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EDUCATION:

Rice University, Houston, Texas.

Ph.D. in history, May 2001. Dissertation advisor: John B. Boles.

Primary fields: American southern and religious history; secondary fields: colonial North America and the Caribbean.

Rice University, Houston, Texas.

M.A. in history, May 1999.

Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

B.A. in American history, *cum laude*, June 1995.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

2008– **Associate Professor and Department Chair.** Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Administrative (instruction, budget, governance) head of a department of 30 TTF faculty, 2 full time staff, and 25+ graduate teaching assistants.

2005– **Associate Professor.** Department of History, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Responsible for graduate and undergraduate instruction, maintaining an active research program, and providing service to department, university, and profession. Granted tenure 2008.

Courses taught: HIST 1020, 1027, World History since 1750
 HIST 2010/2020, History of the United States
 HIST 3010, History of Alabama
 HIST 3040, American Religion
 HIST 3800, The Historian's Craft
 HIST 4950, Senior Thesis
 HIST 5050 / 6050, The New South
 HIST 7160, Graduate Seminar in the New South
 HIST 7210, Graduate Seminar in American Religion
 HIST 8710, Introduction to College Teaching of History

2003–2005 **Assistant Professor (visiting).** Department of History, Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Courses taught: HIST 100, Freedom and Slavery in the Western World
 HIST 201/2, History of the United States
 HIST 329, The New South
 HIST/AMST 330, History of Religion in America
 HIST 333, The Scopes Trial: Religion, Science, Education
 HIST 333, Colonial North America

2001–2003 **Visiting Assistant Professor.** Department of History, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

Courses taught: HIST 105/6, History of the United States
 HIST/RELS 365, History of Religion in America
 HIST 451, History of the New South

1998 **Adjunct Instructor.** Tomball College, Tomball, Texas.

Courses taught: HIST 1302, History of the United States since 1877

1996–2000 **Graduate Fellow.** Department of History, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

Fellowship included time as Graduate Editorial Assistant at *Journal of*

Southern History, research assistant to Profs. John Boles, Richard J. Smith, and Atieno Odhiambo; and graduate teaching assistant to John Boles.

1995–1996 **Faculty Intern.** Culver Academies, Culver, Indiana. Responsible for teaching courses in non-Western and American history, team-teaching a course in American government, tutoring study and learning skills, and coaching swimming and baseball.

PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY, AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE:

2013– **Auburn University alternate Representative to Alabama Articulation and General Studies Committee.** Appointed by President Gogue to the statewide commission charged with facilitating the transferability of coursework among all Alabama public colleges and universities.

2008– **Chair of Department of History.** Responsible for all aspects of department administration, and representative to Dean’s Leadership Cabinet.

2011– **Series Editor**, with John Giggie, *Religion and American Culture* series, University of Alabama Press. We have restarted a series at the press that aims to publish 2-4 original works per year focusing broadly in American religious history and culture.

2012–2013 **Search Committee for Assistant Provost and Director of the Honors College.** Member. Appointed by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

2012 **Search Committee for Advisor in Learning Communities and Common Book Program** member. Faculty representative in search for student affairs professional.

2007–2009 **Editorial Board** member, *Alabama Review*.

2006–2009 **Core Curriculum Oversight Committee.** Appointed by the Auburn University Senate; committee developed learning outcomes and appropriate assessments for general education. Member during key period of the development of the new General Studies program.

2006–2009 **Faculty Seminar Coordinator.** Responsible for organizing formal yet convivial twice-annual faculty dinner and lecture for the department of history and friends.

2006–2007 **Latin American History Faculty Search.** Successful hire of now-tenured associate professor and outstanding faculty colleague.

2006– **Editorial Board** member, *Journal of Southern Religion*.

2005 **Connecting Learning Communities** faculty. Collaborative grant from the Mellon Foundation and administered through the Center for Teaching, the Office of Minority Affairs, and Information Technology Services at the University of the South.

2004 **Faculty Instructional Development Seminar**, Associated Colleges of the South, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

2002–2003 **Faculty, Texas Aggie Access Program.** Texas A&M University General Academic Programs. Teacher and participant in learning community of targeted at-risk first-year students in addition to continuing instructor role in Department of History.

2001 **New College Teacher Workshop Scholarship.** Alfred College, Alfred, NY. Weeklong workshop on instructional strategies, student learning, and course planning.

1999–2000 **President, History Graduate Student Association** and **Graduate Representative** to Committee on Graduate Studies, Rice University Department of History. Peer-elected and voting member of faculty committee responsible for representing graduate students to the department faculty and participating in admissions, student evaluations, and program development.

1997–1999 **Southern Historical Association Editorial Intern.** *Journal of Southern History*, Rice University. Responsible for preliminary copyediting and fact-checking of articles submitted for publication, compilation of the volume index, and assisting in the copyediting of book reviews and the assembly of an annual bibliography of periodical articles relating to southern history.

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- 2005-2006 **Young Scholars in American Religion fellowship**, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. Funded by the Lilly Endowment, the fellowship recognizes promising new researchers in the fields of American religion and culture.
- 2005 **Tennessee History Book Award** for *Before Scopes: Evangelicals, Education, and Evolution in Tennessee, 1870–1925*. Awarded by the Tennessee Historical Commission and the Tennessee Library Association to the best book on Tennessee history published in 2004.
- 2002 **Elected Fellow**, Society for Values in Higher Education.
- 2000–2001 **Spencer Dissertation Fellowship** for Research Related to Education. Grant of \$20,000 from the Spencer Foundation to support completion of the dissertation.
- 2000 **Dr. Lynn E. May Jr. Study Grant** from the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee, to support research for the dissertation.
- 2000 **James Scott Peterson Distinguished Service Award**. Awarded by the Rice University History Department to an exceptional graduate student.
- 1999 **Mary Hayes Ewing Publication Prize in Southern History**. Awarded by the Rice University History Department in recognition of the best article by a graduate student.

PUBLICATIONS:**BOOKS**

Before Scopes: Evangelicals, Education, and Evolution in Tennessee, 1870–1925.
University of Georgia Press, 2004.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Who Owns Children? Parents, Children, and the State in the United States South." In Dirk Schumann and Sonya Michel, eds., *Raising Citizens in the "Century of the Child": Child-Rearing in the United States and German Central Europe in Comparative Perspective*. New York: Berghahn Books, 2010.

"College or University: Professional Education at the University of the South." In Samuel R. Williamson, Jerry Smith, and Bertram Wyatt-Brown, eds., *Sewanee: Sesquicentennial Perspectives on its History* (Sewanee: University of the South Press, 2009)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Before, During, and After Scopes." *Journal of Southern Religion* IX. (2007; published as a rejoinder to a review forum on my book *Before Scopes*)

"From Biracial to Segregated Churches: Black and White Protestants in Houston, Texas, 1840–1870." *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* CI (April 1998), 428–58.

IN PROGRESS:

"A Southern Social Gospel: Religion, Reform, and the Riddles of Race and Gender" (book)

"The Anti-Anti-Evolutionists: Opponents of Tennessee's 1925 Butler Bill" (article)

"Converting the State: Religion and Education in the Twentieth Century South" (book)

BOOK SERIES

Religion in American Culture. Co-edited with John Giggie and published by the University of Alabama Press. We recruit and develop books that take innovative and informative approaches to the study of religion in American culture and history.

ENCYCLOPEDIA/REFERENCE ARTICLES

- "Evolution, Creation Science, and Intelligent Design" (6,000 words) in Charles Lippy, ed., *Encyclopedia of Religion in America* (CQ Press, 2010)
- "Tennessee," in Paul Finkelman, ed., *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation: The Emergence of the United States, 1754–1829* (Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons: Thomson Gale, 2006), III: 266–68
- "The Evolution Controversy," in Samuel S. Hill, ed., *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South* (2nd rev. ed., Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2005): 308–311
- "Colonial Tennessee," in James Ciment, ed., *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History* (New York: M.E. Sharp, 2005)

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED

Book and article manuscripts reviewed for: *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, *Religion and American Culture*, *Libraries and the Cultural Record*, *Alabama Review*, *Church History*, University of Tennessee Press, University of Georgia Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Alabama Press

BOOK REVIEWS

- Arthur Remillard, *Southern Civil Religions: Imagining the Good Society in the Post-Reconstruction Era* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2011), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 79:1 (February 2013): 203–4.
- Edith M. Ziegler, *Schools in the Landscape: Localism, Cultural Tradition, and the Development of Alabama's Public Education System, 1865–1915* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2010) reviewed in *History of Education Quarterly* 52:4 (November 2012): 592–94
- Araminta Stone Johnston, *And One was a Priest: The Life and Times of Duncan M. Gray Jr.* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2011) reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 78:3 (August 2012): 776–77.
- Adam Laats, *Fundamentalism and Education in the Scopes Era: God, Darwin, and the Roots of America's Culture Wars* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010) review forthcoming in *History of Education Quarterly* 51:4 (November 2011): 577–79
- Joe L. Coker, *Liquor in the Land of the Lost Cause: Southern White Evangelicals and the Prohibition Movement* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2007), reviewed in *American Studies* 50 (Spring/Summer 2010): 174
- Randal Stephens, *The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2008), review forthcoming in *Journal of Southern Religion* XII (2010) at <http://jsr.fsu.edu>
- Marcell Chotkowski LaFollette, *Reframing Scopes: Journalists, Scientists, and Lost Photographs from the Trial of the Century* (Lawrence: University Press of Kentucky, 2008), reviewed in *National Center for Science Education Reports* 29 (Sept.-Oct. 2009): 41–42
- John G. Turner, *Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ: The renewal of Evangelicalism in Postwar America* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008), reviewed in *Journal of American History* 96 (June 2009): 303–304
- Constance Areson Clark, *God or Gorilla: Images of Evolution in the Jazz Age* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), reviewed in *American Historical Review* (June 2009): 779–80
- Wilson Fallin, Jr., *Uplifting the People: Three Centuries of Black Baptists in Alabama* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2007), reviewed in the *Alabama Review* 61 (July 2008): 226–29

- Michael Lienesch, *In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 74: 3 (August 2008): 785–86
- Mary Beth Swetnam Mathews, *Rethinking Zion: How the Print Media Placed Fundamentalism in the South* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006), reviewed in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 105 (Autumn 2007): 730–31
- Angus M. Gunn, *Intelligent Design and Fundamentalist Opposition to Evolution* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2006), reviewed in *National Center for Science Education Reports* 27: 5–6 (September–December 2007): 47–48
- Samuel S. Hill, ed., *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Vol. 1: *Religion* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006), reviewed in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 105:1 (Winter 2007): 176–78
- Douglas J. Slawson, *The Department of Education Battle, 1918–1932: Public Schools, Catholic Schools, and the Social Order* (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2005), reviewed in *American Historical Review* 112 (February 2007): 210–11
- Ann Short Chirhart, *Torches of Light: Georgia Teachers and the Coming of the Modern South* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2005), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 72:4 (November 2006): 965–66
- Canter Brown Jr. and Larry Eugene Rivers, *For a Great and Grand Purpose: The Beginnings of the AMEZ Church in Florida, 1864–1905*, *The History of African-American Religions* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2004), reviewed in *Church History* 75: 3 (September 2006): 687–89
- John B. Boles, ed., *Shapers of Southern History: Autobiographical Reflections* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2004), reviewed in *North Carolina Historical Review* 82:4 (October 2005): 528–29
- Jeanette Keith, *Rich Man's War, Poor Man's Fight: Race, Class, and Power in the Rural South during the First World War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004), reviewed in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 102:4 (Autumn 2004): 579–80
- David Goldfield, *Southern Histories: Public, Personal, and Sacred* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2003), reviewed in *North Carolina Historical Review* 81 (July 2004): 358–59
- Paul K. Conkin, *Peabody College: From a Frontier Academy to the Frontiers of Teaching and Learning* (Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2002), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 70: 4 (November 2004): 947–48
- Wendy Lowe Besmann, *A Separate Circle: Jewish Life in Knoxville, Tennessee* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2001), reviewed for H-Net Book Reviews (<http://h-net.msu.edu>, September 2003)
- Sally G. McMillen, *To Raise up the South: Sunday Schools in Black and White Churches, 1865–1915* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2001), reviewed for H-Net Book Reviews (<http://h-net.msu.edu>, May 2002)
- William R. Glass, *Strangers in Zion: Fundamentalists in the South, 1900–1950* (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2001), reviewed in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 100:3 (Summer 2002): 394–96
- Edward Caudill, Edward Larson, and Jesse Fox Mayshark, *The Scopes Trial: A Photographic History* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2000), reviewed in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 99:1 (Winter 2001): 70–71
- Carroll Van West, Connie L. Lester, Margaret Duncan Binnicker, Anne-Leslie Owens, and Susan L. Gordon, eds. *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*

(Nashville: Rutledge Hill Press for the Tennessee Historical Society, 1998), reviewed for *Journal of Southern History* 66:3 (August 2000): 691–92

Lynette Boney Wrenn, *Crisis and Commission Government in Memphis: Elite Rule in a Gilded Age City* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1998), reviewed in *Southern Historian* 21 (Spring 2000): 113

Christopher H. Owen, *The Sacred Flame of Love: Methodism and Society in Nineteenth-Century Georgia* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1998), reviewed for *Southern Historian* 20 (Spring 1999): 86–87

Marion D. Aldridge and Kevin Lewis, eds., *The Changing Shape of Protestantism in the South* (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1996), reviewed in *Southern Historian* 19 (Spring 1998): 86–87

BOOK NOTES (SHORTER REVIEWS)

Jeffrey P. Moran, *The Scopes Trial: A Brief History with Documents* (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2002), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 69: 4 (November 2003): 1010–1011

Ed Speer, *The Tennessee Handbook* (Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland and Company, 2002), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 69:2 (May 2003): 497–98

Albert W. Wardin, Jr., *Tennessee Baptists: A Comprehensive History, 1779–1999* (Brentwood, Tenn.: Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, 1999), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 69:2 (May 2003): 498

Robert Boak Slocum, *The Theology of William Porcher DuBose: Life, Movement, and Being* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2000), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 68:1 (February 2002), 248

Ronald L. Numbers and John Stenhouse, eds., *Disseminating Darwinism: The Role of Place, Race, Religion, and Gender* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 67:4 (November 2001): 920

David B. Cheesebrough, *Phillips Brooks: Pulpit Eloquence* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001), reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 28:3 (July 2002): 295

W. Calvin Dickinson and Eloise R. Hitchcock, eds., *A Bibliography of Tennessee History, 1973–1996* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1999), reviewed in *Journal of Southern History* 66:2 (May 2000): 463

Randall M. Miller, Harry S. Stout, and Charles Reagan Wilson, eds. *Religion and the American Civil War* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998), reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 27:1 (January 2001): 89–90

PAPERS OR LECTURES

Papers at Professional Meetings

Response to Papers on “Reassessing Religion and Politics in the Nineteenth-Century South: New Perspectives on the “Spirituality of the Church” at Southern Historical Association, Mobile, Alabama, October 2012

Response to Papers on “The Spiritual Edge: Unconventional Religion in the Antebellum South” at Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2009

Response to Papers on “Traditions of Discontent: Religious Protest in Early America” at University of Alabama Graduate History Conference on Power and Struggle, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 2009

“Unleashing ‘A Perfect Horde of half-educated Nincompoops’: The Sewanee Medical College (1892–1915) at Southern History of Science and Technology Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 2008

"Women, Missions, and the Social Gospel in the Protestant Vatican" at *Intersecting Missions: The Work of Women in Progressive Organizations in Tennessee, 1870–1930*, Nashville, Tennessee, March 2007

"Parents, Public Schools, and Moral Education in the American South," at German Historical Institute conference titled "Raising Americans-Raising Europeans in the Twentieth Century," Washington, D.C., April 2005

Response to Papers on "The Profession of Science in Nineteenth Century America," at Ohio Valley History Conference, Cookeville, Tennessee, October 2004

"Parents, Children, Churches, and the State: Tennessee Baptists on the Frontiers of Authority and responsibility, 1875–1925," at Baptist History and Heritage Conference, Belton, Texas, May 2003

"White Protestants and Public Education in Tennessee Before the Scopes Trial," at Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2001

"There can be no education without religion!: Tennessee Methodists and Public Education, 1870–1925," at Graduate Conference on Southern History, Oxford, Mississippi, March 2000

"Godless Schools': Methodists and Public Education in Tennessee, 1870–1900," at Tennessee Conference of Historians, Gallatin, Tennessee, September 1999

"Compulsory Education in Tennessee: Progressive Rhetoric and the State in the New South," at Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 1999

"In the Shadow of Slavery: 'Progress,' 'Respectability,' and the 1888 Jubilee of Emancipation in Grenada," at Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, Alabama, November 1998

Panel Chair at Professional Meetings

"Traditions of Discontent: Religious Protest in Early America" at University of Alabama Graduate History Conference on Power and Struggle, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 2009

"Voting and Violence: Religion in American Democratic Life" at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, March 2007

"Responses to Michael O'Brien's *Conjectures of Order*," at Southern Intellectual History Circle Meeting, Sewanee, Tennessee, February 2005

"The Profession of Science in Nineteenth Century America," at Ohio Valley History Conference, Cookeville, Tennessee, October 2004

Invited Lectures

"Evolution Proven: The Curious Development of American Anti-Evolution" invited talk in Charles Darwin bicentennial series and Discover Auburn series, Auburn University Archives and Special Collections, November 2009

"The Religious and Social Landscape of 1850s America" invited talk in Sesquicentennial of the Civil War series, Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 2009

"From Puritan Protest to Commercial Excess, or, How the Grinch Nearly Saved Christmas," invited talk at Talladega Public Library, Talladega, Alabama, December 2007

"The Other Side of the South: Land and Class in New Deal Alabama," invited talk in Talladega, Alabama, September 2007

"Before the Monkey Trial: Religion and Education in Tennessee, 1875–1925," invited talk at Chattanooga Regional History Museum, July 2007

- "The American Episcopal Church: A Short History," invited talk at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Auburn, Alabama, October 2006
- "College or University? Professional Education at the University of the South, 1875–1915," part of presentation on the Sesquicentennial History Project, Sewanee, Tennessee, October 2006
- "*Scopes*: The Local Historical Context," part of "The *Scopes* Trial: A Continuing Controversy," a forum discussion preceding a performance by L.A. Theatre Works of Peter Goodchild's *The Great Tennessee Monkey Trial*, at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2005
- "Evolution and Education: Before and After the *Scopes* Trial," invited lecture to honors seminar of Department of Biology, Sewanee: The University of the South, March 2005
- "Tennessee Methodists on Education and Evolution," invited talk to Tennessee Conference Historical Society (United Methodist Church), Nashville, Tennessee, January 2005
- "Before and After the *Scopes* Spectacle: The Legal and Organizational Evolution of Creationism in America," invited lecture to Phi Beta Kappa Association of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, Tennessee, October 2003
- "'The Hope of our Zion': Denominational Higher Education in Tennessee, 1875–1925," at Houston Area Southern Historians seminar, November 2000