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Education

PhD, History, Mississippi State University — May 2013
Dissertation: "Tung Tried: "Agricultural Policy and the Fate of a Gulf South oilseed industry, 1902-1969"
Advisor: Dr. Mark D. Hersey

M.A., History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville — August 2008
Thesis: "The Cotton Mills of Huntsville"
Advisor: Dr. Andrew J. Dunar

B.A., History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville — December 2006

Specialties

New South, Environmental, Agricultural, Labor

Employment

Professor, Midwestern State University (2024-present)
Associate Professor, Midwestern State University (2018-2023)
Assistant Professor, Midwestern State University (2013-2018)
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mississippi State University (2008-2013)

Books

Snow, Whitney A. and Barbara J. Snow. *Guntersville*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2021.

Snow, Whitney A., ed. *Alabama Bill and the Bowery*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Sunbury Press, 2020.

Snow, Whitney A., ed. *The Civil War Diaries of Cassie Fennell: A Young Confederate Woman in North Alabama, 1859-1865*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2020.

Snow, Whitney A. and Barbara J. Snow, eds. *Wyeth City: Alabama's Model Industrial Experiment*. Birmingham, AL: Banner Digital Printing and Publishing, 2019.

Snow, Whitney A. and Barbara J. Snow. *Lake Guntersville*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2018.

Snow, Whitney A. *Cathedral Caverns*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2017.

Journal Articles

"The Gulf South Tung Industry: A Commodity History." *Journal of Mississippi History* 77, no. 3 and 4 (Fall/Winter 2015): 205-241. [Backlogged; published in 2018.]

"Bound by Blood and Feud: The Murders of John, Arnold, and General William Brantley." *Journal of East Texas History* 54, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 18-27.

"Of Myth and Moo: Huntsville's Lily Flagg." *Huntsville Historical Review* 41, no. 1 (Spring-Summer 2016): 42-54.

"A Great Dream for this Valley: Louis Bromfield and Wichita Falls Malabar Farm, 1949-1954." *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 119, no. 4 (April 2016): 379-405.

"Frank James's Muscle Shoals Trial." *Alabama Review* 68, no. 4 (October 2015): 322-344.

"Ornamental, crop or invasive: The history of the Empress (Paulownia) in the USA." *Forests, Trees and Livelihoods* 24, no. 2 (April 2015): 85-96.

"Industry Rising: Madison County Cotton Mills, 1809-1885." *Huntsville Historical Review* 39, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 23-37.

"Teaching Young Dogs New Tricks: Early Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Central Mississippi." *Journal of Mississippi History* 73, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 1-22.

"'A Great Step Forward'? Senator John C. Stennis and the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act of 1960." *Textile: The Journal of Cloth and Culture* 9, no. 2 (July 2011): 134-157.

"Cotton Mill City: The Huntsville Textile Industry, 1880-1989." *Alabama Review* 63, no. 4 (October 2010): 243-281.

"Slave Owner, Slave Trader, Gentleman: Slavery and the Rise of Andrew Jackson." *Journal of East Tennessee History* 80 (2008): 46-60.

"The Quest for the Tomb of Tutankhamun." *Journal of Graduate and Undergraduate Research in History* [The University of Alabama in Huntsville] 10 (2006): 221-238.

Co-Authored Journal Article

Halverson, Sean C. and Whitney A. Snow. "From Fuller's Folly to National Natural Landmark: Huntsville's Shelta Cave." *Huntsville Historical Review* 43, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2018): 14-43.

Textbook Essays

"The Motion Picture Production Code (1930)." In *Our Western World* vol. II, edited by Zachary Alexander et al., 116-117. 2nd ed. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2017.

"The Comedy Genre during the Great Depression." In *Our Western World* vol. II, edited by Zachary Alexander et al., 118-119. 2nd ed. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2017.

Magazine Articles

"Roy Thomas: Spencer Tracy's Alabama Doppelganger." *Alabama Heritage* (accepted/ forthcoming).

"Dark of the Moon: The Life of Alabama Playwright William Berney." *Alabama Heritage* no. 141 (Summer 2021): 28-35.

"Lily Flagg." *Alabama Heritage* no. 127 (Winter 2018): 68-69.

"A Life on the Lam: James Neely and the Death of Hiram Cooley." *The Old Tennessee Valley Magazine & Mercantile Advertiser* no. 243 (June 2015): 40-46.

"Arab's Poke Salat Festival." *Alabama Living* 68, no. 5 (May 2015): 16.

"L' Rancho still going, so what else, too." *Good Life Magazine: Marshall County* (Summer 2015): 10.

"Cornel Wilde and Cathedral Caverns." *Alabama Heritage* no. 116 (Spring 2015): 58-59.

"Tung Trees in Alabama." *Alabama Heritage* no. 112 (Spring 2014): 58-59.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Wichita Falls Municipal Zoo." In *Handbook of Texas Online*. September 12, 2018. http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/gbw03 [accessed May 26, 2023].

"Cherishing Wilderness? The Toll of Tourism on The Great Smoky Mountains National Park" [1,000-words]. In *Earth's Landscape: An Encyclopedia of the World's Geographic Features*, edited by Joyce Quinn. ABC-CLIO, 2015.

"Tung Oil." In *KnowLA Encyclopedia of Louisiana*. October 17, 2014. http://www.knowla.org/entry/1462/&view=summary [accessed May 26, 2023].

"Mississippi" [2,500 words]. In *America Goes Green: An Encyclopedia of Eco-Friendly Culture of the United States*, edited by Kim Kennedy White. ABC-CLIO, 2012.

Historical Fiction
"O'Banion's Bluff." 2nd Place, First Chapter of Novel. Alabama Writers Cooperative 2020 Writing Competition.

Solicited Book Reviews
Review of *People of the Wheat: Culture and Cultivation in North Texas* by Rebecca Sharpless. *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South* (forthcoming).

Review of *Six Women Who Shaped What Americans Eat: Food Choice in an Age of Abundance* by Michelle Mart. *Environmental History* (forthcoming).

Review of *The Reconstruction Diary of Frances Anne Rollin, A Critical Edition* edited by Jennifer Putzi. *Southern Quarterly* 59, no. 4 (Summer 2026): 57-59.

Review of *The State of Conservation: Rural America and the Conservation-Industrial Complex since 1920* by Joshua Nygren. *Journal of Southern History* 92, no. 2 (May 2026): 442-444.

Review of *A Union Tested: The Civil War Letters of Cimbaline and Henry Fike* edited by Jeremy Neely. *Journal of Mississippi History* 87, no. 3 and 4 (Fall/Winter 2025): 213-215.

Review of *Southern Enclosure: Settler Colonialism and the Postwar Transformation of Mississippi* by John H. Cable. *Journal of American History* 130, no. 1 (March 2025): 495-496.

Review of *Powering American Farms: The Overlooked Origins of Rural Electrification* by Richard F. Hirsh. *Agricultural History* 98, no. 1 (February 2024): 116-118.

Review of *Country of the Cursed and the Driven: Slavery and the Texas Borderlands* by Paul Barba. *Kansas History* 45, no. 3 (Autumn 2022): 219.

Review of *History of the Ozarks, vol. 3: The Ozarkers* by Bruce Blevins. *Journal of Southern History* 88, no. 4 (November 2022): 817-818.

Review *of Single, White, Slaveholding Women in the Nineteenth-Century American South* by Marie S. Molloy. *Florida Historical Quarterly* 97, no. 3 (Winter 2019): 355-357.

Review of *No Hope for Heaven, No Fear of Hell: The Stafford-Townsend Feud of Colorado County, Texas, 1871-1911* by James C. Kearney, Bill Stein, and James Smallwood. *New Mexico Historical Review* 93, no. 2 (Spring 2018): 215-216.

Review of T*he Georgia Peach: Culture, Agriculture, and Environment in the American South* by William Thomas Okie. *Journal of Southern History* 84, no. 2 (May 2018): 488-489.

Review of *The Long Shadow: The Lutcher-Stark Lumber Dynasty* by Ellen Walker Rienstra and Jo Ann Stiles. *Journal of Southern History* 83, no. 4 (Nov 2017): 1000-1001.

Review of *Transforming the South: Federal Development in the Tennessee Valley, 1915-1960* by Matthew L. Downs. *Alabama Review* 70, no. 3 (July 2017): 270-273.

Newspaper Articles
The Advertiser-Gleam, Guntersville, AL [frequent contributor]
The Arab Tribune, Arab, AL [occasional contributor]

Hosted Conferences
North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 1-2, 2022.

North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, March 27-28, 2020. [Cancelled due to pandemic; program available upon request].

Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (SFARE), Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 26-27, 2019.

"Teaching History in the 21st Century," Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, February 16-17, 2018. [Sponsored by the American Historical Association and Humanities Texas.]

Roundtables
"Across the K-16 Continuum: Collaborative Conversations and Possibilities for History Education," 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 3-6, 2019.

"Across the K-16 Continuum: Collaborative Conversations and Possibilities for History Education," 111th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Santa Clara, CA, August 2-4, 2018.

"This Class was Crazy: Digital Liberal Arts and the Power of a Consortium," 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 5-8, 2017.

Conference Presentations
"Wichita Valley Farms: The Resettlement Administration's Agricultural Impact on a North Texas Town," Agricultural History Society, Grand Forks, ND, June 1-5, 2027.

"Banditry in *Summer Night*," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 18-20, 2026

"Wichita Falls' Custer Connection: The Disappearance of Little Bighorn Widow Grace Harrington," American Studies Association of Texas, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 5-7, 2026.

"'I Would Thou Wert Cold or Hot': Depictions of Bayou Motherhood and Cultural Compromise in Andrei Konchalovsky's *Shy People* (1987), 44th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Natchez, MS, October 1-3, 2026.

"A Tinker's Damn: Williamson Robert Winfield Cobb's Duplicity as Confederate Congressman and Union Spy," Society of Civil War Historians, Richmond, VA, June 18-20, 2026.

"Ku Klux Klan Activity in 1920s Guntersville and Gadsden: A Case Study on the Persecution of Immigrants," 78th Alabama Historical Association, Fairhope, AL, April 9-11, 2026.

"The Press Prison Camp Controversy of the 1890s: Famed New York Surgeon Dr. John Allan Wyeth's Quest to Liken Camp Morton to Andersonville," 43rd Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, New Orleans, LA, October 9-11, 2025.

"Fire, Redress, and Memory: The 1936 Convict Truck Explosion near Scottsboro, Alabama," 42nd Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Pensacola, FL, October 10-12, 2024.

"Agency through Rhetoric: Women's Diaries during the American Civil War," Rethinking War: A Virtual Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Pittsburgh, April 19-20, 2024.

"Dark of the Moon: The Life of American Playwright William Berney," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 17, 2024.

"'We Didn't Know Him as Well as We Though': Yellow Journalism and the Murder of Father Francis Craven in Tuscaloosa, Alabama," 41st Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Natchez, MS, October 12-14, 2023.

"The Scandalous Saga of Annie Skelton: A Nineteenth Century Sex Scandal," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 19, 2023.

"A Murder Born of Undue Intimacy: Press Depictions of Alabamian Annie Skelton as either Victim or Seductress," 40th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Biloxi, MS, October 13-15, 2022.

"Swamp Stereotypes and Rural Caricatures: Andrei Konchalovsky's *Shy People* (1987) as Louisiana's Deliverance," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 20, 2022.

"The World War II Diaries of U.S. Sailor Carlos "Jack" McGowin," Rethinking War: A Virtual Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Pittsburgh, March 18-19, 2022.

"Alabama's Robin Hood? Myths Surrounding Outlaw Rube Burrow," 13th Biennial Conference on the International Association for Robin Hood Studies, December 3-5, 2021. [Virtual]

"Mafia Moll or 'America's Eliza Doolittle'? Virginia Hill's Challenge to Traditional Notions of Femininity," American Studies Association of Texas, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 11-13, 2021.

"The Hillbilly Image in Television and Film," Northeast Popular Culture Association (NEPCA), October 21-23, 2021. [Virtual]

"Nativism in 1920s North Alabama: A Comparative Study of a Greek Restauranteur and a Romanian Merchant," 39th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Natchez, MS, October 7-9, 2021.

"Swamp Stereotypes and Rural Caricatures: Andrei Konchalovsky's *Shy People* (1987) as Louisiana's *Deliverance*," 13th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference, Northwestern State University, September 24-25, 2021. [Virtual]

"The Cat Crusader? Cats in Cozy Mysteries," Conference on Domestic Cats in Literature, Troy University, June 11-12, 2021. [Virtual]

"The Robin Hood Legend, Italian Style: Lina Wertmuller's *Summer Night* (1986)," Popular Culture Association, June 2-5, 2021. [Virtual]

"The Peculiarities of the Princess Tree: Paulownia Farming in the United States," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, June 1-5, 2021. [Virtual]

"William Faulkner and Women's Weapon of Choice: Sex," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 7-9, 2021. [Virtual]

"That's No Lady: The Defiance of Mafia Moll Virginia Hill," Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPAC), February 22, 2021. [Virtual]

"Come Hell or High Water: The Life and Times of Carlos Jack McGowin," 38th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Alexandria, LA, October 1-3, 2020.

"Dark of the Moon: The Life of Alabama Playwright William Berney," Phi Alpha Theta Biennial, San Antonio, TX, January 2-5, 2020.

"Cherishing Wilderness? The Toll of Tourism on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park," 37th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Pensacola, FL, October 17-19, 2019.

"Flashy Lady: Mafia Moll Virginia Hill's Kefauver Hearings Testimony and her Challenge to Traditional Notions of Femininity," 112th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV, July 31-August 2, 2019.

"Robin Hood, Italian Style: Banditry in Lina Wertmuller's *Summer Night*," 12th Biennial Conference on the International Association for Robin Hood Studies, Montevallo, AL, May 14-17, 2019.

"'They Can All Go to the Devil': Frank James and the Shaping of James Brothers' Mythology in Alabama," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 24, 2019.

"Yonder Come the Yankees: The Civil War Diary of Catherine Fennell," 36th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, October 3-6, 2018.

"Hosting a Conference on Teaching History in the 21st Century: Approaches, Grants, Advertisements, and Possibilities for Collaboration across Institutions," Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 28-29, 2018.

"Teenage Civil War Diarist Catherine Fennell," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 25, 2018.

"The Civil War Diary of Marshall County Native Catherine Fennell," Alabama Association of Historians, Birmingham, AL, April 13-14, 2018.

"Catherine Fennell: Guntersville's Teenage Civil War Diarist," Phi Alpha Theta Biennial, New Orleans, LA, January 3-6, 2018.

"Lake Guntersville State Park: Jewel of the Playground of the South," 35th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Pensacola, FL, October 5-7, 2017.

"'They Can All Go to the Devil': Frank James and the Shaping of James Brothers' Mythology in Huntsville, Alabama," 11th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Robin Hood Studies, Montgomery, AL, June 16-17, 2017.

"Hillbillies in Hiatus: The Hillbilly Image in Television and Film," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 26, 2017.

"Samoa: A Precursor to World War I," Southern Conference on British Studies, St. Petersburg, FL, November 3-4, 2016.

"Underground Wonderland," 34th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Mobile, AL, October 13-15, 2016.

"The Wichita Falls Zoo, 1928-1934," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 27, 2016.

"Of Myth and Moo: Huntsville's Lily Flagg," Alabama Association of Historians, Jacksonville, AL, February 20, 2016.

"Huntsville's Trial of the Century: The Frank James Trial for the Muscle Shoals Robbery," Phi Alpha Theta Biennial, Orlando, FL, January 6-10, 2016.

"The Baltzell-Brantley Feud in Texas and Mississippi: The Murders of John, Arnold, and William Brantley, 1859-1870," 33rd Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Natchez, MS, October 1-3, 2015.

"A Great Dream for this Valley: Louis Bromfield and Wichita Falls Malabar Farm, 1949-1954," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY, June 3-6, 2015.

"The Dream that Failed: Louis Bromfield and Wichita Falls Malabar Farm, 1949-1954," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 28, 2015.

"Ambitious Youth: Andrew Jackson's Quest for Honor in the Interstate Slave Trade," 80th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, November 13-16, 2014.

"Pink Clouds in Dixie: Tung Tree Tourism in the Gulf South," 32nd Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Galveston, TX, October 9-11, 2014.

"American Tung Oil: A Cultural Remaking," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Provo, UT, June 19-22, 2014.

"'No Wilderness Left to Cherish': The Toll of Tourism on The Great Smoky Mountains National Park," Celebration of Scholarship, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, April 24, 2014.

"The Empress Tree: *Paulownia tomentosa* and its Transition from Blessing to Bane over the course of the Twentieth Century," Phi Alpha Theta Biennial, Albuquerque, NM, January 2-5, 2014.

"Conservation and the American Tung Oil Tree: The Remaking of Cut-over Pinelands along the Gulf Coast," East Texas Historical Association Conference, Nacogdoches, TX, September 26-28, 2013.

"What's in a Name? The Gulf South Tung Oil Industry in Popular Culture," Alabama Association of Historians, Northwest-Shoals Community College, February 22-23, 2013.

"Toiling the Soil and Reaping Oil: The Cultivation of a Tree Called Tung," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Manhattan, KS, June 6-9, 2012.

"A Tough Nut to Crack: Tung Oil and Agricultural Policy, 1938-1978," Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS, April 13-14, 2012.

"The Quest for a Domestic Tung Oil Industry, 1902-1945: Early Motivations, Obstacles, and the Impact of World War II," The Center for the History of Agriculture, Science, and the Environment in the South (CHASES): The Experiment Station Forum, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, February 3, 2012.

"Tung Oil Turmoil: The Rise and Fall of a Gulf Coast Crop, 1930-1969," 29th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL, October 20-22, 2011.

"Science and the Domestic Tung Oil Industry," Ohio Valley Historical Conference, Murray State University, Murray, KY, October 6-8, 2011.

"Tung Tide: Chemurgy and the Domestic Tung Oil Industry," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Springfield, IL, June 15-18, 2011.

"The Roots of the 1934 National Textile Strike: Huntsville, Alabama," Southern Labor Studies Conference, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, April 7-10, 2011.

"Along the Flint River: The Early Mills of Madison County," University of Alabama in Birmingham History Forum, Birmingham, AL, March 5, 2011.

"Strike Out: The 1934 National Textile Strike in Huntsville, Alabama," Ohio Valley Historical Conference, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN, October 14-16, 2010.

"'A Great Step Forward'? Senator John C. Stennis and the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act of 1960," Mid-America Conference on History, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR, September 23-25, 2010.

"Teaching Young Dogs New Tricks: Early Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Central Mississippi," Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (SFARE), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, April 10, 2010.

Chaired Panels

Session 7, "The Agrarian Gulf South: Cultural and Economic Transformations," 44th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 1-3, 2026.

Session 15, “Environmental Mistakes in the Gulf South & their Impact,” 42nd Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 10-12, 2024.

Session 19, “Industry in the Gulf South,” 41st Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 12-14, 2023.

Panel 2B, “Louisiana Folk Figures and Legends,” Louisiana Studies Conference, September 24-25, 2021. [Virtual]

Session 2, Conference on Domestic Cats in Literature, Troy University, June 11, 2021. [Virtual]

Session 2a, “Music, Art, and Propaganda,” North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Texas Wesleyan University, March 27, 2021. [Virtual]

Session 16, “Faith, Hope and Charity,” 38th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, October 1-3, 2020.

Session, 26, “Rivers and Race and Class: The Politics of Texas Environmental Policy,” Texas State Historical Association, Austin, TX, February 27-29, 2020.

Session 21, “Reaction and Racial Policing in Reconstruction Era Louisiana,” 36th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, October 4-6, 2018.

Session 3, “Race and Society,” North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Commerce, TX, March 24, 2018.

Session 15, “Mississippi: Architectural Trendsetter?” 35th Gulf South History & Humanities Conference, Pensacola, FL, October 5-7, 2017.

Panel 1-1, “Influential Battles of the 19th Century,” North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Denton, TX, April 5, 2014.

Panel 3-4, “Nineteenth Century US History,” North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Denton, TX, April 5, 2014.

Other Attended Conferences, Symposiums, and Webinars
Mississippi Historical Society Annual Meeting, March 5, 2021. [Virtual]

“Historians Reflect on the 2020 Election,” webinar sponsored by the American Historical Association, November 13, 2020.

“A Roundtable on the U.S. South in the Globe,” University of Tennessee Knoxville, November 12, 2020. [Virtual]

"Pandemics, Past and Present," Centre for the Study of Modern and Contemporary History, the Centre for Global History, and the Seminar on Medicine, Science, and Technology at the University of Edinburgh, November 10, 2020. [Virtual]

"The Global Plantation," webinar hosted by Princeton University, October 15-17, 2020.

American Association for State and Local History, September 24-30, 2020. [Virtual]

North Central Texas Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, April 5-6, 2019.

Symposium for History Undergraduate Research (SHUR), Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, May 1-2, 2015.

Symposium for History Undergraduate Research (SHUR), Mississippi State University, May 2-3, 2014.

Southwest Social Sciences Association, San Antonio, TX, April 17-19, 2014.

78th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Mobile, AL, November 1-4, 2012.

Merrill Land Grant Conference, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, October 3-6, 2012.

Professional Development

"Avoiding Research Misconduct: Ensuring Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research," OSPR Webinar Series, March 6, 2023.

"United States History," 2021 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses," October 22, 2021. [Virtual]

Sustaining Digital Scholarship Conference, Bucknell University, October 19-20, 2021. [Virtual]

"African American History," 2020 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 25, 2020. [Virtual]

"United States History," 2020 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 25, 2020. [Virtual]

"Texas History," 2020 Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, September 24, 2020. [Virtual]

Dr. Anne Hyde, "Teaching History in This of All Years: Uncertainty Revisited," University of Oklahoma, September 17, 2020. [Virtual]

Dr. Harrison Keller (Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas), "Texas Higher Education and COVID-19 Response and Recovery," September 14, 2020. [Virtual]

Texas Conference on Introductory History Courses, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, September 20-21, 2019.

"Teaching History in the 21st Century," University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, May 5-6, 2017.

Council on Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Digital Humanities Workshop, Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA, May 14-17, 2015. [Met with Dr. Cathy Kroll, Professor of English, on joint proposal for digital course on festivals.]

"Getting Started with Oral History On-Line Workshop," Baylor University, TX, April 1 and 8, 2015.

Council on Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Digital Humanities Workshop, University of Mary Washington, Arlington, VA, March 6-7, 2015. [One of six participants selected.]

Solicited Talks

"The Art of Writing Non-Fiction," Mountain Valley Arts Council, Guntersville, AL, January 7, 2025.

"The Wichita Falls Municipal Zoo," Wichita Falls Founder Lions Club, The Forum, Wichita Falls, TX, January 31, 2024.

"Wichita Falls Malabar Farm," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 14, 2023.

"The Wichita Falls Municipal Zoo," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 7, 2023.

"The Notorious Life of Scottsboro Songbird Annie Skelton," Guntersville Historical Society, Guntersville Museum, Guntersville, AL, June 22, 2023.

"The World War II Diaries of Carlos Jackson McGowin," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, November 1, 2022.

"Frank James's Muscle Shoals Robbery and James Brothers' Mythology," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, October 4, 2022.

"The Life of Civil War Diarist Cassie Fennell," Lake Guntersville Rotary Club, Guntersville, AL, July 25, 2022.

"Cherokee Missionary: The Life of Catharine Brown," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, October 28, 2021.

"The Civil War Diary of Cassie Fennell: A Young Confederate Woman in North Alabama, 1859-1865," Lifelong Learning Center, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX, October 21, 2021.

"The Life of Civil War Diarist of Cassie Fennell," Guntersville Historical Association, Guntersville Chamber of Commerce, Guntersville, AL, July 25, 2021.

"Come Hell or High Water: The World War II Diaries of Carlos "Jack" McGowin," Rotary Club of Burkburnett, October 13, 2020.

"Catharine Brown: Cherokee Missionary," Rebecca Jane Fisher Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, September 12, 2020.

"Catharine Brown: Cherokee Missionary," Major Francis Grice Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, November 23, 2019.

"Lake Guntersville," Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Guntersville, AL, July 10, 2018.

"Guntersville's Teenage Civil War Diarist: Catherine Fennell," Tennessee Valley Civil War Roundtable, Elks Lodge, Huntsville, AL, August 10, 2017.

"Cathedral Caverns," Guntersville Museum, Guntersville, AL, June 3, 2017.

"Cathedral Caverns," Guntersville Historical Society, Guntersville Public Library, Guntersville, AL, August 7, 2016.

"Wichita Falls Malabar Farm," Wichita County Historical Commission, Museum of North Texas History, March 3, 2016.

"Wichita Falls Zoo," Wichita Falls Founder Lions Club, Luby's, Wichita Falls, TX, December 2, 2015.

"Wichita Falls Municipal Zoo," Wichita County Historical Commission, Museum of North Texas History, November 5, 2015.

Solicited Interviews

Laurence, Haley. "Inside Caves of Night, the Major Motion Picture Almost Filmed at Cathedral Caverns." *AL.com*, April 11, 2017. https://www.al.com/living/2017/04/inside_caves_of_night_the_majo.html [accessed May 27, 2023].

Campbell, Anthony. "Her Gleam Articles are Her 'Fun' Writing." *Advertiser-Gleam*, January 6, 2016.

Aleman, Lazaro. "Why the Tung Oil Industry Might be Making a Comeback." *850: The Business Magazine of Northwest Florida*, October 13, 2014.

Hodges, Dave. "Reviving an Industry." *Tallahassee Democrat*, September 4, 2013.

External Non-Research Grants

$2,200	NEH Summer Institute, Civil War Archives, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, June 6-18, 2022.
$300	Agricultural History Society grant for hosting the Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History (SFARE), April 26-27, 2019.
$1,000	American Historical Association grant for hosting the "Teaching History in the 21st Century Symposium," February 16-17, 2018.
$2,700	NEH Summer Institute, Mississippi in the National Civil Rights Narrative, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS, June 11-30, 2017.
$600	COPLAC Travel Grant for Digital Humanities Workshop, Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA, May 14-17, 2015.
$362.70	COPLAC Travel Grant for Digital Humanities Workshop, University of Mary Washington, Arlington, VA, March 6-7, 2015.
$250	Agricultural History Society Travel Grant, June 6-9, 2012.
$250	Agricultural History Society Travel Grant, June 15-18, 2011.
$7,662.70	Total

Internal Grants

$120.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, October 28, 2026.
$1,671.80	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, September 24, 2026.
$1,600.75	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, April 28, 2026
$3,359.34	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, October 29, 2025.

$5,000.00	Faculty Research Grant (co-investigator with Dr. Jonathon Quam, Associate Professor of Mass Communication), "Rocketship & the Modern History of Wichita Falls," Midwestern State University, November 28, 2023.
$1,194.20	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, October 2, 2023.
$1,420.10	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, October 31, 2022.
$1,301.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, February 8, 2022.
$304.60	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, November 12, 2021.
$2,032.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, November 5, 2019.
$4,919.49	Provost's Funding, Midwestern State University, October 10, 2018.
$3,076.17	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, November 15, 2017.
$720.00	College Research and Development Committee Research Grant, Midwestern State University, November 30, 2016
$2,477.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, November 1, 2016.
$491.00	College Research and Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, January 27, 2016
$3,038.61	College Research and Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, October 23, 2015
$899.90	College Research and Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, November 19, 2014
$500.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, February 24, 2014.
$1,275.00	College Research and Faculty Development Committee Travel Grant, Midwestern State University, Fall 2013.
$35,400.96	Total

College Award
Faculty Research Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Midwestern State University (2025)
Nomination for Faculty Research Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Midwestern State University (May 2025)
Nomination for Faculty Research Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Midwestern State University (May 2024)
Nomination for Faculty Research Award, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Midwestern State University (May 2021)

Professional Memberships
American Society for Environmental History (2026-present)
Alabama Historical Association (2025-present)
Society of Civil War Historians (2022-present)
Southern Association for Women Historians (2022-present)
Agricultural History Society (2017-present)
American Historical Association (2016-present)
Texas State Historical Association (2015-present)
Southern Historical Association (2013-present)
Gulf South Historical Association (2011-present)

Professional Boards
Member, Board of Directors, Gulf South Historical Association (2016-present)

Member, Faculty Editorial Board, *Ibid: A Student History Journal*, Texas Woman's University (2014-present)

Professional Committees and Positions
President, Gulf South Historical Association (2025-2026)

Vice President, Gulf South Historical Association (2024-2025)

Book Review Editor, *Gulf South Historical Review* (2024-2026)

Michael V.R. Thomason Book Award Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2024-2025)

Texas Social Studies Standards Committee, American Historical Association (April 2022-September 2023) [One of 24 Texas faculty members invited to join.]

Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Committee (2022-present)

Diversity and Board Expansion Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2021-2022)

Phi Alpha Theta Scholarship Committee (2020-2026)

Michael V.R. Thomason Book Award Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2020-2021)

Journal Exploratory Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2019-2020)

Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Committee (2018-2020)

William S. Coker Award Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2018-2019)

Program Committee, Texas State Historical Association 2019 Annual Meeting (2017-2019)

Michael V.R. Thomason Book Award Committee, Gulf South Historical Association (2016-2017)

Auditor
Department of History, Texas Wesleyan University (October 6-December 3, 2020)

Certifications
Certificate of Completion, "Preparing Online Instructors," Center for Continuing Professional & Distance Education, Midwestern State University, March 26, 2017.

Certificate of Completion, "Protecting Human Research Participants," The National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research, March 31, 2015.

Certificate for Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) for the Protection of Human Resource Subjects, Mississippi State University, 2011.

Courses

HIST 1133	Survey American History to 1865
HIST 1H1	Survey American History to 1865 (Honors)
HIST 1233	Survey American History since 1865
HIST 2H1	Survey American History since 1865 (Honors)
HIST 3383/5383	Special Topics: American Popular Culture
HIST 3853/5853	Environmental History
HIST 3903	Writing of History
HIST 4933X20	Festivals (COPLAC co-taught, interdisciplinary virtual course)
HIST 4043/5053	Old South
HIST 4053/5053	Civil War & Reconstruction
HIST 4143/5143	New South
HIST 4163/5163	U.S. History since 1945
HIST 4933	Special Topics: American History through Film
HIST 4933/5003	Special Topics: Organized Crime in Film
HIST 4953	Independent Study: Pacific Theatre during WWII

HIST 5003	Independent Study: Commodity History
HIST 5003	Independent Study: History of American Consumerism
HIST 5003	Independent Study: U.S. Naval History of WWI and WWII
HIST 6003	Graduate Seminar: Popular Culture
HIST 6003	Graduate Seminar: Rural America
HIST 6003	Graduate Seminar: Organized Crime

Thesis Panels
Conrad Clark, "A Case Study in Cold War Counterinsurgency in Latin America" (Spring 2026)

Elizabeth Gibbs, "Common Realities: Objectification and Commodification in Stereotypical Women of the 1920s" (Fall 2024) (Chair)

Rita Beeman, "Overly Familiar" (Spring 2022)

Maggie-Mae Ellison, "Wife, Mother, Soldier, Spy: A History of Women in Revolutionary America" (Spring 2022)

Benjamin Chance, "War for the Frontier: Land, Blood, and Empire in the Ohio River Valley" (Spring 2021)

Joshua R. Ysasi, "The Dispossession of Tejano Land in West Texas" (Spring 2021)

Catharine Forrester, "A Man and 'His Flower Women': Christian Dior and the Fashion Consumer Fantasy Ideal" (Fall 2020)

Philip Chisum, "The Wichita Falls Spudders" (May 2017)

Joel Gipson, "Indian Influence on Western Development in Colonial America" (May 2017)

Zach Krebs, "Joseph Reed: A Forgotten Father?" (May 2017)

John Edgar Shockley, "'We Shall Drink Green Poison and the Devil Take the Hindmost': A Critical Analysis of Absinthe and Absinthe Mythology" (May 2016)

Zacharie Barber, "Crimson Magnolia: Violence, Bloodshed and the Deterioration of Justice in Mississippi" (May 2015) (Chair)

Departmental Service
Faculty Sponsor, Phi Alpha Theta (2015-2026)

Co-Webmaster, Department of History Facebook page (2014-present)

Blakeslee, Brandon and Whitney Snow. "Introduction." In A Century of Midwestern State University, 1922-2022, edited by John Ashbrook, 1-8. Wichita Falls: MSU Department of History, 2024.

Webmaster, Department of History website (2014-2022)

Faculty Co-Sponsor, History Club (2020-2022)

Faculty Sponsor, History Club (2014-2016)

College Service
Dean Search Committee (2026)

Tenure and Promotion Committee (2024-present)

Outstanding Alumni Committee (2022-2025)

Perkins-Prothro Scholarship Committee (2019-2020)

Perkins-Prothro Scholarship Committee (2015-2016)

University Service
Faculty Senate (2026-present)

Pre-Law Scholarship Committee (2026-present)

Faculty Forum (2025-present)

504/ADA Grievance Committee (2023-2025)

Financial Aid Appeals Committee (2023-2025)

Chancellor's Awards Committee (2023-2024)

Admissions Committee (2021-2023)

Traffic Appeals Committee (2021-2023)

Pre-Law Scholarship Committee (2019-2021)

Outstanding Student Award Committee (2019-2020)

University Tenure & Promotion Committee (2019)

Artist Lecture Series (non-voter) (2018-2019)

Faculty Forum (2017-2019)

University Assessment Committee (alternate)(2016-2019)

Who's Who Committee (2015-2017)

Moffett Library Research Award Committee (2014-present)

Speakers & Issues Series Committee (2014-2024)
- Chair (2019-2021)
- Vice-Chair (2016-2018)

Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee (2014-2024)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (2014-2020)

Community Boards
Board of Directors, Museum of North Texas History, Wichita Falls, TX (2026-present)

Board of Directors, Guntersville Historical Society, Guntersville, AL (2022-2024)

Wichita County Historical Commission, Wichita Falls, TX (2015-present)

Advisory Board, Museum of North Texas History, Wichita Falls, TX (2015-2024)

Community Offices
Newsletter Editor, Guntersville Historical Society, Guntersville, AL (2022-2024)

Historian, Major Francis Grice Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (2022-2023)

Community Memberships
League of Women Voters, Wichita Falls, TX (2026-present)

Associate Member, Rebecca Jane Fisher Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Wichita Falls, TX (2020-present)

Junior League of Wichita Falls (2022-present)

Member, Leadership Wichita Falls (January-May 2019)

Associate Member, Heroes of King's Mountain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (2019-present)

Member, Major Francis Grice Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Wichita Falls, TX (October 5, 2018-present)

Member, Backdoor Guild, Wichita Falls, TX (2018-2020)

Patron, The Whole Backstage Community Theatre, Guntersville, AL (2017-present)

Member, Young Professionals, Wichita Falls, TX (2014-2016)

Member, Arab Historical Association, Arab, AL (2014-present)

Member, Guntersville Historical Association, Guntersville, AL (2014-present)

Other Community Service
Volunteer, Cowboy True, Bridwell Agricultural Center, Wichita Falls, TX (March 31-April 1, 2023)

Co-webmaster, Guntersville Historical Society Facebook page (2022-present)

Judge, History Day, Burkburnett Middle School, Burkburnett, TX (2014-2018)

Host, "History Day at MSU," Midwestern State University (September 26, 2017) [children from Burkburnett Middle School]

Presenter, "History as a Profession," AP History classes of Jim Embry, Guntersville High School, Guntersville, AL (May 16, 2017)

Volunteer, Living History Day, Region 9 Education Service Center, Wichita Falls, TX (2014-2017)

Co-webmaster, Marshall County, Alabama Archives (2016-present)

Co-author, Wichita Falls Municipal Zoo undertold historical marker application (2016)

Volunteer, Marshall County Archives, Guntersville, AL (2014-present)