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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Georgia, May 2006
Advisor: John C. Inscoe

M.A. Public History, North Carolina State University, May 1999

B.A. History, Florida State University, 1996

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor of History, Appalachian State University, 2017—present
- Director of Graduate Program in History, 2017—present

Associate Professor of History, Appalachian State University, 2012—2017
(Graduate Faculty since 2006)

Assistant Professor of History, Appalachian State University, 2006—2012

PUBLICATIONS

Books

An Environmental History of the Civil War, co-authored with Timothy Silver, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press (forthcoming 2020)

The Seven Days' Battles: The War Begins Anew, Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012.

Shifting Loyalties: The Union Occupation of Eastern North Carolina, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011.

The Southern Mind under Union Rule: The Diary of James Rumley, Beaufort, North Carolina, 1862-1865. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2009.

Letters from a North Carolina Unionist: The Civil War Letters of John A. Hedrick, 1862-1865. Co-edited with Michael Thomas Smith. Raleigh: North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 2001.

Articles and Essays

“In Search of All That Was Near and Dear to Me’: Desertion as a Window into Community Divisions in Caldwell County during the Civil War,” in *Southern Communities: Identity, Conflict, and Memory in the American South*, edited by Bruce E. Stewart and Steven E. Nash (University of Georgia Press, 2019)

“Nature and Human Nature: The Environmental Effects of the Union’s Failed Peninsula Campaign, 1862,” co-author Tim Silver, *The Journal of the Civil War Era* 8 (September 2018): 388-415.

“Reverberations of Battle,” *The Civil War Monitor* 7 (Summer 2017): 54-63, 76-79.

“Deconstructing the History of the Battle of McPherson’s Ridge: Myths and Legends of the 26th North Carolina on the First Day’s Fight at Gettysburg,” *Gettysburg Magazine* 53 (July 2015): 14-30.

“‘I Am Not So Patriotic as I Was Once’: The Effects of Military Occupation on the Occupying Union Soldiers during the Civil War,” *Civil War History* 55 (June 2009): 217-243.

“Of Water Balloons and History: Using Wargames as Active Learning Tools to Teach the Historical Process,” *The History Teacher* 42 (May 2009): 297-314.

“‘Bringing Light to our Land...When She was Dark as Night’: Northerners, Freedpeople, & Education during Military Occupation in North Carolina, 1862-1865,” *American Nineteenth Century History* 9 (March 2008): 1-17.

“‘Visions of Freedom and Civilization Opening Before Them’: African Americans Search for Autonomy During Military Occupation in North Carolina,” in Paul D. Escott, ed. *Struggles over Change: North Carolinians in the Era of the Civil War and Reconstruction* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008), pp. 69-100.

“Removing the Mask of Nationality: Unionism, Racism, and Federal Military Occupation in North Carolina, 1862-1865,” *Journal of Southern History* 71 (August 2005): 589-620.

“Foundations of Sand: Evaluating the Historical Assessments of Antebellum Southern White Unity,” *Gulf South Historical Review* 19 (Spring 2004): 6-38.

“‘Little-Souled Mercenaries?’ The Buffaloes of Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War,” *North Carolina Historical Review* 77 (July 2000): 337-363.

“All for One Charge: The 44th Georgia Infantry,” *Columbiad* 1 (Winter 1998): 21-45.

Book Reviews

Review Essay: “On Leadership: Heroes and Villains of the First Modern War,” Review of Williamson Murray and Wayne Wei-siang Shieh, *A Savage War: A Military History of the Civil War* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016), in *Reviews in American History* 45 (September 2017): 438-443.

Michael C.C. Adams, *Living Hell: The Dark Side of the Civil War* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014), *Journal of Military History* 80 (April 2016): 558-559.

R. Douglas Hurt, *Agriculture and the Confederacy: Policy, Productivity, and Power in the Civil War South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015), *Agricultural History* 90 (Winter 2016): 156-158 [online reviews].

Thomas Desjardin, ed., *Joshua L. Chamberlain: A Life in Letters*, in *Civil War Book Review*, Summer 2013. www.cwbr.com

Joseph W. Danielson, *War's Desolating Scourge: The Union's Occupation of North Alabama*, in *Journal of American History*, 100 (June 2013): 212-213.

Lorien Foote, *The Gentlemen and the Roughs: Violence, Honor, and Manhood in the Union Army*, in *H-CivWar*, February 2011. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=30963>

Kenneth W. Noe, *Reluctant Rebels: The Confederates Who Joined the Army after 1861*, in *Journal of American History*, 97 (March 2011): 1125-1126.

William C. Davis and James I. Robertson, Jr., *Virginia at War: 1863 and Virginia at War: 1864*, in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 2011.

William J. Cooper, Jr., *Jefferson Davis and the Civil War Era*, in *North Carolina Historical Review* 87 (October 2010): 455-456.

Mark Bradley, *Bluecoats and Tar Heels: Soldiers and Civilians in Reconstruction North Carolina*, in *Journal of Southern History* 76 (August 2010): 740-741.

Peter Cozzens, *Shenandoah 1862: Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign*, in *Civil War Book Review*, Spring 2009, found at: <http://www.cwbr.com>.

Phillip E. Myers, *Caution & Cooperation: The American Civil War in British-American Relations*, in *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter* 22 (Summer 2009): 2.

Mark E. Neely, Jr., *The Civil War and the Limits of Destruction*, and Scott Reynolds Nelson and Carol Sheriff, *A People at War: Civilians and Soldiers in America's Civil War, 1854-1877*, in *Journal of Southern History* 75 (May 2009): 452-454.

John W. Shaffer, *Clash of Loyalties: A Border County in the Civil War*, in *Appalachian Journal* 35 (Summer 2008): 383-385.

Richard R. Duncan, *Beleaguered Winchester: A Virginia Community at War, 1861-1865*, in *Civil War Book Review*, Fall 2007, found at: <http://www.cwbr.com>.

Ben H. Severance. *Tennessee's Radical Army: The State Guard and Its Role in Reconstruction, 1867-1869*, on *H-CivWar*, October 20, 2007, www.h-net.org

Edwin C. Bearss, *Fields of Honor: Pivotal Battles of the Civil War*, in *Civil War History* 2007 53(2): 216-217.

Timothy Lockley, *Lines in the Sand: Race and Class in Lowcountry Georgia, 1750-1860*, in *Civil War History* 2006 52(3): 312-314.

Keith P. Wilson, *Campfires of Freedom: The Camp Life of Black Soldiers during the Civil War*, in *Civil War History* 2004 50(3): 321-323.

Steven E. Woodworth, ed., *Civil War Generals in Defeat*, in *Florida Historical Quarterly* 2001 79(3): 418-420.

Richard M. McMurry, *Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy*, in *Florida Historical*

Quarterly 2001 80(2): 250-252.

Morris M. Penny and J. Gary Lane, *Struggle for the Round Tops: Law's Alabama Brigade at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2-3, 1863*, in *Alabama Review* 2001 54(2): 156-157.

Ralph Kirshner, *The Class of 1861: Custer, Ames, and Their Classmates after West Point*, in *North Carolina Historical Review* 2000 77(2): 244-245.

Kevin Conley Ruffner, *Maryland's Blue and Gray: A Border State's Union and Confederate Junior Officer Corps*, in *Civil War History* 1999 45(4): 351-352.

Gary W. Gallagher, *Lee and His Generals in War and Memory*, in *North Carolina Historical Review* 1999 76(1): 122-124.

AWARDS

Wayne D. Duncan Faculty Enrichment and Teaching Fellowship, Appalachian State University, awarded by the University College/General Education Awards Committee, 2014. \$3,000.

Outstanding Thesis Award in the Humanities: Advisor, May 2014, for Christopher Howard's thesis, "Propaganda against Propaganda: Deconstructing the Dominant Narrative of the Committee on Public Information."

University Research Council Grant, Appalachian State University, 2014-2015, for project entitled, "Reverberations of Battle: How the Battle of Gettysburg Affected Soldiers, Families, and Communities." \$4,195.

American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowship (with Dr. Timothy Silver), 2013-2015, for project entitled, "The Civil War: An Environmental History." \$100,000.

Archie K. Davis Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society, 2012-2013, for project entitled, "A Midsummer Nightmare: How the battle of Gettysburg Changed Communities North and South." \$1,500.

Grant Proposal Development Fellowship, Appalachian State University, 2011-2012, for project entitled, "North Carolina Civil War Deserters Database." \$1,000.

Humanities Scholars Fellowship, Appalachian State University, 2011-2012, for project entitled, "North Carolina Civil War Deserters Database." \$1,500.

University Research Council Grant, Appalachian State University, 2011-12, for project entitled, "A Midsummer Nightmare: How the battle of Gettysburg Changed Communities North and South." \$5,000.

Foundation Fellows Grant, Appalachian State University, 2010-11, for project entitled "North Carolina Civil War Deserters Database." \$5,000.

William C. Strickland Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Appalachian State University, 2008.

University Research Council Grant, Appalachian State University, 2008, for project entitled "Shifting Loyalties: The Union Occupation of Eastern North Carolina." \$1,500.

Fellow, West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, United States Military Academy, May

31-June 20, 2007

Warner-Fite Scholarship, University of Georgia, 2005.

Awarded to the “most outstanding graduate student in American History” by the History Dept.

Dissertation Fellowship, United States Army Center of Military History, 2004-2005, \$9,000.

J. Carlyle Sitterson Visiting Scholar Grant, Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004-2005. \$1,000.

Colonial Dames American History Scholarship, 2004-2005. Awarded on a competitive basis by the Colonial Dames Society. \$2,500.

William F. Holmes Award, Southern Historical Association, 2003. Awarded for the best paper presented at the annual meeting by a graduate student or junior faculty member.

Carl Vipperman Prize for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia, 2003. One of 2 recipients for annual departmental award.

Dean’s Award in Humanities, University of Georgia, 2003. Awarded on a competitive basis by the University of Georgia Graduate School.

Presidential Fellowship, University of Georgia, 2000-2003. One of 12 recipients of most prestigious annual university-wide fellowship.

Archie K. Davis Research Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society, 2001. \$1,000.

University Fellowship, North Carolina State University, 1997-1999.

SCHOLARLY PAPERS DELIVERED

“Rich Man’s War, Poor Man’s Fight? Challenging the Existing Narratives on the Civil War and the Confederate Soldier,” presented with Dr. Jari Eloranta, Appalachian Spring World History Conference, Boone, NC, April 14, 2018

“The Peninsula Campaign: An Environmental Historian Ponders Guns and Trumpets; A Military Historian Ponders Mud and Blood,” American Society of Environmental Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 16, 2014

“‘Visions of Freedom and Civilization’: The African American Quest for Autonomy during Military Occupation in North Carolina,” Lay My Burden Down: Freedom and Legacies of the Civil War: A Conference to Commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in North Carolina, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., October 18, 2013

“Reverberations of McPherson’s Woods: How an Hour of Fighting Forever Changed the Men of the 24th Michigan and 26th North Carolina,” Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and Gettysburg National Military Park, Sesquicentennial Conference, Gettysburg, PA, June 23, 2013

“Separating Myth from Reality in the Battle of McPherson’s Woods,” Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and Gettysburg National Military Park, Sesquicentennial Conference, Gettysburg, PA, June 25, 2013

“Deserters, I Thought I Knew You: Comparing Union & Confederate Deserters,” Co-authored with Jari Eloranta, Economic & Business History Society, Baltimore, Maryland, May 24, 2013

“Deserters, I Thought I Knew You: Exhuming, Examining & Exploding the Myths of Civil War Deserters,” Co-authored with Jari Eloranta, Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, May 12, 2012

Roundtable organizer and participant, “Reclaiming Invisible Pasts: Using the Sesquicentennial to Re-imagine the Interpretations of the Civil War Era,” Public History of the American Civil War Symposium, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, March 26, 2011

“‘Beneath the Gloomy Shadows of Federal Despotism’: A Social Historical View of Military Occupation in Eastern North Carolina,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Murfreesboro, TN, April 3, 2009

“Combining Wargames and Archives to Teach the Historical Process,” Society of North Carolina Archivists Fall Meeting, Boone, NC, October 17, 2008

“‘I am Not so Patriotic as I Was Once’: The Effects of Military Occupation on the Occupying Union Soldiers during the Civil War,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Frederick, MD, April 20, 2007

“Conflicting ‘Visions of Freedom and Civilization’: Forging New Identities in Beaufort, North Carolina during the Civil War,” 69th Annual Southern Historical Association Meeting, Houston, TX, November 7, 2003 (Won *William F. Holmes Award*)

“‘Wearing the Mask of Nationality Lightly’: The Myriad Effects of Union Occupation in the American Civil War,” Invited Speaker, Civil War Lecture Series, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, October 28, 2003

“‘Visions of Freedom and Civilization Opening Before Them’: Contested Black Independence in Occupied Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War,” Fourteenth Annual Graduate Student History Forum, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, March 17, 2002

“Creating a Rhetorical Currency: The Dissemination of Enlightenment Thought in Colonial Newspapers during the Revolutionary Era,” South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC, March 10, 2001

“Buffaloes and Turncoats in Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War,” Fourth Annual Graduate Conference in Southern History, University of Mississippi, March 20, 1999

UNIVERSITY MENTOR ACTIVITIES

I have directed 7 Master’s Theses to completion:

* Kennon Howell Keiser, “Weaponized Landscapes: An Environmental History of the Battle of Okinawa and Its Aftermath” (2019)

* Andrew Franklin, “Bastions or Burdens? Assessing the Role of Anglo-American Hospital Ships during the World Wars” (2019)

* Allen M. Sherrill, “Based on a True Story: Jesse James and the Reinterpretation of History in Popular Media” (2015)

* Christopher Eric Howard, “Propaganda against Propaganda: Deconstructing the Dominant Narrative of the Committee on Public Information” (2014)

[* Won the *Outstanding Thesis Award in the Humanities*, 2014]

* Taulby H. Edmondson, “Comparative Memories: War, Defeat, and Historical Memory Formation in the Post-Civil War American South and Post-World War II Germany” (2013)

* Kevin David Oshnock, “The Isolation Factor: Differing Loyalties in the Mountain Counties of Watauga and Buncombe during the Civil War” (2010)

* Eric Young, “Home Yankees: Unionism in Burke and Watauga Counties in North Carolina, 1861-1865” (2009)

- I am currently directing 4 others (Haley Kearns, Eric Loew, Jacob Kahler, and Samuel Thibault)

- I have served as a member of 3 other thesis committees

I have conducted two undergraduate Honors Theses to completion:

* Molly Winstead, “An American Drama: The Debate of Slavery in Antebellum Theatre” (2015)

* Natalie Kutcher, “Lee’s Miserables: How Robert E. Lee’s Military Decisions Affected his Family” (2014)

- I have served as a member of 2 other Honors thesis committees

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Series Editor, *New Perspectives on the Civil War Era*, University of Georgia Press, beginning 2014

Publications:

Stephen Berry and Angela Esco Elder, eds., *Practical Strangers: The Courtship Correspondence of Nathaniel Dawson and Elodie Todd, Sister of Mary Todd Lincoln* (2017)

Ryan W. Keating, ed., *The Greatest Trials I Ever Had: The Civil War Letters of Margaret and Thomas Cahill* (2017)

Timothy J. Williams and Evan A. Kutzler, eds., *Prison Pens: Gender, Memory, and Imprisonment in the Writings of Mollie Scollay and Wash Nelson, 1863-1866* (2017)

Served as reader on manuscripts for *Civil War History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Journal of Southern History*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Journal of Military History*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, Fordham University Press, University of Nebraska Press, and Louisiana State University Press

External Program Reviewer for the History Program at the University of Baltimore, 2019

Invited Speaker, Panel Discussion on “Loyalty and Desertion in the Appalachian Mountains Throughout the Civil War,” Zebulon Vance Birthplace, Weaverville, NC, September 15, 2018

Commenter on panel entitled, “Bountiful Lands and Broken Bodies: Moving Environmental History Beyond the Battlefield,” Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, June 1, 2018

Commenter on panel entitled, “The Nature of War: The Environment and Military Campaigns during the Civil War,” Society of Civil War Historians, Chattanooga, TN, June 4, 2016

Invited Speaker, “Appomattox, 1865: It’s the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine),” High Country Lifelong Learners, Boone, NC, September 17, 2015

Invited Speaker, “Appomattox, 1865: It’s the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine),” High Country chapter of the International Torch Club, Boone, NC, April 13, 2015

Commenter on panel entitled, “Frontiers of Disease and Environmental Health Management during the Civil War Era,” Society of Civil War Historians, Baltimore, MD, June 14, 2014

Invited Speaker, “The Experience of Union Military Occupation in Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War,” UNC-Pembroke, Pembroke, NC, October 9, 2012

Invited Speaker, “Shifting Loyalties: The Union Occupation of Eastern North Carolina,” Civil War in Eastern North Carolina Symposium, Craven County 300th Anniversary Celebration, New Bern, NC, September 22, 2012

“Why History Matters,” North Carolina State University, 75 Years of History Symposium and Homecoming, Raleigh, NC, March 31, 2012

Interview on Civil War Talk Radio by Dr. Gerald Prokopowicz, April 8, 2011. Found at: <http://www.worldtalkradio.com/worldtalkradio/vepisode.aspx?aid=53131>

Interview with NPR, March 22, 2011. Found at: <http://www.npr.org/2011/03/22/134762513/if-this-is-not-war-against-libya-what-is-it>

Invited Speaker, “Developing a Comprehensive Study of North Carolina Deserters during the Civil War,” North Carolina History Society Annual Meeting, UNC-Asheville, Asheville, NC, April 15, 2011

Invited Speaker, “The Civil War in Coastal North Carolina,” Society of North Carolina Archivists Annual Meeting, Morehead City, NC, April 1, 2011

Invited Speaker, with Jari Eloranta, “Social Capital and Soldiers: The Case of Civil War Deserters,” Philosophical and Social Issues in Business, Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, March 4, 2011

Presentation: “Using Military Occupation as a Unique Window into the Civil War,” at North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Meeting, Greensboro, NC, February 24, 2011

Invited Lecturer, “The Myth of the Lost Cause,” (Teaching American History grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education) McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, June 19, 2008.

Invited Lecturer, “The Myth of the Lost Cause and the Civil War in Film: A One-Day Institute for American History Teachers,” (Teaching American History grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Education) East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, March 24, 2007.

Commentator of World History Panel, Appalachian State University, March 2007, March 2008, March 2009.

Chair and Commentator on panel entitled, “Civil-Military Relations in the Civil War Era,” at the 22nd Annual Ohio Valley History Conference, October 21, 2006.

Invited Speaker, “The ‘Buffaloes’ of Eastern North Carolina during the Civil War,” Durham County Public Library Civil War Lecture Series, Durham, NC, May 19, 1999

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Military History*, (2017—present)

North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee member, (2016—present)

Chair, Committee for R.D.W. Connor Award for outstanding article in *North Carolina Historical Review* (2015, 2017)

Advisory Editorial Committee Member, *North Carolina Historical Review* (2014—present)

Book Review Editor, H-NC, (2006—2013)

Advisory Council Member, Teaching American History Grant, East Tennessee State University, 2010-2011.

Member, Historical Society of North Carolina, 2014—present

Member, Society for Military History, 2012—present

Member, Society of Civil War Historians, 2010—present

Member, Southern Historical Association, 2000—present