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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2023-Present Assistant Professor, Oberlin College & Conservatory
2021-2023 Assistant Professor, Columbus State University
2020-2021 Postdoctoral Fellow, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
2020 Graduate Teaching Fellow, UNC Chapel Hill
2014-2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2020 United States History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
Dissertation: “‘Under the Rebel Lash’: Black Prisoners of War in the Confederate South,” directed by W. Fitzhugh Brundage
M.A., 2016 United States History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
M.A. Thesis: “‘This is the point on which the whole matter hinges’: Locating Black Voices in Civil War Prisons,” directed by W. Fitzhugh Brundage
B.A., 2010 History, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
Honors Thesis: “Beyond Andersonville: The Trial of Major Henry Wirz and the Lost Cause Narrative,” directed by J. Ronald Spencer

PUBLICATIONS

- In Progress Chapter, “The Reconstruction of Gender in the Postbellum South,” *Oxford Handbook on Reconstruction*, Oxford University Press

Article, Co-Authored with Robert Colby (University of Mississippi)

Article, Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of American History*

Review, *Lincoln at Gettysburg* by Bradley M. Gottfried, and Linda I. Gottfried (2021), *Civil War Monitor*

Forthcoming Review, *The Families’ Civil War: Black Soldiers and the Fight for Racial Justice* by Holly Pinheiro (2022), *Journal of African American History*

Review, *A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged Slavery from the Nation’s Founding to the Civil War* (2022), by William G. Thomas III, *Slavery & Abolition*

- Chapter, “‘It is not the policy nor the interest of the South to destroy the negro’: Black Prisoners of War and the Intersection of Race, Property, and Law in the Confederacy,” *Race and Gender at War: Writing American Military History*, University of Alabama Press
- 2023 *Stephen A. Swails: Black Freedom Fighter in the Civil War and Reconstruction* by Gordon C. Rhea (2021), *Journal of the Civil War Era*
- “The Life of Louis Fatio: American Slavery and Indigenous Sovereignty,” *Black Perspectives* Blog
- 2021 Review, *Women Making War* by Thomas F. Curran (2020), *H-Civil War*
- Review, *Fighting for Citizenship: Black Northerners and the Debate over Military Service in the Civil War* by Brian Taylor (2020), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*
- 2020 Co-Author, “Crowd-Sourced Transcription and Remote Teaching,” *Teaching History Online* blog, UNC Digital History Lab
- 2019 Review, *Penitentiaries, Punishment, and Military Prisons: Familiar Responses to an Extraordinary Crisis During the American Civil War* by Angela M. Zombek (2018), *Civil War History*
- 2018 “‘One Negro named Robert... Valued at...\$5300 impressed by me...into the Service of the Confederate Government’: The Nature of Wartime Slavery in Confederate Virginia,” *Nau Center for Civil War History blog*, University of Virginia
- “Tales from the Archive: The Face of the Past,” *Traces: The UNC-CH Journal of History*, UNC Chapel Hill
- “Slave Labor and South Building,” *For the Record* blog, News and Perspectives from the University Archives and Records Management Services, UNC Chapel Hill
- “The Names of the Enslaved People who Built the University of North Carolina,” *For the Record* blog, News and Perspectives, UNC Chapel Hill
- “Slave Labor and Old East,” *For the Record* blog
- “Ran Off From the University, 1829,” *For the Record* blog
- 2017 Review, *Yankee Plague: Escaped Union Prisoners and the Collapse of the Confederacy* by Lorien Foote (2016), *Traces: The UNC-CH Journal of History*

Review, *The Fifth Massachusetts Colored Cavalry in the Civil War* by Stephen M. LaBarre (2016), *The Civil War Monitor*

2016 “Witnessing Racial Violence: Public Awareness and the Battle of Fort Pillow,” *The Journal of the Civil War Era Muster Blog*

“Slavery By Another Name: America’s Black Codes,” *America in Class*, National Humanities Center

TEACHING

Instructor:

Oberlin College & Conservatory Slavery, Law, and Warfare in North America
American History to 1877

Columbus State University Senior Research Seminar, “Microhistory and Biography”
Historical Methods
The Civil War
Slavery, Law, and Warfare in North America
The United States to 1865

Virginia Tech Slavery, Law, and Warfare in North America (Online Synchronous)
The American Civil War (Online Synchronous)

UNC Chapel Hill The United States Until 1865
The United States Until 1865, *Carolina Course Online*

Guest Lecturer:

Augusta University “Black Prisoners of War,” Civil War and Reconstruction

UNC Chapel Hill “Daily Life of Enslaved People at UNC Chapel Hill, 1795-1861,” *Race and Memory at UNC*
“The Civil War Era,” *The United States Until 1865*

Graduate Instructor:

UNC Chapel Hill The United States Until 1865
The Social History of Popular Music in 20th Century America
Sport in American History
The Transatlantic Slave Trade
Native North America

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND ORGANIZATION

- 2024 Speaker, "They Heard it Through the Grapevine: The Role of Communication in Civil War Freedom Struggles," Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Civil War Weekend, Blacksburg
- 2023 Comments, "Beauty from Ashes: Black People and Radical Space Making during the Civil War and Reconstruction," ASALH Annual Conference, Jacksonville
- Speaker, "Honoring The United States Colored Troops: Fathers of Freedom" Unity Group, Chattanooga
- Co-Organizer, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Columbus State University, Columbus
- Speaker, "Indemnity, Slavery, and Sovereignty: Muscogee Creeks' Claims to Property Rights Amidst Indian Removal," Columbus Public Library, Columbus
- Speaker, "Black POWs in Civil War Columbus," Columbus Public Library, Columbus
- 2022 Organizer, History & Geography Fall Convocation Event Series, Columbus
- Roundtable Participant, "Challenging 19th-century Racial Boundaries," *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Baltimore
- Panelist, "Bounded Liberty: Black Captives and Their War for Freedom," *Society of Civil War Historians Bi-Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia
- Organizer, *The Great Strike: Slavery and the American Civil War Conference*, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Blacksburg
- Speaker, "Early African Explorers, Settlers, and Soldiers in North America," *Oak Meadow School Black History Month Series*, Putney VT
- Speaker, "Enlisted Slaves, Captured Negroes: The Enslavement of United States Colored Troops by the Confederate States of America," *Roanoke Civil War Roundtable*, Roanoke
- 2021 Speaker, "'Under the Rebel Lash': Black POWs in the Confederate South," *Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable*, Scottsdale
- Panelist, "Lies and Truths of the African American Soldiers in the United States Colored Troops of the Civil War," *A Day of Honor: Sergeant Thomas Fraction*, Smithfield Plantation, Blacksburg
- Speaker, "'Under the Rebel Lash': Black POWs in the Confederate South," Faculty & Graduate Research Conference, Columbus

Speaker, “‘Under the Rebel Lash’: Black POWs in the Confederate South,”
Faculty Speaker Series, Columbus

Speaker, “Black POWs in the Confederacy,” National Museum of Civil War
Medicine, Livestream

Organizer, panelist, “Families on All Fronts: African Americans’
Communal Freedom Struggles during the Civil War Era,” *Society of Civil War
Historians Bi-Annual Meeting*, Online

Discussant, “Sex, Gender, and Evangelical Christianity,” *Brian Bertoti
Innovative Perspectives in History*, Blacksburg

Speaker, “Interest Convergence: The U.S. Effort to Recruit Black Soldiers,”
Virginia Center for Civil War Studies Civil War Weekend, Blacksburg

2020 Organizer, co-host, *Researching African Americans in the Civil War*, Virginia
Center for Civil War Studies, Blacksburg

Organizer, *New Perspectives in Civil War Era History Speaker Series*, Virginia
Center for Civil War Studies, Blacksburg

Speaker, “‘Under the Rebel Lash’: Black POWs in the Confederate South,” *New
Perspectives in Civil War Era History*, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies,
Blacksburg

Speaker, “‘Under the Rebel Lash’: Black POWs in the Confederate South,”
Wednesday Evening Program, Pocono Lake Preserve

Panelist, “‘Indians,’ Confederates, and Prisoners: Recovering Lost and Forgotten
Narratives of War,” *Society for Military History Annual Meeting*, Arlington
(Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Organizer and moderator, Department Research Colloquium, UNC History
Department, Chapel Hill (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019 Organizer and moderator, “Transcribe-A-Thon: African American Civil War
Soldiers,” UNC History Department and Triangle African American History
Colloquium, Chapel Hill

Speaker, “‘Under the Rebel Lash’: Black POWs in the Confederate South,” *Tell
About the South Showcase Series*, Center for the Study of the American South,
Chapel Hill

Presenter, "Re-Engaging With Military History: The Path Forward," *The Society for Military History Emerging Scholars Lightning Round Session*, OAH Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

Panelist, "Race and Gender Explorations: War and Military Service in 19th and 20th Century America," *University of Alabama Military History Symposium*, Tuscaloosa

2018 Finalist, "Under the Rebel Lash: Black POWs in the Confederate South," *Three Minute Thesis Competition (3MT)*, Chapel Hill

Speaker, "'Compelled to Stay in Slavery': The Captivity of the 44th USCT," *National Park Service Lecture Program*, Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Chattanooga

Faculty Speaker, *Civil War Institute Summer Conference*, Gettysburg, June 2018

Guest Speaker, "Stone by Stone" project, *Story+ Undergraduate Summer Research Program*, Duke University, Durham

Panelist, "Race, Labor, Sex, and Memory from the Confederacy to the Korean War," *Society for Military History Annual Meeting*, Louisville

2017 Panelist, "Policing Transgressive Sexualities in the Civil War Era South," *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Dallas

Presenter, "'A War of Massacres and Confusions': Black POWs, Transgressive Manhood, and the American Civil War," *UNC History Department Research Colloquium*, Chapel Hill

Presenter, "'A War of Massacres and Confusions': Black POWs in the American Civil War," *Brown Bag Seminar Series*, Institute of African American Research, Chapel Hill

2016 Speaker, "'This is the point on which the whole matter hinges': Locating and Including the Voices of Black Civil War POWs," *Triangle African American History Colloquium*, Chapel Hill

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2023 Honors College Faculty Fellow, Columbus State University

2022 Oxford University Faculty Development Workshop, Columbus State
NEH Summer Institute: Civil War Archives, Gettysburg College
New Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, Columbus State

2021 History & Geography Department Travel Grant, Columbus State

2020 History Department Research Award, Virginia Tech

2019 John C. and Susan M. Hoyle Graduate Student Excellence Fund in History

- 2018-2019 Center for the Study of the American South Hugh McColl Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018 The Cynthia Francisco Stewart Summer Research Fellowship
Center for the Study of the American South Summer Research Grant
John L. Nau III Center for Civil War Studies Short-Term Fellowship
- 2017 UNC Chapel Hill Graduate Student Transportation Grant
The Institute of African American Research Graduate Student Summer Research Grant
Mowry-Clein Fellowship for Faculty and Graduate Student Support
- 2016 The Raymond E. Faherty Jr. Research Grant for Military History
The Wallace E. Caldwell Graduate Award Fund in History
- 2015 The Wallace E. Caldwell Graduate Award Fund in History
- 2010 The Ferguson Prize in History, First Place for Senior Thesis in History
The Samuel and Clara Hendel Memorial Book Prize

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2023 Center for Student Success Advisory Board, Oberlin College
History Design Lab Committee, Oberlin College
History Department Social Media Coordinator, Oberlin College
- 2022-2023 Black Student Union Faculty Advisor, Columbus State University
- 2021-2023 Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor, Columbus State University
- 2022-2023 COLS Scholarship Committee, Columbus State University
Chair, History & Geography Department Events and Awards Committee, Columbus State University
A.P. Research Project Expert Advisor, Columbus High School
- 2022 Co-Chair, Job Search Committee, African and African Diaspora cluster hire in History and Geography, Columbus State University
- 2022 Member, Job Search Committee, Colonel Richard R. Hallock Distinguished University Chair in Military History, Columbus State University
- 2021-2022 A.P. Research Project Expert Advisor, Columbus High School
History & Geography Curriculum Committee, Columbus State University
- 2020-2021 Federal Work Study Supervisor, Virginia Tech,
- 2019-2020 President, Triangle African American History Colloquium, UNC Chapel Hill
Professional Development Coordinator, Graduate History Society, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2016-2018 Graduate Editor, *Traces: The UNC-CH Journal of History*, UNC Chapel Hill
Treasurer, Triangle African American History Colloquium, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2019-2020 Member, Chapel Hill Historical Society
- 2017-2019 Judge, North Carolina History Day, Raleigh, NC
- 2017-2018 Service Chair, Graduate History Society, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2016-2017 Member, Committee on Teaching (COT), History Department, UNC Chapel Hill

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2018 Research Assistant, Chancellor's Task Force on UNC Chapel Hill History (UNC Chapel Hill)
- 2018 Research Assistant, Lisa Lindsay (UNC Chapel Hill)

2017 Research Assistant, Clare Corbould (Monash University)
2016 Research Assistant, Paul Anderson (Clemson University)
2016 Intern, Triangle University Internship Program (National Humanities Center)
2015 Research Assistant, *Civilizing Torture: An American Tradition* (2018), W. Fitzhugh Brundage (UNC Chapel Hill)

PAST AND CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WRITING GROUPS

American Historical Association
Association for African American Life and History
Organization of American Historians
The Society for Civil War Historians
The Society for Military History
Southern Association for Women Historians
Southern Historical Association
Research & Writing Community of Practice (Columbus State University)
New Faculty American History Writing Group (Co-Founder, Various)
The Historians Writing Group (Virginia Tech)
Department of History Teaching Group (Virginia Tech)
United States History Graduate Student Writing Group (UNC Chapel Hill)
Triangle African American History Colloquium
Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory
Scholar, PhD Lab in Digital Knowledge at the Franklin Humanities Institute (Duke University)
Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences

DIGITAL LITERACY

QGIS
ArcGIS Online
StoryMap JS
Zotero
Scrivener
Learning Management Systems: Sakai, Canvas, D2L BrightSpace, Blackboard, Perusall

LANGUAGES

English, native
Spanish, conversational
French, can read with dictionary