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Academic Appointments

2020-Present Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Nevada, Reno

2014-2020 Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Nevada, Reno

Education

2013 University of Texas at Austin, History, Ph.D.

2008 University of New Hampshire, History, MA

2004 McGill University, History, BA, cum laude

Publications

Books

2018 *Frontiers of Science: Imperialism and Natural Knowledge in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1500-1850*. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2018).

- Summerlee Book Prize.
- Michael V.R. Thomason Book Award

Articles and Book Chapters

2021 “Pursuing Knowledge, Surviving Empire: Indigenous Explorers in the Removal Era,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd ser., 78, 2 (April 2021), 281-312.

2021 “Science in Early North America,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Science and Empire*, ed. Andrew Goss (London: Routledge, 2021), 253-263.

2020 “Measuring Souls: Psychometry, Female Instruments, and Subjective Science, 1840-1910,” *History of Science* 50, 1 (March 2020), 76-100.

2018 “Perpetual War and Natural Knowledge in the United States, 1775-1860,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 38, 3 (fall 2018), 387-413.

- 2018 “Planters and Powerbrokers: George J.F. Clarke, Interracial Love, and Allegiance in the Revolutionary circum-Caribbean,” in *Entangled Empires: The Anglo-Iberian Atlantic, 1500-1830*, ed. Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra (University of Pennsylvania Press).
- 2017 “Scientific Instructions and Native American Linguistics in the Imperial United States: The Department of War’s 1826 Vocabulary,” *Journal of the Early Republic* 37, 3 (fall 2017), 399-427.
- 2014 “Violence, Ethnicity, and Human Remains during the Second Seminole War,” *The Journal of American History* 100, 4 (March 2014), 973-994.
 - Louis Pelzer Memorial Award.
- 2013 “Indian Storytelling, Scientific Knowledge, and Power in the Florida Borderlands,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd ser., 70, 4 (Oct. 2013), 671-700.
 - Richard L. Morton Award
 - John H. Hann Award
- 2012 “The Mason-Dixon and Proclamation Lines: Land Surveying and Native Americans in Pennsylvania’s Borderlands,” *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 136, 1 (2012), 5-23.
- 2010 “Michael Cresap and the Promulgation of Settler Land Claiming Methods in the Backcountry, 1765-1774,” *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 118, 2 (2010), 106-135.

Editor

- 2015 “The Environment and Early America,” special issue of *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 13, 2 (spring 2015), co-edited with Christopher Parsons.

Multimedia

- 2010 *The History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean* (HOSLAC); coauthored and co-edited with Julia Rodriguez and Jan Golinski (2010): www.hoslac.org.
 - Best Media Prize, New England Council of Latin American Studies

Reviews

- 2023 Review of Miles Harvey, *The King of Confidence: A Tale of Utopian Dreamers, Frontier Schemers, True Believers, False Prophets, and the Murder of an American Monarch*, in *The Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- 2022 Review of Gordon Fraser, *Star Territory: Printing the Universe in Nineteenth-Century America*, in *The Journal of American History* (forthcoming)

- 2022 Review of Sean Rafferty, *Native Intoxicants of North America*, in *Journal of the Early Republic* 42, 3 (Fall 2022).
- 2019 Review of David Bernstein, *How the West Was Drawn: Mapping, Indians, and the Construction of the Trans-Mississippi West*, in *The American Historical Review* 124, 5 (Dec. 2019).
- 2018 Review of Patrick Griffin, ed., *Experiencing Empire: Power, People, and Revolution in Early America*, in the *Journal of Southern History* 84, 4 (Nov. 2018).
- 2018 Review of Sam White, *A Cold Welcome: The Little Ice Age and Europe's Encounter with North America*, in *Environmental History* 23, 4 (Oct. 2018).
- 2016 Review of Jefferson Dillman, *Colonizing Paradise: Landscape and Empire in the British West Indies*, in the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 96, 3 (Aug. 2016).
- 2013 Review of Allison Bigelow, "Mining Empire, Planting Empire: The Colonial Scientific Literatures of the Americas," *Dissertation Reviews*, Oct. 2013.
- 2012 Review of Gene Allen Smith and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Nexus of Empire: Negotiating Loyalty and Identity in the Revolutionary Borderlands, 1760s-1820s*, in *Southern Historian* 33 (spring 2012).
- 2010 Review of Thomas E. Crocker, *Braddock's March: How the Man Sent to Seize a Continent Changed American History*, in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 118, 2 (2010).

Other Publications

- 2021 "Writing Time," *Uncommon Sense—The Blog*, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture.
- 2016 "Black Lives (and) Matter: George Zimmerman's Gun and Artifacts of Racial Violence in American History," *Process: a blog for American history*, Organization of American Historians, May 2016.
- 2015 "Old Roots, New Shoots: Early American Environmental History," *Early American Studies* 13, 2 (spring 2015), [introduction to edited volume], coauthored with Christopher Parsons.
- 2014 "The Mason-Dixon Line," *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*, <http://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org>
- 2013 "Heavy Metal as Public History: A Review of *Turisas*, live at the Gramercy Theater (New York, NY, 6 Feb. 2013)," in *The Appendix: a new journal of narrative and experimental history* 1, 3 (July 2013), 136-39.

- 2011 “Everglades,” “Great Swamp Fortress,” “Mackenzie’s Mexico Raid,” “Indian Agents,” “Comancheros,” “Coeur d’Alene War,” and “Keokuk,” in *The Encyclopedia of North American Indian Wars, 1607-1890: A Political, Social, and Military History*, ed. Spencer C. Tucker (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011).

Awards

- 2019 Michael V.R. Thomason Book Award, Gulf South Historical Association.
- 2019 Summerlee Book Prize, Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast, Lamar University.
- 2019 Mousel-Feltner Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Hakluyt Society Essay Prize, for “Coacoochee’s Borderlands: A Native American Explorer in Nineteenth-Century North America.”
- 2014 Richard L. Morton Award: *The William and Mary Quarterly*, for best article by an author in graduate school at time of submission.
- 2014 John H. Hann Award: Florida Historical Society, for best scholarly article on colonial Florida or the colonial southeastern borderlands.
- 2014 Finalist, C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize, Southern Historical Association.
- 2014 Honorable Mention, LACS Dissertation Prize, Latin American and Caribbean Section, Southern Historical Association.
- 2013 Barnes F. Lathrop Prize: for best dissertation in UT’s history department.
- 2013 Louis Pelzer Memorial Award: Organization of American Historians, for best essay in American history by a graduate student.
- 2011 Best Media Prize: New England Council of Latin American Studies (with Julia Rodriguez and Jan Golinski).

Fellowships and Grants

- 2017 Scholarly and Creative Activities Grant, College of Liberal Arts, UNR.
- 2016 Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ), School of Historical Studies: Martin L. and Sarah F. Leibowitz Membership, nine-month appointment.
- 2016 The John Carter Brown Library: Alice E. Adams Short-term Fellowship (Declined).

- 2015 Faculty Travel Grant, Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, UNR.
- 2014 NSF Travel Grant: History of Science Society annual meeting.
- 2013 Smithsonian Institution: Margaret Henry Dabney Penick Resident Scholar, post-doctoral fellowship, nine-month appointment.
- 2013 The Historic New Orleans Collection: Dianne Woest Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities.
- 2012 Donald D. Harrington Dissertation Fellowship, UT Austin's most prestigious graduate fellowship, twelve-month appointment.
- 2012 McNeil Center for Early American Studies: Monticello-McNeil and Friends of the MCEAS Dissertation Fellow, nine-month appointment.
- 2012 Linda Hall Library of Science, Technology, and Engineering: Residential Fellowship, four-month appointment (Declined).
- 2012 Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies Short-term Fellowship, Monticello, Va.
- 2012 John Carter Brown Library Short-Term Fellowship, four-month appointment (Award offered as a selected alternate; declined).
- 2011 National Science Foundation: Science, Technology, and Society Dissertation Research Improvement Grant.
- 2011 John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress: Kislak Fellowship in American Studies, four-month appointment.
- 2011 Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Graduate Student Travel Fellowship.
- 2011 Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science (PACHS): Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2011 Huntington Library: W.M. Keck Foundation Fellowship.
- 2010 Research Fellowship for the Study of the Global South, New Orleans Center for the Gulf South, Tulane University.
- 2010 Cecilia L. Johnson Grant for Visiting Graduate Scholars, University of Florida Special Collections Library.

- 2010 History Department Fellowship for Dissertation Research, UT Austin.
- 2010 Louisiana History Research Fellowship, Louisiana State University Library Special Collections.
- 2010 Institute for Southern Studies Visiting Research Fellowship, University of South Carolina.
- 2009 University of Texas Graduate Research Fellowship.
- 2009 Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Fellowship, UT Austin History Department.
- 2008 University of Texas Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship (LAGR).
- 2007 University of New Hampshire History Department Graduate Scholarship.

Invited Papers and Presentations

- 2020 “Removing Discoveries: Native Explorers and White Guides in Indian Territory,” *New Directions in the History of Science: Nineteenth-Century North America*, Stanford University, October.
- 2019 “Between Reconnaissance and Removal: Native Explorers in the Nineteenth-Century West,” Work-in-Progress Workshop, Rice University.
- 2019 *Frontiers of Science and The Experiential Caribbean* (co-led with Pablo Gómez), Earth and Environmental Sciences Working Group of the Consortium for the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, November.
- 2019 “Coacoochee’s Frontiers: A Native American Explorer in Florida, Texas, and Mexico,” Student Lecture, Lamar University.
- 2019 “Frontiers of Science: U.S. Expansion and American Science,” Lamar University, October.
- 2019 “Between Reconnaissance and Removal: Indian Explorers in the American West,” The Vast Early America Lecture, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, October.
- 2019 “Frontiers of Science: Astronomy and Imperialism in the Early United States,” Talks at Google speaker series, Google Cambridge Campus, April.
- 2018 “Frontiers of Science: U.S. Expansion and the Making of American Science,” Faculty Research Series, University of Nevada, Reno, October.

- 2018 “Borderlands Violence and the World of American Science,” History of Science Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin, October.
- 2018 “*Frontiers of Science* and the History of Knowledge in Imperial Borderlands,” Latin American Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin, October.
- 2017 “The Other Struggles for Independence: Native Americans during the Revolutionary War Era,” Washoe County School District, Special Speakers Series, December.
- 2017 “War and Natural Knowledge in the Early Republic, 1775-1861,” Colonial Americas Workshop, Princeton University, March.
- 2016 “Coacoochee’s Borderlands: A Seminole Explorer in Nineteenth-Century North America,” Workshop Series in History and Sociology of Science, Medicine, and Technology, University of Pennsylvania, December.
- 2016 “Native American Explorers in North America,” Colloquium of the School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, December.
- 2016 “Violence, Competition, and Exchange: Natural Knowledge in the Early Colonial Gulf South,” Early Modern Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, November.
- 2015 “Measuring Souls in Nineteenth-Century America,” Phrenology, Anthropometry, and Craniology: Historical and Global Perspectives, Clarkson University, August.
- 2015 “Skulls, Scalps, and Seminoles,” The History Club, Reno, March.
- 2014 “Planters and Powerbrokers: George J.F. Clarke, Provincial Patriotism, and Interracial Love in the Revolutionary Circum-Caribbean,” Entangled Histories of the Early Modern British and Iberian Empires and their Successor Republics, UT Austin, November.
- 2014 “Intrigue, Allegiance, and National Scientific Communities in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1770 to 1820,” George Washington University, sponsored by the Early Americas Working Group, May.
- 2014 “American Oecologies: A Roundtable on Environmental History,” John Carter Brown Library, February.
- 2013 “Slavery, Shells, and Strata: Deep History in the antebellum Deep South,” Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History, December.
- 2013 “Indian Vocabularies and Un-Disciplining Knowledge in the Early United States,” Travel, Science, and the Question of Observation, 1580-1800, conference at The Heyman Center for the Humanities at Columbia University, October.

- 2013 “Indian Storytelling, Scientific Knowledge, and Power in the Florida Borderlands,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Seminar, May.
- 2013 “Science and Anglo-American Expansion in the Gulf South Borderlands, 1783-1842,” Donald D. Harrington Fellows Symposium, Amarillo Country Club, April.
- 2013 “Geology, Slavery, and Sectionalism in the 1830s Gulf South,” Chemical Heritage Foundation, March.
- 2013 “Star-Crossed Empires: Astronomy and United States Expansion into the Spanish American Borderlands, 1795-1810,” Networks of Exchange Seminar, The Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, February.
- 2012 “Astronomy, Jefferson’s Empire, and the Spanish American Borderlands,” Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, August.
- 2012 “Star-Crossed Empires: Astronomy and United States Expansion in the Spanish American Borderlands, 1795-1810,” History of Science Colloquium, UT Austin, February.
- 2011 “Native American Storytelling and Science in Spanish Florida,” Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, Brown-bag Workshop Series, UT Austin, October.
- 2011 “Skulls, Scalps, and Seminoles: Science and Violence in Florida, 1800-1842,” Library of Congress, July. <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kluge/webcasts/index.php>.
- 2011 “Science, Loyalty, and Power in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1790-1810,” The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Works-in-Progress Series, February.

Conference Activity

Papers Presented

- 2019 “Teaching the Environmental History of the Colonial Americas: Challenges, Prospects, and Future Directions,” Roundtable session, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, January.
- 2018 “Native American Explorers and the Global History of Exploration,” Annual conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, June.
- 2015 “Deep History, Deep South: Slavery and Geology in Rush Nutt’s Theory of Earth,” Southern Historical Association annual meeting, Little Rock, November.
- 2015 “Eastern Natives as Western Explorers,” Western Historical Association annual meeting, Portland, OR, October.

- 2015 “‘To Sponge Upon the Planters’: Patronage, Conchology, and Deep History in Antebellum Alabama,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic annual meeting, Raleigh, NC, July.
- 2015 “‘One of those men who was always in trouble’: John DeLacy, Adventurer-Intellectuals, and the Contest for the Gulf South,” Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, Tucson, April.
- 2014 “Instructions in Independence: American Indian Languages and National Science in the Early United States,” History of Science Society annual meeting, Chicago, November.
- 2014 “Local Ignorance and the United States Empire in the Gulf South,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, April.
- 2014 “Race, Deep History, and Proslavery Nationalism in Rush Nutt’s Theory of Earth,” The Republics of Benjamin Rush conference, Dickinson College, March.
- 2012 “Army Surgeons, Skull Collectors, and Scalpers in the Florida Territory, 1835-1842,” Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, November.
- 2012 “Science in the Early Republic’s Borderlands,” Philadelphia Area Center for History of Science Introductory Symposium, September.
- 2012 “‘To Assign to the Race their Station’: Army Surgeons, Indian Skulls, and White Scalps in Florida, 1835-1842,” Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, July.
- 2011 “Native American Storytelling and Scientific Authority in the 18th-Century Florida Borderlands,” The Power of Stories: Authority and Narrative in Early America, conference at The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, September.
- 2011 “Mineralogy, Myths, and Monsters: A Scientific Expedition in Spanish East Florida, 1790,” Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, Fla., May.
- 2011 “‘The Indian’s Art’: Native American Storytelling, Credibility, and the Production of Mineralogical Knowledge in the Florida Borderlands,” Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Wake Forest University, March.
- 2009 “How the West was Known: Local Science and Expansion in the Lower Mississippi Valley and Early United States,” Transatlantic Exploration in the Era of Humboldt, University of Texas at Arlington, October.
- 2009 “The History of Science in Latin America and the Caribbean,” session on teaching with new technologies, Conference on Latin American History, January.

Discussant

- 2021 Respondent for A.B. Wilkinson's discussion of *Blurring the Lines*, The Black Studies Research Roundtable, April.
- 2018 "Constructing Racial Difference in Images, Classes, and Courts," panel at Medicine and Healing in the Age of Slavery conference, Rice University, February.
- 2015 "Indian Centered: New Stories of Early Florida," panel at Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Washington, DC, June.
- 2015 "Violent Humanity," panel at the Conference of Liberal Arts Graduate Students, UNR, February.

Teaching

Courses Taught:

- U.S. History to 1877 (HIST 101)
- American Experiences and Constitutional Change (CH 203)
- Introduction to Native American History (HIST 260)
- Exploration, Adventure, and Science in America (HIST 313)
- The Civil War in American Culture; Capstone Course (HIST 406D/606D)
- American Intellectual/Cultural History I (HIST 410/610)
- U.S. Colonial Period to 1750 (HIST 411/611)
- Revolution and New Republic (HIST 412/612)
- U.S. History from 1815 to 1877 (HIST 413/613)
- U.S.-Amerindian Relations (HIST 418/618)
- Seminar in Nineteenth-Century U.S. History, Graduate Level (HIST 721)
- U.S. Historiography, Graduate Level (HIST 785)

Graduate Committees

Primary Advisor:

- Sara Gary-Sage (MA, History, 2020)
- Jamie Homm (MA, History and Teaching, 2022)

Committee Member, MA:

- Sean Busey (MA, History, 2018); Danielle Zayac (MA, History); Shannon Montez (MA, History); Jared Smith (MA, Archaeology).

Committee Member, PhD:

- Christina McSherry (PhD, Archaeology); J. Matthew Martin (PhD, Judicial Studies Program); Christian Filbrun (PhD, History)

Service

Departmental Service:

2022: Chair, Website Committee
2021: Chair, Identity Committee
2021-2022: Chair, Shared History Committee
2014-2018, 2021-2022: Member, Graduate Committee.
2019: Member, Undergraduate Recruitment Committee
2018: Chair, Search Committee for Shared History
2018, 2022: Member, Thesis Prize Committee
2018-2021: Member, Undergraduate Committee
2017-2018: Member, Ad-Hoc Graduate Committee
2015-2016: Member, Curriculum Committee.
2015-2016: Member, Master Planning Committee.
2015-2016: Member, Executive Committee.
2014-2021: Member, Shared History Committee.

Service to the College

2021-2022: Member, SCAG Committee
2020: Chair, Mousel-Feltner Award selection committee
2019, 2021: Bilinski Fellowship Selection Committee
2018: Member, Science Studies Working Group.

Service to the University

2018-2021: Member, Research and Grants Committee, Faculty Senate

Service to the Profession:

Academic Advisory Board:

- *La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas*

Manuscript reviewer:

- The American Philosophical Society
- Oxford University Press
- Palgrave Macmillan
- Yale University Press
- University of Virginia Press
- *Journal of American Studies*
- *The William and Mary Quarterly*
- *Journal of Southern History*
- *The European Journal of Law and Economics*
- *Louisiana History: The Journal of the Louisiana Historical Association*

External reviewer for fellowship/grant competitions:

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship

- Kislak Fellowship in American Studies, (the Kluge Center at the Library of Congress)
- Margaret Henry Dabney Penick resident scholarship (Smithsonian Institution)
- Outstanding Graduate Research in the Humanities and Fine Arts Award (UT Austin)

Founder and Coordinator of the New Work in Progress Series, Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin.

Mentor, McNeil Center Consortium Undergraduate Research Workshop, 2013.