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EMPLOYMENT

Brown University

Professor of History, 2022-

William & Mary

Professor, fall 2008-fall 2021

Associate Professor, fall 2001-spring 2008

Assistant Professor, fall 1999-spring 2001

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

Editor, *William and Mary Quarterly*, Oct. 2001—June 2013

Acting Editor, *William and Mary Quarterly*, July 2000--Sept. 2001

St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minnesota) fall 1992-spring 1999

Assistant Professor, 1992-1998

Associate Professor, 1998-1999

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (American Studies, concentration in History) Yale University, 1992

M.A., M.Phil. (American Studies) Yale University, 1991

M.A. (English) Southern Connecticut State University, 1985

Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Wesleyan University, 1984

B.A. (English) Southern Connecticut State University, 1983

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Teacher, Preacher, Soldier, Spy: The Civil Wars of John R. Kelso (Oxford University Press, 2021)

Skepticism and American Faith: From the Revolution to the Civil War (Oxford University Press, 2018)

Winner of the 2018 SHEAR Book Prize (Society for the History of the Early American Republic, best book in American history, 1776-1861, published in 2018).

Bloody Engagements: John R. Kelso's Civil War (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2017).

Annotated edition of Kelso's memoir.

Winner of the 2018 A. M. Pate, Jr. Award in Civil War History for best book written on the Trans-Mississippi sector of the War.

A Speaking Aristocracy: Transforming Public Discourse in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut

(Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, Virginia, 1999).

Winner of the Homer D. Babbidge, Jr., Award, Association for the Study of Connecticut History

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Pullen Professorship (endowed chair, William & Mary), 2020- (resigned 2021)
 SHEAR Best Book Prize, 2018
 A. M. Pate, Jr. Award in Civil War History for best book written on the Trans-Mississippi sector of the War, Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable, 2018
 ACLS Fellowship, 2016-17
 National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2016-2017
 National Endowment for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, 2008-2009
 Ralph D. Gray Prize for the best article published annually in the *Journal of the Early Republic* ("Skepticism and American Faith: Infidels and Converts in the Early Nineteenth Century," *JER* 22, 3 [fall 2002]: 465-508).
 Homer D. Babbidge Jr. Award, Association for the Study of Connecticut History, for "the most outstanding article, book, exhibition, film, television program, edited work, or other such media on some aspect of Connecticut history" in 1999
 Peterson One-Month Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society (spring 2000)
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Grant, 1998 ("Skepticism and American Faith")
 Pew Fellowship in Religion and American History, 1994-95
 Yale University Theron Rockwell Field Prize, 1993
 Yale University George Washington Egleston Prize for the Best History Dissertation, 1992
 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1990-1991
 University Fellow, Yale University, 1986-88, 1989-90
 Allen Sheldon III Memorial Fellowship, 1988-89
 Southern Connecticut State University Graduate Grant-in-Aid, 1984
 Connecticut State Scholarship, 1979-82

PUBLICATIONS

Essays and Articles

"Religion, Rhetoric, and Revolution: The Preaching of New England's Whig Clergy," in Stephen E. Lucas, ed., *Rhetoric, Independence, and Nationhood, 1760-1810* (Michigan State University Press, 2022).
 "World and Ground," *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d ser., 74, 2 (April, 2017): 195-202
 (Forum Introduction, written with Peter C. Mancall)
 "The Religious and the Secular in the Early Republic," *Journal of the Early Republic*, 36, 2 (July, 2016): 359-88.
 "Religious Skepticism in the Early American Republic," in Christopher Grenda and Christopher Beneke, eds., *The First Prejudice: Religious Tolerance and Religious Intolerance in the Making of America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011)
 "Skepticism and American Faith: The Early Republic," *Common-place* 9, 2 (Jan. 2009),
<http://www.common-place.org/vol-09/no-02/grasso/>
 "Nothing Says 'Democracy' Like a Visit from the Queen: Reflections on Nation and Empire in Early American Histories," (commissioned essay by the *Journal of American History*, co-authored with Karin Wulf), *Journal of American History* 95, 3 (Dec. 2008): 764-781.
 "Deist Monster: On Religious Common Sense in the Wake of the American Revolution," *Journal of American History* 95, 1 (June 2008): 43-68.
 "Skepticism and American Faith: Infidels and Converts in the Early Nineteenth Century," *Journal of the*

- Early Republic* 22, 3 (fall 2002): 465-508. Winner of the Ralph D. Gray Prize for the best article published annually in the *Journal of the Early Republic*.
- "Religion and the Constructions of Confederate Ideology: The Case of Richmond," with Harry S. Stout, in Randall M. Miller, Harry S. Stout and Charles Reagan Wilson, eds., *Religion and the American Civil War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998).
- "More Than a Gizzard," *Uncommon Sense* (summer 1997): 6-12.
- "Misrepresentations Corrected: Jonathan Edwards and the Regulation of Religious Discourse," in Stephen J. Stein, ed., *Jonathan Edwards's Writings: Text, Context, Interpretation* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1996), 19-38.
- "The Experimental Philosophy of Farming: Jared Eliot and the Cultivation of Connecticut," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d Ser., L (1993): 504-528.
- "Print, Poetry and Politics: John Trumbull and the Transformation of Public Discourse in Revolutionary America," *Early American Literature* 30, no. 1 (1995): 5-31.

Review Essays and Reviews

- "Puritans and Pilgrims," review of Jeremy D. Bangs, *New Light on an Old Colony*; Francis J. Bremer, *One Small Candle: The Plymouth Puritans and the Beginnings of English New England*; David D. Hall, *The Puritans: A Transatlantic History*; Carla Gardina Pestana, *The World of Plymouth Plantation*; John G. Turner, *They Knew They Were Pilgrims: Plymouth Colony and the Contest for American Liberty*, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 79, 1 (Jan. 2022), 121-34.
- "A 'Great Awakening'?" review of Thomas S. Kidd, *The Great Awakening: The Roots of Evangelical Christianity in Colonial America*, *Reviews in American History* 37, 1 (Jan. 2009): 13-21.
- "Supernatural Sounds and Enlightenment Silence," review of Leigh Eric Schmidt, *Hearing Things: Religion, Illusion, and the American Enlightenment*, in *Commonplace: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, www.common-place.org (winter 2000).
- "The Fall of the Massachusetts Standing Order and the Rise of the Boston Brahmins," review of Peter S. Field, *The Crisis of the Standing Order: Clerical Intellectuals and Cultural Authority in Massachusetts, 1780-1833*, in *Reviews in American History* 27, 4 (Dec. 1999): 541-547.
- "Images and Shadows of Jonathan Edwards," essay review of *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, Vol. 11: Typological Writings*, Anderson, Lowance, and Watters, eds.; *One Holy and Happy Society: The Public Theology of Jonathan Edwards*, by Gerald R. McDermott; *Benjamin Franklin, Jonathan Edwards, and the Representation of American Culture*, Oberg and Stout, eds.; *Delightful Conviction: Jonathan Edwards and the Rhetoric of Conversion* by Stephen Yarbrough and John C. Adams. In *American Literary History* (winter 1996): 683-698.
- Review of Charles McCrary, *Sincerely Held: American Secularism and Its Believers* in *Church History* (forthcoming, 2023).
- Review of Philippa Koch, *The Course of God's Providence: Religion, Health and the Body in Early America* in *The Catholic Historical Review* 108, 2 (spring 2022), 415-16.
- Review of Kirsten Fischer, *American Freethinker: Elihu Palmer and the Struggle for Religious Freedom in the New Nation*, in *Church History* 90, 2 (June 2021), 463-4.
- Review of Nathan G. Alexander, *Race in a Godless World: Atheism, Race, and Civilization, 1850-1914*, in *Church History* 90, 1 (March 2021), 229-30.
- Review of Daniel T. Rodgers, *As a City on a Hill: The Story of America's Most Famous Lay Sermon*, in *New England Quarterly* 92, 2 (June 2019), 293-6.
- Review of Spencer W. McBride, *Pulpit and Nation: Clergymen and the Politics of Revolutionary America*, in *Journal of Church and State* 60, (Jan. 2018), 168-170.
- Review of Caroline Winterer, *American Enlightenments: Pursuing Happiness in the Age of Reason*, in

- William and Mary Quarterly* (July, 2017), 607-13.
- Review of *George Whitefield: Life, Context, and Legacy*, ed. by Geordan Hammond and David Ceri Jones, in *Early American Literature* 52, (2017), 486-491.
- Review of *Becoming Brownson: The Early Life of Orestes A. Brownson, 1803-1829* by Lynn Gordon Hughes, in *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History*, 40 (2016-2017), 148-51.
- Review of *Jeremiah's Scribes: Creating Sermon Literature in Puritan New England* by Meredith Marie Neuman, in *The Historian*, 77, 3 (Fall 2015), 570-1.
- Review of *Godly Republicanism: Puritans, Pilgrims, and a City on a Hill* by Michael P. Winship, in *The Journal of Religion* 93, 3 (July 2014), 406-7.
- Review of *Pious Persuasions: Laity and Clergy in Eighteenth-Century New England* by Erik R. Seeman, in *American Historical Review*, 106, 1 (Feb. 2000): 161-2.
- Review of *The Social History of Skepticism: Experience and Doubt in Early Modern Culture* by Brendan Dooley, in *The William and Mary Quarterly* 3d Ser., LVII, 4 (Oct. 2000): 839-841.
- Review of *Tenacious of Their Liberties: The Congregationalists in Colonial Massachusetts* by James F. Cooper, Jr., in *The Journal of Religion*, 80, 1 (January 2000): 126-28.
- Review of *Jonathan Edwards and the Limits of Enlightenment Philosophy* by Leon Chai, in *Journal of American History* 86, 4 (March 2000): 1755-56.
- Review of *Damned Women: Sinners and Witches in Puritan New England* by Elizabeth Reis, in *The Journal of Religion* 79, 2 (April 1999): 294-95.
- Review of *Creating the Commonwealth: The Economic Culture of Puritan New England* by Stephen Innes, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 3d Ser., LVI, 1 (January 1999): 201-203.
- Review of *Revolution and Religion: American Revolutionary War and the Reformed Clergy* by Keith L. Griffin, in *The Journal of Religion* (October 1996): 643-644.
- Review of *The Philosophy of Jonathan Edwards: A Study in Divine Semiotics*, by Stephen H. Daniel, in *American Literature* (March 1995): 230-231.
- Review of *Religion in a Revolutionary Age*, Ronald Hoffman and Peter J. Albert, eds., in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34, 1 (March 1995): 138.
- Review of *Religion and Politics in the Early Republic: Jasper Adams and the Church-State Debate*, ed. by Daniel L. Dreisbach, in the *Journal of the Early Republic* (spring 1997): 158-160.
- Review of *The Young Jonathan Edwards: A Reconstruction* by William Sparkes Morris, in *American Presbyterians: Journal of Presbyterian History* (spring 1995): 59-60.
- Review of *Paul Revere's Ride* by David Hackett Fischer, in *The Historian* (summer 1995): 792-793.
- Review of *Gospel of Disunion: Religion and Separatism in the Antebellum South* by Mitchell Snay, in *The Journal of Religion* (April 1995): 283-285.
- Review of *A Field of Divine Wonders: The New Divinity and Village Revivals in Northwestern Connecticut, 1792-1822*, by David W. Kling, in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (summer 1995): 133-135.
- Review of *A Sense of Deity: The Republican Spirituality of Dr. Benjamin Rush*, by John Kloos, Jr., in *Religious Studies Review* 18, 2 (April 1992): 160.
- Review of *Elihu Palmer's "Principles of Nature": Text and Commentary*, by Kerry S. Walters, in *Religious Studies Review* 20, 3 (July 1994): 247.
- Review of *The Devil's Dominion: Magic and Religion in Early New England*, by Richard Godbeer, in *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d Ser., L (1993): 433-5.
- Review of *The Rude Hand of Innovation: Religion and Social Order in Albany, New York 1652-1836*, by David G. Hackett, in *Religious Studies Review* 18, no. 4 (Oct. 1992): 349.
- Review of *Out of the Wilderness: The Emergence of an American Identity in Colonial New England*, by John Canup, in *Journal of Church and State* 33, no. 3 (Summer 1991): 617-18.
- Review of *Rhetoric and History in Revolutionary New England*, by Donald Weber, in *The Journal of Religion* 69, no. 3 (July 1989): 410.

Biographical Articles

- “The Connecticut Wits,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Enlightenment* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003).
- “Jared Eliot,” in *Dictionary of National Biography* (London: Oxford University Press, 2004)
- “Elizur Goodrich (1734-1797),” “Elizur Goodrich (1761-1849)” and “David Henkel” in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- Nine biographical essays in *The Blackwell Dictionary of Evangelical Biography: 1730-1860* (Malden, Mass.: Blackwell, 1995).
- "New Haven Theology," and "Ezra Stiles," in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America* (Downer's Grove, Ill.: Intervarsity Press, 1990).

EDITING

Editor, *William and Mary Quarterly*, 2000-2013

Senior Editor, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia* (colonial and early national U. S.), 2013-2015

CONFERENCE PAPERS, TALKS

- “Illustrating John R. Kelso’s Civil War,” The Gallery at Three Rivers Community College, Norwich, Conn., Sept. 16, 2022.
- “George Washington and the Pursuit of Religious Freedom,” Conversation with Kevin Butterfield, Washington Library at Mount Vernon, Jane Pickens Film and Event Center, Newport, Rhode Island, July 28, 2022.
- “John R. Kelso’s Civil Wars and Historical Biography,” Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, March 11, 2022.
- “Teacher, Preacher, Soldier, Spy: The Civil Wars of John R. Kelso,” 30 min. interview with Al Vuona, *Public Eye*, WICN 90.5 (NPR affiliate in Worcester, Mass.), broadcast Nov. 21 and 22, 2021.
- Respondent, “States of Disbelief: Postsecular Accounts of Religious Skepticism,” C19 Conference, Oct. 25, 2020 [held online due to Covid pandemic].
- Comment, “Religious Minorities and the Paths to Power in the Early United States (*Panel 6D*),” American Society of Church History, Annual Meeting, New York City, Jan. 4, 2020.
- “History Lessons,” Phi Alpha Theta Induction ceremony keynote address, William & Mary, Dec. 2, 2019.
- “Skepticism and American Faith” (1 hr. podcast interview with Liz Covart), “Ben Franklin’s World,” OIEAHC, posted on Nov. 27, 2018.
- “Skepticism and American Faith” (1 hr. podcast interview with Lillian Calles Barger), “New Books in American Studies,” New Books Network, posted Sept. 8, 2018.
- “Religious Nationalism, Internal Colonialism, and the Invisibility of Black Skepticism,” American Society of Church History, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Jan. 6, 2018.
- “The Rise and Fall of Organized Deism, 1790-1812,” Huntington-USC Early Modern Studies Institute Seminar, Huntington Library, San Marino, Calif., April 1, 2017.
- “The Rise and Fall of Organized Deism, 1790-1812,” Triangle Early American History Seminary, National Humanities Center, Durham, NC, Feb. 3, 2017.
- “Religion and Politics, Intellectual History and Sociology: Late 18th c. Deism at the Overlap of Fields,” Roundtable: Rethinking Religion and Politics, Session 7, Society for United States Intellectual History, Annual Conference, Stanford University, Oct. 14, 2016.

- “Teacher, Preacher, Soldier, Spy: John R. Kelso’s Civil War,” Hampton History Museum, Hampton, Va., Feb. 1, 2016 (public talk).
- “Teacher, Preacher, Soldier, Spy: John R. Kelso’s Civil War,” interview on “HearSay with Cathy Lewis,” W-HRV radio, Feb. 1, 2016.
- “The Religious and the Secular in the Early American Republic,” Colloquium on American Religion, Politics, and Culture, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12, 2015.
- “Religious Skepticism in the Early Republic,” Richard S. Reynolds Foundation Lecture Series, Historic Polegreen Church Foundation, at the University of Richmond, Sept. 17, 2015 (public talk)
- Comment. Session 53, “Practical Religion in the Early Republic,” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Annual Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, July 19, 2015.
- “The Triumph over Religious Skepticism in the Antebellum White South,” OAH Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Mo., April 16, 2015.
- Panelist, “Early American Worlds: A State of the Field Conversation,” OAH Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Mo., April 17, 2015.
- “Establishment and Disestablishment in Early America,” Bruton Parish Lecture Series, Williamsburg, Virginia, Oct. 16, 2014 (public talk).
- Panelist, “Collaboration—Individual and Institutional,” Research Libraries in the Digital Age: Needs and Opportunities Conference, March 30-31, 2012, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.
- Panelist, “Digital History Workshop, Part 1: The Future of History Journals in the Digital Age,” American Historical Association 126th Annual meeting, Chicago, Jan. 7, 2011.
- Panelist, “Editor’s Forum,” Society of Early Americanists’ Seventh Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, March 4, 2011.
- “On Publishing in Academic Journals,” for history graduate association, University of Florida, April 19, 2010.
- “The ‘Gauntlet’ of Academic Publishing,” for history graduate students at Northwestern University (Tim Breen, seminar director), May 8, 2007.
- “Deist Hero, Deist Monster: On Religious Common Sense in the Wake of the American Revolution,” Rocky Mountain Seminar, University of Utah, April 16, 2007.
- “Revolution, Religion, and Enlightenment,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 31, 2007.
- “On the Precipice of Deism: Religion and the Political Unconscious in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Twelfth Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, Université Laval, Quebec City, Canada, June 9, 2006.
- “Publishing in a Scholarly Journal,” for history graduate students at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., March 4, 2006.
- “Skepticism and American Faith: Deism in the 1780s” and “The ‘Gauntlet’ of Academic Publishing,” for history graduate students at Yale University, (John Demos, Seminar director), April 18, 2006.
- “Deist Hero, Deist Monster: Religious Liberty and Common Sense in the Wake of the American Revolution,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., July 22, 2005.
- Panelist, “Meet the Editors,” Fourth Biennial Meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, April 1, 2005.
- “The ‘Gauntlet’ of Academic Publishing,” for history graduate students at Northwestern University (Tim Breen, seminar director), Jan. 17, 2003, and for American University and Georgetown graduate students at American University, March 6, 2003.
- Panelist, “Pages and Pixels: Journal Publishing on Early America,” Eighth Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, College Park, Maryland, June 15, 2002
- Panelist, “What You Need to Know about Publishing,” OAH Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., April

- 13, 2002
- Panelist, Workshop B, "Publishing for Beginners," Seventh Annual Omohundro Institute Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, July 14, 2001.
- "Social Epistemology for the Working Class: Abner Kneeland and Orestes Brownson in the Early Nineteenth Century," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., Jan. 6, 2001.
- Panelist, "Graduate Student Workshop: Getting Your Work Published," British Early American History Group Annual Meeting, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, Sept. 21, 2000.
- "Skepticism and American Faith: The Early Nineteenth Century," American Antiquarian Society Seminar, Worcester, Mass., May 19, 2000.
- Panelist, "*The William and Mary Quarterly*, 1972-1997: A Past into the Future," Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, April 18, 1997.
- "Republican Print and Virtuous Speech: Public Discourse in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut," Paper presented at 18th Annual Conference of the Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Nashville, Tenn., July 18, 1996.
- "Samson Occom and the Creation of a Christian Indian Community," paper presented with co-author Timothy Hall at the Institute of Early American History and Culture, First Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 2-4, 1995.
- "A Speaking Aristocracy: Transforming Public Discourse in Eighteenth-Century Connecticut," paper presented at the conference of Pew Fellows in Religion and American History, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, April 6-9, 1995.
- "Civil War, Religion and Communications: Richmond as a Case Study," paper written with Harry S. Stout delivered at The Religion and Civil War Symposium, Louisville, Kentucky, Oct., 1994.
- "Misrepresentations Corrected: Jonathan Edwards and the Regulation of Religious Discourse," paper presented at "The Writings of Jonathan Edwards" conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, June 2-4, 1994.
- "Between Awakenings: New England Minds and the Transformation of Public Discourse, 1740-1800," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, April 15, 1994.
- "Religion, Politics and Public Discourse in Eighteenth-Century New England," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, New Haven, Oct. 2, 1993.
- "Self-Fashioning and Public Discourse in Revolutionary America: The Education of Ezra Stiles," paper presented at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Mid-America American Studies Association, Minneapolis, April 17, 1993.

TEACHING

Brown University:

History 1800, Religion and Power in North America to 1900, spring 2022, fall 2022
 History 0657A, Early American Lives, fall 2022

William and Mary:

History 121, American History to 1877, fall 2014, spring 2018
 History 150, Writing Intensive, Religion and War in Early America, fall 2015, spring 2020
 History 211/12, Topics Course: Religion in Early America, fall 2014, 2015; spring 2015
 History 255, Religion in America to 1800, fall 2017; AS COLL 200 course, fall 2018, fall 2019

History 312, Survey: Religion in 19th c. America, spring 2016
 History 355, Religion in 19th c. America, spring 2017, spring 2018
 History 362, American History 1760-1820, spring 2000
 History 491 C, Senior Colloquium—Skepticism and American Faith, spring 2007

History 715, Reading Seminar: Religion and American History to 1900, spring 2000, fall 2003, spring 2006, spring 2008, spring 2013, fall 2017, fall 2019
 History 715, Reading Seminar: Religion and the Secular in America, 1600-1900, spring 2015
 History 715, Reading Seminar: American Cultural and Intellectual History, 1500-1900, spring 2001, spring 2011
 History 701, Historiography, to 1865, fall 2001
 History 710, 712, Research Seminar: Early American Republic, spring 2016, fall 2018
 History 716, Reading Seminar: Early American Republic, fall 2002, fall 2004, spring 2012

St. Olaf College, 1992-1999:

Level I:

"Religion and Magic in Colonial New England"
 "Red, White and Black: Culture and Conflict in North America, 1500-1763"
 "American Revolution"

Level II:

"American History, 1490-1865"
 "United States History, 1865-present"
 "American Studies: 1492 and the Cultural Uses of Columbus"
 "Paracollege Seminar: Religion and American History, 1600-1920"
 "The Frontier and American History, 1600-1900"
 "Topics in Religion and American History"
 "American Studies: Heartland Histories" (regional, local, and college history)
 "American Intellectual Cultures: Puritanism, Enlightenment, Transcendentalism"

Level III:

"Revolutionary America"
 "The Early American Republic, 1787-1840"

Yale University:

Teaching Fellow, Yale University, 1987-1992:

"Religion in American Society, 1550-1877"; "Religion in American Society, 1877-Present"
 "The Origins of American Culture, 1600-1877"; "Religion in American Society, 1550-1990"

Teaching Assistant, Yale University, spring 1989:

"Jonathan Edwards and American Revivalism"

Bass Teaching Fellow (Writing Intensive), Yale University, fall 1987:

"Religion in American Society, 1550-1877"

Southern Connecticut State University:

Adjunct Instructor of English, Southern Connecticut State University, 1985-1986
 Instructor of English, College Achievement Program, summers, 1984, 1985

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Article manuscript review, *Law & History Review*, Jan. 2023
 SHEAR Best Book and Best Biography Prize committees, 2020-2022 (chair, 2022)
 Book proposal review (Seth Perry, “A Man Who Owned Himself: Lorenzo Dow and the Origins of American Self-Narrative” for Oxford University Press, Nov. 2022
 Article manuscript review, *New England Quarterly*, Sept. 2022
 Article manuscript review, *Connecticut History*, March 2022
 Article manuscript review, *William and Mary Quarterly*, June 2021
 Article manuscript review, *Journal of the Early Republic*, June 2021
 Article manuscript review, *American Journal of Legal History*, June 2021
 Article manuscript review, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Feb. 2021
 Book manuscript review (Kristin Olbertson, *The Dreadful Word: Speech Crime and Polite Gentlemen in Massachusetts, 1690-1776*) for Cambridge University Press, Jan. 2021
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, Marquette University, Sept. 2020
 Book manuscript review (Stewart Davenport, *Sex and Sects*), UVA Press, Sept. 2020
 Article manuscript review, *William and Mary Quarterly*, May 2020
 Book manuscript review (Stewart Davenport, *Sex and Sects*), University of Virginia Press, April 2020
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, Princeton University Religion Dept., Feb. 2020
 Article manuscript review, *Journal of American History*, Oct. 2019
 Promotion Evaluation, UNC Charlotte, History Dept., Aug. 2019
 Article manuscript review, *ESQ: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Literature and Culture*, Aug. 2019
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, UNC Chapel Hill, Religion Dept., Dec. 2018
 Article manuscript review, *William and Mary Quarterly*, Dec. 2018
 Book manuscript review (Peter Mancall, *The Trials of Thomas Morton*), Yale UP, May 2018
 Article manuscript review, *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, Feb. 2018
 Book manuscript review, (Peter Choi, *George Whitefield*), Eerdmans, Jan. 2018
 Article manuscript review, *Journal of the Early Republic*, Nov. 2017
 Book manuscript review (Peter Mancall, *The Trials of Thomas Morton*), Yale UP, Oct. 2017
 Book manuscript review (Harry Stout, *American Aristocrats*), Basic Books, fall 2017
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, CUNY, Staten Island, August 2017
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, American University, August 2017
 Fellowship application review, National Humanities Center, spring, fall 2017; fall 2018
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, Binghamton University, October 2016
 Promotion Evaluation, Virginia Commonwealth University, September 2016
 Promotion Evaluation, Harvard Divinity School, March 2016
 Four Articles, manuscript review, *William and Mary Quarterly*, spring-summer 2016
 Article manuscript review, *Church History*, summer 2016
 Book manuscript review (David Torbett, “Overcoming Evil with Good”), Ohio University Press, January 2016
 NEH Fellowship Selection Panel, American History I, Washington DC, July 31, 2014
 Tenure and Promotion Evaluation, Columbia University, 2012, 2014
 Hire and Tenure Evaluation, Yale University, 2015
 NEH Fellowship Committee, OIEAHC, 1999—2013
 Mellon Fellowship Committee, OIEAHC, 2006—2013
 Referee, NEH Summer Grants, fall 2001
 Rockefeller Library Fellowship Committee, Colonial Williamsburg, 2007

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, “Word and Ground: New Early American Histories,” USC-Huntington Library Early Modern Studies Institute, at USC, March 6-7, Los Angeles, Ca.

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, “Religion and Violence in Early America,” Yale University, April 10-13, 2008.

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, The *William and Mary Quarterly*–Early Modern Studies Institute Workshops, held annually at the Huntington Library, California, each May. Co-sponsored by the OIEAHC and USC. Workshop 1: “The Seventeenth Century,” May 19–20, 2006; Workshop 2: “Eighteenth-Century American Cultural History,” May 16-18, 2007; Workshop 3: “Writing Early American History,” May 22-23, 2008; Workshop 4: “Territorial Crossings: Histories and Historiographies of the Early Americas,” May 21-22, 2009; Workshop 5: “Grounded Histories: Land, Landscape, and Environment in Early North America,” May 22-23, 2010; Workshop 6: “Women in Early America,” May 27-28, 2011; Workshop 7: “Early American Biography,” May 25-26, 2012; Workshop 8: “Before 1607,” May 24-25, 2013.

Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, “Object Relations in Early North America,” Huntington Library, California, May 20-23, 2003.

Chair, two sessions, William & Mary Graduate Research Symposium, March 16, 2018

Chair, “Communities of Readers and Writers in Early America,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, March 17-20, 2011.

Conference Committee, “‘The bloody Writing is for ever torn’: Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade,” University of Cape Coast, Ghana, Aug. 8-12, 2007.

Moderator, Session Three, “Roundtable Discussion: Beyond the Atlantic,” Middle Atlantic Conference on British Studies, April 9, 2005, Alexandria, Virginia.

Chair, Session VII, “Parody, Power, and the Public Sphere,” Fourth Biennial Meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, Alexandria, Virginia, April 1, 2005.

Commentator, “Crafting Post-Revolutionary American Identities: Race, Ethnicity, Class, Ideology,” OAH Conference, Boston, Mass., March 25, 2004.

Chair/ Commentator, Session 4, “Print and Power in Colonial British America,” Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, Ninth Annual Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, July 20, 2001

Chair, Session 6, “Religion, Radicalism, and the Response to America,” Society of Early Americanists Second Biennial Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia, March 8, 2001

Chair, Session 16, “Empire, Enlightenment and Independence,” OIEAHC Sixth Annual Conference, Toronto, June 10, 2000

William and Mary:

College of Arts and Sciences, NIAHD Search Committee, fall 2015

History Department Graduate Studies Committee, 2000-present

Subcommittee—Comprehensive Exams, fall 2000

Subcommittee—Revising Graduate Regulations, spring 2000

Subcommittee—Glucksman/ Teaching, spring 2001, spring 2002

Subcommittee—Historiography Course, fall 2014
 Subcommittee—Prizes and Awards Committee, 2015-16, fall 2017
 History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee, fall 2014—2017
 Subcommittee—Clarity and Harmony, fall 2014
 History Department, CW/History Institute Committee, fall 2000
 History Department, Early American Search Committee, fall 2001
 History Department, Early American Search Committee, fall 2007
 History Department, Public Humanities Ad Hoc Committee, fall 2017
 History Department, Social Committee, 2017-2018, 2019-20
 NIAHD Search Committee, Associate Director, 2019-20

Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, 2019—

Yearly Activities:

Brown:

Undergraduate Advisor: 2022
 Honor's Thesis Advisor
 2021-2022: Peder Schaffer

William & Mary:

Undergraduate Advisor:
 2016: Thomas Kanuch, Daniel Burns
 2019: Katharine Welch

Senior Honors Thesis Committees:
 2001--James Heslep, Kristin Zech
 2018—Britanny Acors (Religion)
 2020—Sophie Rizzereli (advisor)

MA Thesis Committees:
 2000—Ginger Hawkins
 2001—Charles J. Blair II, Justin Shireman, Joshua Beatty (chair), Thomas Anderson
 2002—Emily Peterson, Emily Moore (chair)
 2003—Michael Sclafani
 2004—Chad Sanford (chair)
 2005—Meredith Henne (chair), Nathan Green (chair), Liam Paskvan (chair)
 2006—Elizabeth Bond, Edward Pompeian
 2007—Lindsay Keiter, Stephen Volpe (chair), Charles Blair
 2012—Katherine Madison (chair), Spencer Wells, Cara Elliott
 2014—Douglas Gleason (chair)
 2015--Jack Masterson (chair), Kasey Sease (chair), Amanda Gibson

MA Advisor:
 2017—Christina Beck, Ryan Langton

Comprehensive Exam Committees:
 2003—Josh Beatty (chair)
 2005—Karen Hines, Sean Harvey, Jennifer Hancock
 2009--Chase Wallace

2011—Thomas Gillian
 2012—Ryan Tanner-Reed
 2014—Cara Elliott (chair), Spencer Wells (chair)
 2015—Kristin Beales, Anna Rosenkranz (AmSt)
 2016--Mark Mulligan
 2017—Peter Olsen-Harbich
 2018—Mitch Oxford (chair), Emily Wells
 2019—Anne Powell
 2020—Katy Telling

Dissertation Committees:

Richard Chew
 Josh Beatty
 Sean Harvey (chair)
 Emily Moore
 Jeff Kukuck (chair)
 Christopher Jones (chair)
 Chase Wallace
 Lindsay Keiter
 Thomas Gillan (chair)
 Spencer Wells (chair)
 Laurel Deane
 Kristin Beales (chair)
 Mark Mulligan (chair)
 Mitchell Oxford (chair)
 Kaila Schwartz
 Katy Telling

St. Olaf College:

Curricular and Educational Policies Committee, fall 1996-1999 (vice-chair, 1997-98)
 Chair, CEPC Honorary Degrees Subcommittee, 1996-97
 Chair, History Department Curriculum Committee, fall 1998-spring 1999
 Chair, History Department Search Committee, spring 1999
 Chair, History Department Committee for the St. Olaf Conference on the National History Standards, 1995-1996.
 Chair, Student Liaison Committee, History Department, fall 1995-spring 1999.
 Member, St. Olaf Community Action Committee, spring 1997
 Member, 125th Anniversary Committee, spring 1997
 Member, Pre-Law Advisory Committee, spring 1996-spring 1999
 Participant, Boldt Faculty Seminar, spring 1996
 Faculty Development Grant, The U. S. History Survey, summer 1995
 History Department Distinction Committee, spring 1994; fall 1996-present.
 History Department Assessment Committee, spring 1994.
 History Department Curriculum Committee, 1993-44; 1997-98.
 Participant, Associated Colleges of the Midwest Conference on Teaching American History, Beloit, Wisconsin, Sept. 17-18, 1993.
 Faculty Development Grant: paired history and literature courses on the American Frontier, summer 1993

Yale University (as graduate student):

Research Assistant for Professor Harry S. Stout: "Virginia Religious Culture during the Civil War," fall 1991.

Transcriber, Transcription Checker, The Works of Jonathan Edwards, 1987-1990.

Production Assistant, Archival Filming, "The National Conference on Jonathan Edwards and Benjamin Franklin," Yale University, February 22-24, 1990.

Presenter, "A Gathering of One: The Ordeal of Jonathan Edwards" (film), The American Academy of Religion Convention, Anaheim, California, November 20, 1989.

Participant, The Younger Scholars Conference on Jonathan Edwards, Princeton University, March 16-18, 1989.

Research Assistant, Early American Sermons Project, Yale Divinity School, fall 1988.