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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 – Associate Professor of History, Midwestern State University
- ❖ Department Chair, 2024 – present
 - ❖ Graduate Coordinator, 2024 – present
 - ❖ Interim Department Chair, 2023 – 2024
 - ❖ Interim Graduate Coordinator, 2023 – 2024
- 2018-2023 Assistant Professor of History, Midwestern State University
- ❖ Interim Graduate Coordinator, 2023

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D. in History, University of Virginia
- 2013 M.A. in History, University of Virginia
- 2010 B.A. in History, Rice University, *with departmental honors*

SCHOLARSHIP

Book

- in progress* *Imperial Elements: Nature, Labor, and the Expansion of the British Caribbean*
(under contract with University of Georgia Press)

Articles

- 2026 “Wind and Hurricanes,” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Fabricio Prado (New York: Oxford University Press, 2026).
- 2024 “‘Dry Weather’ and the Environmental History of the Early Modern Caribbean,” *Environment and History* 30, no. 4 (November 2024): 561-564.
- 2023 “Biographies, Silences, and Teaching the Archive of Atlantic Slavery,” *The History Teacher* 56, no. 4 (August 2023): 511-547.
- 2022 “Aeolian Geographies, Daily Life, and Empire Building in the English Caribbean,” *Early American Studies* 20, no. 4 (Fall 2022): 673-694.
- “Coastal/Coastwise Trade,” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022), co-written with Hannah Tucker.

- 2021 “Indigenous and African Intellectual Labor and the Commodities of Vast Early America,” *Esboços: Historias em Contextos Globais* 28, no. 49 (Sept.-Dec. 2021): 716-727.
- 2020 “The Maritime Atlantic in the Age of Revolutions,” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*, ed. Trevor Burnard (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- 2017 “Timbering and Turtling: The Maritime Hinterlands of Early Modern British Caribbean Cities,” *Early American Studies* 15, no. 4 (Fall 2017): 769-800.
❖ Honorable Mention, John M. Murrin Prize for best article published in *Early American Studies* in 2017

Book Chapters

- under review* “Engineer, Infrastructure, Cities,” book chapter to be published in *A Cultural History of Technology*, ed. Marieke Hendriksen (under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing), expected publication in 2027.

Book Reviews & Review Essays

- 2026 Review of Claire Gherini, *Slavery’s Medicine: Illness and Labor in the British Plantation Caribbean* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2025) in *Gulf South Historical Review* (under review)
- Review of Justin Roberts, *Fragile Empire: Slavery in the Early English Tropics, 1645-1720* (Cambridge University Press, 2025) for H-Early-America, H-Net Reviews, June, 2026.
- Review of Ulbe Bosma, *The World of Sugar: How the Sweet Stuff Transformed Our Politics, Health, and Environment over 2,000 Years* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2023) for *New West Indian Guide* 100, no. 1 & 2 (2026): 17-18.
- 2024 Review of Katherine Johnston, *The Nature of Slavery: Environment and Plantation Labor in the Anglo-Atlantic World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022) for *Journal of Southern History* 90, no. 1 (February 2024): 137-138.
- 2023 Review of Keith Pluymers, *No Wood, No Kingdom: Political Ecology in the English Atlantic* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021), in *William and Mary Quarterly* 80, no. 3 (July 2023): 603-607.
- Review of Jared Ross Hardesty, *Mutiny on the Rising Sun: A Tragic Tale of Slavery, Smuggling, and Chocolate* (New York: New York University Press 2021) for *Journal of Social History* (published online 20 June 2023).
- Forum response to Sharika Crawford, *The Last Turtlemen of the Caribbean: Waterscapes of Labor, Conservation, and Boundary Making* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020) for H-Environment Roundtable Reviews 13, no. 5 (2023).

- 2022 Review of Kate Luce Mulry, *An Empire Transformed: Remolding Bodies and Landscapes in the Restoration Atlantic* (New York: NYU Press, 2021), in *Agricultural History* 96, no. 4 (November 2022): 616-618.
- 2021 Review of Jessica Marie Johnson, *Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020), in *Canadian Journal of History* 56, no. 1 (Spring-Summer 2021): 85-87.
- 2020 Review of Paul Musselwhite, *Urban Dreams, Rural Commonwealth: The Rise of Plantation Society in the Chesapeake* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019), in *Journal of Southern History* 86, no. 1 (February 2020): 132-133.
- 2019 Review essay entitled “The Global Luster of the Early Caribbean” of Molly Warsh, *American Baroque: Pearls and the Nature of Empire, 1492-1700* (Chapel Hill: Published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press, 2018), in *Reviews in American History* Vol. 47, No. 4, (Dec. 2019): 529-533.
- Review of Michele Currie Navakas, *Liquid Landscape: Geography and Settlement at the Edge of Early America* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017), in *Environmental History* Vol. 24, Issue 2 (April 2019): 411–413.
- 2018 Review of Randy J. Sparks, *Africans in the Old South: Mapping Exceptional Lives across the Atlantic World* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2016), in *Itinerario* 42, no. 3 (Dec. 2018): 567-568.
- Review of Dale Hutchinson, *Disease and Discrimination: Poverty and Pestilence in Colonial Atlantic America* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2016), in *North Carolina Historical Review* 95, no. 3 (July 2018): 358-359.
- Review of Leonardo Marques, *The United States and the Transatlantic Slave Trade to the Americas, 1776-1867* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016), in *Journal of Southern History* 84, no. 2 (May 2018): 442-443.
- 2017 Review of Malcolm Gaskill, *Between Two Worlds: How the English became American* (New York: Basic Books, 2014), in *North Carolina Historical Review* 94, no. 1 (Jan. 2017): 106-107.

Departmental Publication (Non-Peer Reviewed)

- 2024 “Progress, a Pandemic, and Three Presidents: The Final Years of the First Century, 2018-2022,” in *A Century of Midwestern State University, 1922-2022* by Everett W. Kindig, ed. John Ashbrook (2001; reis., Wichita Falls: Midwestern State University Press, 2024), 387-399.

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

Awards

- 2026 Faculty Teaching Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2025 Nominee for Faculty Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2017 Honorable Mention, John M. Murrin Prize for best article published in *Early American Studies* in 2017

External Fellowships & Grants

- 2025 National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Program, Bvlbancha Rising: Louisiana Landmarks and Climate Change Challenges, Tulane University (New Orleans, LA) (canceled due to termination of NEH grants by federal government)
- 2022-24 Bright Institute, Knox College (Galesburg, IL)
- 2019 Scholars' Workshop, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture (Williamsburg, VA)
- 2017 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, City/Nature: Urban Environmental Humanities, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)
- 2016 Paul W. McQuillen Memorial Fellowship, The John Carter Brown Library
Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society
Colonial Society of Massachusetts Fellowship, New England Regional Fellowship Consortium
Short-Term Fellowship, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies
Jacob M. Price Visiting Fellowship, Clements Library, University of Michigan
- 2015 Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum and Library
Summer Academy of Atlantic History (Lancaster, England)
- 2014 Alumni Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society
Rare Book School-UVA Fellowship (The Illustrated Scientific Book to 1800, Charlottesville, VA)

Internal Grants

- 2025 Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee
- 2025 Jane Spears Carnes Faculty Fellowship (funded leave for Spring 2025)
- 2025 Intramural Research Grant, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research
- 2024 Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee
- 2023 Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee

2022	Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee
2021	Intramural Research Grant, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research New Investigator Catalyst Grant, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research
2020	Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee
2019	Intramural Research Grant, Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (expired due to COVID-19) Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee
2018	Conference Travel Grant, College Research and Faculty Development Committee

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2026	“Slavery and the Nature of Imperial Expansion in the Eighteenth-Century British Caribbean,” North American Conference on British Studies (Pasadena, CA), November 2026 “Enslaved Pilots and Sea-Lanes in Eighteenth-Century Kingston,” Association of Caribbean Historians Conference (Kingston, Jamaica), May 2026 “Making the Wind Work: Slavery, Labor, and Windmills in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions (New Brunswick, NJ), April 2026
2025	“‘Dry Weather’: Surviving Drought and Slavery in the Eighteenth-Century Leeward Islands,” Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (St. Petersburg, FL), November 2025 “The Importance of Smuggling in the Formation of Atlantic Colonies,” Roundtable at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies Conference on “Where is Early America?” (Philadelphia, PA), May 2025 “Sea Lanes as Infrastructure in Eighteenth-Century Kingston,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference (Pittsburgh, PA), April 2025
2024	“Drought and Slavery in the Eighteenth-Century Leeward Islands,” Slavery and Environment in the Atlantic World Symposium (Lawrence, KS), May 2024 “‘Dry Weather’: Managing Drought in the Eighteenth-Century Leeward Islands,” Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions (Providence, RI), April 2024
2023	“Underwater Land and the 1692 Port Royal Earthquake,” Association of Caribbean Historians Conference (San Juan, Puerto Rico), June 2023

- “‘Dry Weather’: Drought and the Inter-island Water Trade in the Eighteenth-Century Leeward Islands,” Caribbean Genealogy Library and “In the Same Sea” at the University of Copenhagen’s Conference on “Inter Island Connections in the Lesser Antilles: Family, Friends, and Institutions Across the Sea” (St. Thomas, USVI), February 2023
- 2022 “New Perspectives on the Early-Modern Caribbean,” Roundtable at the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (Baltimore, MD), November 2022
- “‘Dry Weather’: Managing Drought in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies and USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute Conference on “The Climate Crisis: Early Americanists Respond” (Online), June 2022
- “Inclusivity, Equity, and Representation in British Studies,” Plenary Roundtable at the Mid-Atlantic Conference on British Studies (Williamsburg, VA), April 2022
- 2021 “Winds, Lived Geographies, and Empire-Building in the Seventeenth-Century Caribbean,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Conference on the 50th anniversary of Richard Dunn’s *Sugar and Slaves* (Online), June 2021
- “Naming Vast Early America: Language, Identity, and Power,” Roundtable at the Omohundro Institute for Early American History & Culture Annual Conference (Online), June 2021
- 2020 “Teaching Protest throughout Revolutionary America,” Organized Roundtable at Iona College and the Institute of Thomas Paine Studies Conference on “Foundations of Independence: Protest and Communication in Revolutionary America, 1770-2020” (Online), September 2020
- “The Politics of Piloting after the 1692 Port Royal Earthquake,” Florida State University’s Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies Conference on “From Katrina to Michael: Disaster in the 21st-century Circum-Caribbean” (Tallahassee, FL), February 2020
- 2019 “Parched Islands: The Fresh Water Trade in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” North American Conference on British Studies (Vancouver, Canada), November 2019
- “Lord North’s Turtles: Patronage and Consumption in Eighteenth-Century North America,” Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural and Environmental History (Wichita Falls, TX), April 2019

“After María: What Environmental Historians Can Learn from the Caribbean,”
Roundtable at the American Society for Environmental History Annual
Conference (Columbus, Ohio), April 2019

“Mapping the Vernacular in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” American
Historical Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL), January 2019

2018 “The Creolization of Alexander Mountier: Lurid Letters and Polite Commerce in
Eighteenth-Century Kingston,” European Early American Studies Association
Conference (London, United Kingdom), December 2018

2016 “Creole Sensibilities, Metropolitan Oversight, and the Fortifications of the British
Caribbean, c. 1650-1730,” European Early American Studies Association
Conference on “Space, Mobility, and Power in Early America and the Atlantic
World” (Paris, France), December 2016

“Barbados's 1663 Duty and the Politicization of Bridgetown's Fortifications,”
North American Conference on British Studies (Washington, D.C.), November
2016

“Forging and Maintaining the Maritime Hinterlands of Barbados and Jamaica,”
Association of Caribbean Historians Conference (Havana, Cuba), June 2016

2015 “Timbering St. Lucia and Turtling the Caymans: The Maritime Hinterlands of
Bridgetown, Barbados and Port Royal, Jamaica, c. 1650-1750,” McNeil Center
for Early American Studies Conference on “Port Cities in the Early Modern
World, 1500-1800” (Philadelphia, PA), November 2015

“‘To be recovered out of the Sea’: Engineering Urban Land in Port Royal,
Jamaica and the Greater British Caribbean, 1655-1722,” History Project
Conference on “The History of Energy and the Environment” (Cambridge, MA),
October 2015

“Creating Urban Landscapes in Bridgetown and Port Royal, 1627-1712,” The 9th
Savannah Symposium on the “Architecture of Trade” (Savannah, GA), February
2015

2014 “Reevaluating Richard Ligon’s *A True and Exact History of the Island of
Barbadoes*,” Laboratoire de Recherches sur les Cultures Anglophones (LARCA)
at the Université Paris Diderot (Paris, France), November 2014

PUBLIC TALKS

2026 “Gallery Talk: Printing to the American Revolution,” Wichita Falls Museum of
Art, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), February 2026

- “Revolutionary Perspectives: Exploring the American Revolution Exhibit at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art,” Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), February 2026
- 2024 “Pocahontas and the Founding of English America,” Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), February 2024
- 2023 “MSU Texas through the Years,” Lecture for 50th Reunion at Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), October 2023
- 2022 “MSU Texas through the Years,” Lecture at the Rotary Club of Wichita Falls (Wichita Falls, TX), September 2022
- “MSU Texas through the Years,” Lecture at Alumni Centennial Celebration, Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), April 2022
- “What Everyone Should Know about Caribbean History,” Last Lecture Series, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), March 2022
- 2021 “The Revolutionary Year of 1776,” Three-part lecture series, Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), September & October 2021
- “New Approaches to Political Ecology,” Comment for virtual event during the American Society for Environmental History’s Environmental History Week (Sponsored by the World History Center at the University of Pittsburgh), April 2021
- 2019 “The Dreadful Year of 1692,” Three-part lecture series, Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), October 2019
- “The *real* Pirates of the Caribbean,” Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX), February 2019
- 2017 “New England Merchants and the British Caribbean,” The Colonial Society of Massachusetts (Boston, MA), April 2017
- “The Tropical Metropolis: Urban Environments in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists, Library of Virginia (Richmond, VA), January 2017
- “British Caribbean Cities in the Age of Jefferson,” International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello (Charlottesville, VA), January 2017

- 2016 “The Tropical Metropolis: Cities and Society in the Early Modern British Caribbean,” John Carter Brown Library, Brown University (Providence, RI), October 2016
- “The Early Modern Menagerie: Taming Animals in the JCB Archive,” John Carter Brown Library, Brown University (Providence, RI), September 2016
- 2015 “Feeding Cities, Firing Sugar Works: Creating and Securing the Caribbean’s Maritime Hinterlands,” UVA-Monticello Early American Seminar (Charlottesville, VA), October 2015
- “The Urban World of the Early Modern British Caribbean,” The Massachusetts Historical Society (Boston, MA), April 2015
- 2014 “The Urban World of the Early Modern British Caribbean,” UVA-Monticello Early American Seminar (Charlottesville, VA), December 2014
- “Crawl to Market: Port Royal and the Transformation of the Atlantic Turtle Trade,” UVA-Edinburgh Transatlantic Seminar (Charlottesville, VA), March 2014

TEACHING

Midwestern State University

<i>upper-level</i>	Colonial North America
<i>upper-level</i>	Revolutionary America
<i>upper-level</i>	Caribbean History (cross-listed with Global Studies)
<i>upper-level</i>	Atlantic World (cross-listed with Global Studies)
<i>upper-level</i>	Slavery in the Atlantic World (cross-listed with Global Studies)
<i>upper-level</i>	History of Midwestern State University
<i>major requirement</i>	The Writing of History
<i>major requirement</i>	Undergraduate Capstone: Atlantic Piracy
<i>MA requirement</i>	Research Methods
<i>MA seminar</i>	The Early Modern Caribbean
<i>MA seminar</i>	American Disasters: An Unnatural History of Natural Disasters
<i>study abroad</i>	Tudors & Stuarts (taught in London)
<i>survey (honors)</i>	Honors American History to 1865
<i>survey (core)</i>	American History to 1865
<i>survey (core)</i>	American History since 1865
<i>guided practicum</i>	Internship

University of Virginia

<i>teaching assistant</i>	U.S. Military History, 1600-1900 (for Prof. Gary Gallagher)
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<i>teaching assistant</i>	English History to 1688 (for Prof. Paul Halliday)
<i>teaching assistant</i>	Rise and Fall of the Slave South (for Prof. Elizabeth Varon)
<i>teaching assistant</i>	The Colonial Period of American History (for Prof. Max Edelson)

PUBLIC & DIGITAL HISTORY

Podcasts and Interviews

- 2026 Podcast Interview, *Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness: 250 Years of the Declaration of Independence*, Amerikazentrum Hamburg, in production
- 2024 Podcast Interview, “Episode 9: The Sugar,” *Worlds Turned Upside Down*, R2 Studies at the Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University, July 2024: <https://www.r2studios.org/show/worlds-turned-upside-down/episode-9-the-sugar/>
- 2021 Interview, “Runaway Turtle!” Alexis Coe’s *Study Marry Kill* Newsletter, February 2021: <https://alexiscoe.substack.com/p/runaway-turtle>
- 2020 Podcast Interview, “Going Timbering and Turtling in the Caribbean,” *Conversations at the Washington Library*, March 2020: <https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/podcast/going-timbering-and-turtling-in-the-caribbean-with-mary-draper/>

Museum Exhibits

- 2026 Co-curator, “Printing the American Revolution,” Feb. 2026 – August 2026, Exhibition at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art
❖ Featured on [BBC](#), [America250](#), [Texas America250](#), and [Texas Highways](#)
- 2020 Contributor, “Color in Art, Art in Color: Prisms, Pigments and Purpose,” Oct. 2020 - Jan. 2021, Exhibition at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art

Other Projects

- ongoing* Resident Historian, Viking Ocean Cruises, 2017 –
❖ Lecture Developer, “Explorers of South America” (2022)
- 2018 Researcher, Special Collections at Arthur J. Morris Law Library, University of Virginia School of Law
❖ *1828 Catalogue Project*, <http://catalogue.law.virginia.edu/>
❖ *The Art of Law*, art exhibit featuring works from the first UVA Law Library
❖ *Charlottesville Statues Legal History Research Guide*, statues.law.virginia.edu
❖ Honorable Mention, C. Herbert Finch Online Publication Award, Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference
- 2017 Contributor, *The American Yawp*, www.americanyawp.com

- 2014 “The Man who was Buried Twice,” *The Appendix* 2:4 (October 2014): <https://theappendix.net/issues/2014/10/the-man-who-was-buried-twice>
- 2014 Research Assistant, MapScholar, www.mapscholar.org
- 2009 Historic Resources Intern, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA
- 2008 Summer History Scholar, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- 2026-27 Fellow, Texas Academic Leadership Academy
- 2025 MSU Texas Leadership Academy
- 2025 Department Chairs’ Workshop, American Historical Association
- 2024-25 Emerging Servant Leaders Initiative, Texas Tech University System
- 2024 Department Chairs’ Workshop, American Historical Association
- 2022-24 Bright Institute, Knox College
- 2022 Nonprofit Board Essentials Training, Center for Nonprofit Management & Leadership at Midwestern State University

SERVICE

To the Profession

- 2026-28 Chair, Nominating Committee, Forum on Early-Modern Empires & Global Interactions
- 2025 – Advisory Council, McNeil Center for Early American Studies
- 2024-25 Chair, Selection Committee, FEEGI Book Prize
- 2022-23 Selection Committee, Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize, LACS-SHA
- 2021-23 Advisory Council, Women’s Environmental History Network
- 2021 Coffeehouse Co-Host, “What’s new in Vast Early American environmental history?” Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture
- Reviewer: *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Early American Studies*, *Journal of Caribbean History*, *The History Teacher*, *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*

Midwestern State University

- 2026-28 Faculty Senate (Presiding Officer, 2026-2027)
- 2026-27 Leadership Development Council
- 2026-27 Administrative Council
- 2023 – Teacher Education Committee
- 2023 – Graduate Council

2022-26	University Research Committee
2025-26	Admissions Committee
2024	Faculty Mentor, First-Year Mustangs Adventure
2020-24	Faculty Senate (Secretary, 2022-2024)
2021-24	Enrollment Management Council
2022-23	Values Marketing and Communication Team
2021-22	Centennial Steering Committee
2020-22	Pre-Law Scholarship Committee
2020-22	Financial Appeals Committee (Chair, 2021-2022)
2021	Women's History Month Committee
2019-22	Editorial Committee, <i>Metamorphosis</i> (undergraduate research journal)
2019 –	Evaluator, Undergraduate Research Forum
2019-20	First-Year Council

Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

2023 –	College Council
2020-27	College Research Committee (Chair, 2021-2026)
2022-23	Faculty Mentor
2020-22	Teaching and Scholarship Award Committee

Department of History

<i>ongoing</i>	Advisor, undergraduate and graduate history majors
2025-26	Public/Digital History Search Committee (Chair)
2024-25	Texas History Search Committee (Chair)
2024	Texas History VAP Search Committee (Chair)
2022 –	Webmaster
2021-22	Latin American History Search Committee
2019-20	Asian History Search Committee
2018-19	Department Chair Search Committee

Graduate Advising at Northwestern State University

Chair, Master's Theses Committees, Department of History, *ongoing*

2026	Oz Taylor, "From Mountains to Mountains: A Study of the Welsh Diaspora in the New World"
2025	Faith Reeves, "The Salem Witch Hysteria"

- 2022 Maggie-Mae Ellison, “Wife, Mother, Soldier, Spy: A Women’s History of Revolutionary America”
- 2021 Benjamin Chance, “War for the Frontier: Land, Blood, and Empire in the Ohio River Valley”

Committee Member, Master’s Thesis or Exit Paper, Department of History, *ongoing*

- 2026 Conrad Clark on counterinsurgency in Latin America
Nicole Thompson on the Romanovs
Grant Harvey on the Dust Bowl
Brynna Ogle on Ancient and Medieval Medicine
- 2025 Kyle Stallings on the failure of COIN
Mattison Bratcher on the development of Finnish nationalism
Patrick Idell on women in Viking culture
Riley Cope on kingship in Tudor and Stuart England
- 2024 Elizabeth Gibbs on women in 1920s America
Kelsey Davis on the Kiev-Rus
Angela Walters on women in Nazi concentration camps
Texanna Faulk on the LGBTQ+ Community in Thailand
Jarret Mans on the diaspora of Germans from Russia
Isabella Black on Cold War politics
- 2023 Karli Smith on Virginia Hill
Zachary Fulton on Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel
Nathan Endo on labor in early twentieth-century North Texas
- 2022 Rowan Flores on smallpox in colonial Mexico
Amanda Tyler on cemeteries and the culture of death in Texas
- 2021 Kevin Oney on the Axis occupation & nationalism in Yugoslavia
Kenley O’Brien on homosexuality in medieval Europe
- 2020 Cat Forrester on Christian Dior and consumer fantasies
- 2019 Steven Ellerkamp on witchcraft in medieval Europe

Wichita Falls Community

- 2025 – Board of Directors, Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra
- 2021 – Board of Directors, Wichita County Heritage Society
❖ President, 2024-2026
❖ Vice President, 2023-2024
❖ Secretary, 2022-2023

Rice University

- 2020 Co-Chair, Ten-Year Reunion Committee, Rice Annual Fund
- 2015 Co-Chair, Five-Year Reunion Committee, Rice Annual Fund
- 2011-23 Alumni Interviewer, Rice Admissions Office

LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

Spanish: *reading, writing, and speaking*

RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN AT ARCHIVES

Caribbean Barbados Department of Archives, Black Rock, Barbados
Barbados Museum and Historical Society, Bridgetown, Barbados
Jamaica Archives, Spanish Town, Jamaica
National Library of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica

Great Britain The Bodleian Library, Oxford, UK
The British Library, London, UK
Lambeth Palace Library, London, UK
The National Archives, London, UK
National Archives of Scotland, Edinburgh, UK
National Maritime Museum, London, UK
The Royal Society, London, UK
Senate House Library, London, UK

United States Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society, Charlottesville, VA
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA
Baker Library, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA
John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI
John D. Rockefeller Library, Williamsburg, VA
Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE
Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
International Center for Jefferson Studies, Charlottesville, VA
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA
Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT
Newport Historical Society, Newport, RI
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence, RI
Small Special Collections, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA
William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Wichita County Archives, Wichita Falls, TX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Caribbean Historians (Lifetime member)
Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture
American Society for Environmental History
Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions
Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association
Phi Alpha Theta

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