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EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin, TX
Doctor of Philosophy in History, December 2013

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
Bachelor of Arts in History, 2001
Awarded High Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Organized Labor and Working Class History
Civil Rights
African American History
Constitutional and Labor Law
Southern History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Traditional format
HIST 1301: U.S. History until 1877 (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 1302: U.S. History since 1876 (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 1302 Honors: U.S. History since 1876 (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 3378: The Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1945 (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 3398: Texas and the Southwest (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 4075: Independent Study (Sam Houston State University)
HIST 315L: U.S. History from 1865 to the Present. (University of Texas – Austin)

Online Courses
HIST 1302 U.S. History since 1875 (SHSU Online)

SUPERVISION OF STUDENT WORK

Independent Research Senior Thesis: Serena Barbieri, “Cotton, Fire, and Pride: The World of the Galveston Screwmen’s Benevolent Association, 1866-1883” (2017)

Independent honors research, Patricia McCourt, “Progressivism and Narcotics Regulation” (2017)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer, Department of History, Sam Houston State University (2015 – present)

Research Assistant, University of Texas School of Law (2012 – 2014)

Provide historical research for project on American constitutional political economy.

Select and edit readings for constitutional history courses.

Signature Course Assistant, School of Undergraduate Studies, University of Texas (2011 – 2012)

Led three discussion sections of fifteen students per semester in program designed to help freshmen gain the academic skills necessary to successfully navigate the transition to college-level coursework. Worked one-on-one with students on oral presentations and research papers with several rounds of editing.

Instructor, Department of History, University of Texas (2011)

Instructor of record for course of 40 students.

Supplemental Instructor, University Teaching Center and Department of History, University of Texas (2009 – 2010)

Received training in skills-based pedagogy from Learning Center for program designed to boost student performance in history courses with traditionally-low grade distributions.

Led supplemental course sections joining content instruction with activities designed to boost academic skills.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, University of Texas (2004 – 2008)

Research Assistant, Department of History, University of Texas (2007)

Archival and quantitative research in support of Dr. Alan Tully's project on Texas politics.

Assistant, Project on Multimedia and Pedagogy in the American History Survey, University of Texas (2005)

Gathered photographs, oral history recordings, music and film clips in support of Dr. Mark Lawrence's grant-funded project.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Clara Driscoll Scholarship for Research in Texas History, given by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (2008 – 2009)

Ann Schumacher Adkins Scholarship in German-Texas History, given through the University of Texas (2008 – 2009)

Texas Sesquicentennial Endowed Fellowship in History, given through the University of Texas (2008 – 2009)

University of Texas Department of History Graduate Fellowship (2008 – 2009)

John D. Curtis Fellowship, given through the University of Texas (2008)

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Graduate student member, search committee for Gentry White Chair in Southern History (2009)

Outside historical advisor to labor union clients in Texas Supreme Court cases (*City of Round Rock v. Jaime Rodriguez and Round Rock Fire Fighters' Assn.*; *SEIU Local 5 v. Professional Janitorial Service of Houston*)

American area representative, History Graduate Student Council (2007 – 2008)

Social chair, History Graduate Student Council (2006 – 2009)

Judge, Texas History Day (state competition for junior high school students, 2008 – 2010)

Reader, A.P. U. S. History Exam (2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

DISSERTATION

“Negro Labor to the Crossroads”: Organized Labor and the Traditions of Black Unionism in Houston, Texas, 1935 – 1964.

Director: H.W. Brands

Committee: William Forbath, Laurie Green, Don Carleton, Tasha Philpot

PUBLICATIONS

“The Battle for San Felipe: Public Housing and the Right to Place in New Deal Houston,” in *Race and Place in Houston, Texas*, eds. Alexander F. Byrd, Brian Behnken, and Emily Straus (Forthcoming, 2018).

“‘Boil Hitler in Texas Oil’: Labor on the Texas Homefront,” in *Texas, Texans, and the Second World War*, ed. Christopher B. Bean, (Forthcoming, 2018)

“Has Texas Seen its Last Liberal?: A Review of HBO’s ‘All About Ann: Governor Richards of the Lone Star State’.” Published on NotEvenPast.org, May 2014
<https://notevenpast.org/has-texas-seen-its-last-liberal/>

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Automation, Integration, and the Realignment of Houston’s White Working Class.”
Forthcoming presentation at the Texas State Historical Association 2018 Conference.

“The Battle for San Felipe: the Promise and Perils of Public Housing in Black Houston.”
Presented at the Conference on Race and Place, Rice University Department of History,
February 2013.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR REFERENCES

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