 to present)

Got your 6 Mentor (May 2014 to present)

Facilitator, Workshop: How to Apply to History Graduate Programs (April 2013, April 2014)

Facilitator, Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Georgia (August 2013)

Guest Participant, HIST 4115: Reacting to the Past, University of Georgia (Spring 2012 & Spring 2013)

Student Speaker Series Representative, History Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia (2011-2012)

Graduate Student Representative, Gregory Chair in the Civil War Era Search Committee, University of Georgia (Spring and Fall 2011)

Co-Founder and Chair, War and Society Workshop (WSW), University of Georgia (Spring 2010-Summer 2011)

Chairwoman and Host, War & Society Workshop Conference, AFTERMATH: Conflict & Consequences (October 2010)

Mentor, The First-Year at UGA: History Graduate Mentoring Program (2010 & 2011)

Interim House Director, Kappa Delta Sorority, Sigma Phi Chapter (Fall 2011)

Advisor, New Member Education, Kappa Delta Sorority, Sigma Phi Chapter (Fall 2009-Present)

AFFILIATIONS

The Southern Roundtable, University of Georgia, *Workshop Editor*

The History and Gender Workshop, University of Georgia, *Founding Member*

The War & Society Workshop, University of Georgia, *Founding Member*

American Historical Association, Since 2008, *Student Volunteer for 2008 Annual Meeting*

Organization of American Historians, Since 2008

Southern Historical Association, Since 2009

Society for Civil War Historians, Since 2011

Society for Military History, Since 2011

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