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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., 1996-2002.
Dissertation: "The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the
Iroquoian Borderlands, 1700-1780."
Dissertation Advisor: James Axtell, Kenan Professor of Humanities
M.A., American History, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., 1995-1997.
B.A., History, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., (magna cum laude), 1990-1994.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2019- General Mark W. Clark Distinguished Chair of History

2015-2019 Professor of History, The Citadel
Teaching fields: Colonial North America, the American Revolution, American
Indian history, the French & Indian War; U.S. military history.

2013-2016 Westvaco Professor of National Security Studies, The Citadel

2009-present Associate Professor of History, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

2003-2009 Assistant Professor of History, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

2002-2003 Visiting Assistant Professor, College of William and Mary and the National Institute
of American History and Democracy.

2001-2002 Lewis L. Glucksman Teaching Fellowship, College of William and Mary
(Taught upper-level seminar, entitled *History, Memory, and the American Revolution*).

2000 Lecturer, Department of History, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.
Taught upper-level class on American Indian History.

1996-2000 Teaching Assistantship, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

BOOK AWARDS FOR *BRADDOCK'S DEFEAT* (2015)

- 2016 Winner, Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History (\$50,000 Prize awarded to the best book on military history published in the English language).
- 2016 Finalist, George Washington Book Prize.
- 2016 Winner, Distinguished Book Award in U.S. History, Society for Military History.
- 2016 Winner, 63rd Distinguished Book Award, Society of Colonial Wars.
- 2016 Winner, PROSE Award in U.S. History, Association of American Publishers.
- 2015 Judge Robert Woltz History Award, French & Indian War Foundation.

BOOK AWARDS FOR *THE TEXTURE OF CONTACT* (2009)

- 2010 Winner, Albert B. Corey Prize for Best Book on Canadian/American relations, from the American Historical Association and Canadian Historical Association
- 2010 Excellence in Research Book Award, New York State Archives Partnership Trust.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

- 2018 U.S. Army War College, Commandant's National Security Program, Carlisle, Pa.
- 2018-2019 Awarded a full-year sabbatical, The Citadel
- 2017 American History Educator of Year Award, South Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution.
- 2014 Research Grant, Organization of American Historians (OAH) and National Park Service (NPS), to write a book-length interpretive study for the Saratoga National Historical Park, New York.
- 2013 Citadel Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service.
- 2013 Elected to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.
- 2013 Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to Naval ROTC Unit, The Citadel.
- 2012 Citadel Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Teaching
- 2011 Awarded Sabbatical Leave, The Citadel, Spring 2011.

- 2011 Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York.
- 2011 Fellowship, Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.
- 2004 Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellowship, University of Michigan, William L. Clements Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2002 Fellow, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 2002.
- 2000-2001 Fellowship in American Civilization, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City.
- 2000 Fellow, Champlain Seminar, "The New England-New France Borderland, 1660-1760," Canadian Studies Program, University of Vermont.
- 2000-2001 Samuel Victor Constant Fellowship, General Society of Colonial Wars.
- 1999-2000 Research Fellowship, Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program, New York State Archives, Albany, New York.
- 1996-2001 Graduate Fellowship, College of William and Mary.

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

- 2019 NPS Historians' Round Table, Charles Pinckney National Historical Site, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
- 2018 Board of Directors, Fort Ligonier / Braddock's Battlefield History Center
- 2014-2018 Awarded Research Grant, Organization of American Historians (OAH) and National Park Service (NPS), to write a book-length Historic Resource Study for the Saratoga National Historical Park, New York.
- 2015-2019 Board of Directors of American Associates of the National Army Museum (London, U.K.).
- 2016-present Member of Fort Ticonderoga War Council (Advisory Board).
- 2011-present Elected Board Member, Braddock Road Preservation Association.
- 2003-2011 Lead Professor, U.S. Department of Education *Teaching American History Grants* :
 --2003-2005: College of William and Mary/National Park Service/ James City County School District

--2005-2011: The Citadel/Berkeley County School District.

2004-2005 Consultant, Pennsylvania State Historical and Museum Commission, 2004-2005, "Native American History Project" Explore Pennsylvania History Website.

1995-2003 United States Government, Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Seasonal Historian, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Va. [Interpreted colonial, revolutionary, antebellum, and Civil War history].

I. SCHOLARSHIP, PUBLICATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

BOOKS IN PROGRESS (Under contract, or represented by literary agency)

Washington's Victory (Projected sequel to Braddock's Defeat, represented by the Wylie Agency).

(Co-Author), The Other Face of Battle: Three Centuries of Americans in Intercultural Combat with Wayne E. Lee (UNC Chapel Hill), David J. Silbey (Cornell), and Anthony E. Carlson (School of Advanced Military Studies). Under contract with Oxford University Press Trade Division, 2018.

The Death and Rebirth of an Army: The Ticonderoga Campaign of 1758, in the *Fort Ticonderoga at War Series*. Under contract with Westholme Publishing, 2018.

BOOKS

Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution (Oxford University Press, 2015), *Pivotal Moments in American History* Series edited by David Hackett Fischer and James McPherson.

The Texture of Contact: European and Indian Settler Communities on the Iroquoian Borderlands, 1720-1780 *The Iroquoians and Their World* book series (University of Nebraska Press, 2009).

James Kirby Martin and David Preston, editors, Theaters of the American Revolution (Yardley, Pennsylvania: Westholme Publishing, 2017).

David L. Preston, Colonial Saratoga: War and Peace on the Borderlands of Early America, Historic Resources Study, Saratoga National Historical Park (Washington, D.C.: National Park Service, 2019).

ARTICLE IN SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE

"The Trigger: A Just-Discovered Account Provides Startling New Evidence that it was George Washington Who Fired the Shot that Sparked the French and Indian War," Smithsonian Magazine Vol. 50, no. 6 (October 2019): 30-41, 78.

REVIEWS IN WALL STREET JOURNAL

“Washington’s Indian War.” Review of William Hogeland, Autumn of the Black Snake: The Creation of the U.S. Army and the Invasion that Opened the West (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2017), in The Wall Street Journal, June 29, 2017.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/president-washingtons-indian-war-1498688622>

“The Lucky Moment in War.” Review of D. Peter MacLeod, Northern Armageddon: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham and the Coming of the American Revolution (Knopf, 2016), in The Wall Street Journal, April 30, 2016.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-lucky-moment-in-war-1461953741>

ESSAYS IN PEER-REVIEWED COLLECTIONS OR JOURNALS

“Varieties of ‘Patriotism’ in the Post-1763 British Empire: The Strange Career of Charles Lee,” in Robert A. Olwell and James M. Vaughn, eds., Envisioning Empire: The New British World from 1763 to 1773 (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, U.K., 2020), 197-225.

“Squatters, Indians, Proprietary Government, and Land in the Susquehanna Valley,” in Daniel K. Richter and William Pencak, eds., Friends and Enemies in Penn’s Woods: Indians, Colonists, and the Racial Construction of Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004), 180-200.

“‘We intend to live our lifetime together as brothers’: Palatine and Iroquois Communities in the 18th-century Mohawk Valley,” New York History 89, no. 2 (Spring 2009): 179-90.

“‘Make Indians of our White Men’: British Soldiers and Indian Warriors from Braddock’s to Forbes’s Campaigns, 1755-1758,” Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies 74 (Summer 2007): 280-306.

“George Klock, the Canajoharie Mohawks, and the Good Ship *Sir William Johnson*: Land, Legitimacy, and Community in the Eighteenth-Century Mohawk Valley,” New York History: Special Issue on the Seven Years’ War in America 86, no. 4 (Fall 2005): 473-500.

“The Key to Victory: Fighter Command and the Tactical Air Reserves During the Battle of Britain,” Air Power History (Winter 1994): 19-29.

FOREWORDS

Foreword, An Amazing Journey: The Art of Robert Griffing (Paramount Press, 2018), by Robert Griffing, with Michael Galban.

Foreword, Captain Trent’s Fort: Pittsburgh’s Forgotten Outpost (History Press, 2019), by Jason Cherry.

REVIEWS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

Review of C. Bradley Thompson, America's Revolutionary Mind: A Moral History of the American Revolution and the Declaration that Defined It (Encounter Books, 2019), in Choice Reviews (2020).

Review of Seanegan P. Sculley, Contest for Liberty: Military Leadership in the Continental Army, 1775-1783 (Westholme Publishing, 2019), in Choice Reviews (February 2020).

Review of John A. Strong, America's Early Whalers: Indian Shore Whalers on Long Island, 1650-1750 (University of Arizona Press, 2018), Choice Reviews (June 2019).

Review of Ian K. Steele, Setting the Captives Free: Capture, Adjustment, and Recollection in Allegheny Country (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013), Ethnohistory Vol. 63, no. 3 (July 2016).

Review of Gregory Dowd, Groundless: Rumors, Legends, and Hoaxes on the Early American Frontier (Johns Hopkins, 2015), Choice Reviews (November 2016)

Review of Kelly Watson, Insatiable Appetites: Imperial Encounters with Cannibals in the North Atlantic World (NYU Press, 2015), Choice Reviews (February 2016)

Review of David La Vere, The Tuscarora War: Indians, Settlers, and the Fight for the Carolina Colonies (University of North Carolina Press, 2013), Choice Reviews (July 2014)

Review of Joseph Ellis, Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence (Alfred A. Knopf, 2013) in Choice Reviews (November 2013).

Review of Theodore Corbett, No Turning Point: The Saratoga Campaign in Perspective (University of Oklahoma Press, 2012), in Choice Reviews (May 2013).

Review of Eliot Cohen, Conquered into Liberty: Two Centuries of Warfare Along the Great Warpath that Made the American Way of War (2011), in H-Diplo Roundtable Review 14, no.5 (October 22, 2012): 13-16.
<<http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIV-5.pdf>>

Review of Paul Mapp, The Elusive West and the Contest for Empires, 1713-1763 (University of North Carolina Press, 2010) in Reviews in American History 40 (September 2012): 376-80.

Review of Saul Weidensaul, The First Frontier: The Forgotten History of Struggle, Savagery, and Endurance in Early America (2012) in Choice Reviews (Fall 2012)

Review of Wayne Lee, Barbarians & Brothers: Anglo-American Warfare, 1500-1865 (University of North Carolina Press, 2011) in Journal of British Studies 51 (July 2012):

735-736.

Review of Richard Archer, As If an Enemy's Country: The British Occupation of Boston, 1768 (Oxford University Press, 2009), in Journal of the Society for Army Historical Research 90 (Autumn 2012): 193-94.

Review of Gail MacLeitch, Imperial Entanglements: Iroquois Change and Persistence on the Frontiers of Empire (University of Pennsylvania, 2011) in Ethnohistory 59, no. 2 (2012): 419-21.

Review of Eric Hinderaker, The Two Hendricks: Unraveling a Mohawk Mystery (Harvard University Press, 2010), in Journal of American History 97 (March 2011): 1107-1108.

Review of James P. Myers, Jr., The Ordeal of Thomas Barton: Anglican Missionary in the Pennsylvania Backcountry, 1755-1780 (Lehigh University Press, 2010), in Adams County History 16 (2010): 76-77.

Review of Kevin Kenny, Peaceable Kingdom Lost: The Paxton Boys and the Destruction of William Penn's Holy Experiment (Oxford University Press, 2009), in Pennsylvania History 77 (Summer 2010): 365-68.

Review of David Dixon, Never Come to Peace Again: Pontiac's Uprising and the Fate of the British Empire in North America (University of Oklahoma Press, 2005), in William and Mary Quarterly 63 (October 2006): 870-72.

Review of Colin Calloway, The Scratch of a Pen: 1763 and the Transformation of North America (Oxford, 2006), in The New-York Journal of American History (2006).

Review of Matthew C. Ward, Breaking the Backcountry: The Seven Years' War in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1754-1763 (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2003), in Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography 129 (April 2005): 227-28

ARTICLES IN PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

"La derrota de Braddock en el Monongahela," Desperta Ferro: Historia Moderna, Número 33 (Abril 2018): 60-65.

"Braddock's Defeat: An Interview with David Preston" American History (May 2018).

"Braddock's Defeat — The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution," Military History Now, December 3, 2017, <https://militaryhistorynow.com/2017/12/03/braddocks-defeat-the-battle-of-the-monongahela-and-the-road-to-revolution/>

"Pennsylvanians at War: The Settlement Frontiers during the Seven Years' War," in Pennsylvania Legacies: A Newsmagazine of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and

Biography (May 2005), 22-25.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Encyclopedia of New York State History, ed. Peter Eisenstadt (Syracuse University Press, 2005) [articles on Sir William Johnson (1715-1774), Joseph Brant (c. 1742-1807), Guy Johnson (c. 1740-1788), and the Treaty of Fort Stanwix (1768)].

Encyclopedia of American Military History, ed. Spencer C. Tucker et. al. (Facts on File, 2004) [articles on New France: Settlement and Organization, Little Turtle [Mishikinakwa], ca. 1748-1805, Blue Licks, Battle of Lake George (1755), and Fort Pitt].

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

“*Native Americans in the Seven Years’ War and its Aftermath*,” International Conference on the Republics of France and the United States: 240 Years of Friendship, Université Paris VIII and George Washington’s Mount Vernon, Paris, France, September 2019.

“*The American Triumvirate: Washington, Lee, Gates, and the Military Origins of the American Revolution*,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2015. Invited speaker at special conference entitled “So Sudden an Alteration”: The Causes, Course, and Consequences of the American Revolution.

“*The Long Reach: Native Nations and British Military Power in the Trans-Appalachian West, 1754-1783*,” American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2014.

“*La bataille de la Malengueulée, 1755: New Perspectives on the French and Indian Forces at Braddock’s Defeat*,” The Long Struggle for the Ohio Valley, 1750-1815, The Filson Institute for the Advanced Study of the Ohio Valley and the Upper South, The Filson Historical Society, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2012.

“*The Problem of Loyalty in the Postwar British Empire: The Strange Career of Charles Lee*.” Institute for Historical Studies Seminar, “1763 and All That: Temptations of Empire in the British World During the Decade After the Seven Years’ War,” University of Texas at Austin, February 2010.

“*‘We Intend to live our lifetime together as brothers,’: The Worlds of European & Iroquois Settlers in the Mohawk Valley*.” Western Frontier Symposium: Agents of Change in Colonial New York: Sir William Johnson’s World, New York State Office of Parks, October 2007.

“*Imperial Crisis in the Ohio Valley: Indian, Colonial American, and British Military Communities, 1760-1774*.” Warfare and Society in Colonial North America and the Caribbean, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Knoxville, Tn., October 2006.

“*The Iroquoian Borderlands: A Native-Centered Perspective on Atlantic History*,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Meeting, Northampton,

Massachusetts, June 2004.

“*George Klock, the Canajoharie Mohawks, and the Good Ship Sir William Johnson: Land and Legitimacy on the Eighteenth-Century Mohawk Frontier*,” Annual Conference on Iroquois Research, Rensselaerville, N.Y., October 2003.

“*The Texture of Contact: French-Canadian and Iroquoian Communities on the Iroquoian Borderlands*,” American Society for Ethnohistory Annual Meeting, Québec City, Québec, October 2002

“*The Trojan Horse of Empire: Imperial Crisis in the Trans-Appalachian West, 1760-1774*,” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., August 2002

“*A Poor Woman's Fight: Women Munitions Workers during the American Civil War*,” Conference on Working-Class Studies: Memory, Community, and Activism, Center for Working-Class Studies, Youngstown, Ohio, May 2001.

“*Dispossessing the Indians: Proprietors, Settlers, and Cultural Encounters in the Pennsylvania Backcountry, 1730-1755*,” Colloquium of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, February 2001.

“*Settlers, Indians, and Cultural Encounters: Constructing Narratives About Ordinary Peoples on the Early Pennsylvania Frontier*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., January 2001.

“*They will mutually support each other': Squatters and Indians in the Pennsylvania Backcountry, 1720-1755*,” Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 1999.

CHAIR/COMMENTOR ON CONFERENCE PANELS

Comment, “*Cherokee Lives in the Age of Revolution: Indigenous Diplomacy, Identity, and Sovereignty through the Lens of Biography*,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Charleston, S.C., February 2017.

Comment, “*Squatters, Surveyors, and States in the Old Northwest*,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., July 2011.

Chair, “*Intercultural Violence in Early America: Conflict in a Comparative Perspective*,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2011.

Commentor, “*The Longhouse in Motion: Migration, Transformation, and Continuity in Haudenosaunee Communities, 1760-1860*,” American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Ottawa, Canada, October 2010.

Commentor, “*New Perspectives on Iroquois Diplomacy after the American Revolution*,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Meeting, Santa

Barbara, California, June 2005.

CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

Revolutionary War Symposium, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., April 2016

Organized a symposium with Mark Clark Chair, James Kirby Martin, and with the support of the local Colonial Charleston Consortium of early-American history sites. The symposium featured Ed Lengel, Mark Edward Lender, James Piccuch, and Charles Neimeyer, who compared the military theaters of the Revolutionary War.

War of 1812 Symposium, Old Exchange Building, Charleston, S.C., February 2013

Organized a symposium featuring Alan Taylor, R. David Edmunds, Nicole Eustace, J.C.A. Stagg, Donald Graves, and Donald Hickey (Mark Clark Chair at The Citadel). The symposium brought together nearly a dozen different historical organizations in Charleston and the Lowcountry and was partially televised on C-SPAN 3. I organized the symposium logistics, press releases, outreach to local historical organizations, and advertising.

Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Charleston, S.C., March 2005

Served as treasurer for one of the largest annual meetings of the SMH, maintained accurate financial accounting for the conference's registration funds and total revenues and expenditures of \$176,990.22.

U.S. ARMY / DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STAFF RIDES

"The Braddock Expedition of 1755," Staff Ride organized for the J53 Planning Team of Joint Force Headquarters, Fort Meade, Maryland, September 2018.

"The British Expedition to South Carolina and the 1780 Siege of Charleston," Staff Ride organized for the U.S. Army's 193rd Infantry Brigade, March 2018.

"Medal of Honor Staff Ride," The Camden Battlefield, March 2017. Sponsored by Major General James Livingston and Lieutenant Michael Thornton, both recipients of the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

"The British Invasion of South Carolina in 1776," Staff Ride organized for the U.S. Army's 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, September 2016.

BY INVITATION TALKS, INTERVIEWS, AND BOOK SIGNINGS

"Theaters of the American Revolution," Governor Paul Hamilton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Beaufort, South Carolina, December 2019.

"Pontiac's War in Pennsylvania and New York, 1763-1765," 3-Day Tour with America's

History, LLC, October 2019.

“The Virtuous Leadership of George Washington,” U.S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, September 2019.

Remarks at 264th Anniversary Commemoration of Braddock’s Defeat, Braddock’s Battlefield History Center, North Braddock, Pa. July 9, 2019.

“From Expendable to Indispensable: George Washington’s Military Education, 1754-1758,” Remarks at 265th Anniversary Commemoration, Fort Necessity National Battlefield Park, Pennsylvania, July 3, 2019.

“Stewart’s Crossing: Its Significance in Braddock’s Expedition and the Settlement of the Trans-Appalachian West, 1754-1775,” Connellsville Historical Society, June 2019.

“Why George Washington’s Leadership Is Still Important,” The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati, Charleston, S.C., June 2019.

“First in Peace: The Delaware Indian Nation and its 1778 Treaty with the United States,” Fort Plain American Revolution Mohawk Valley Conference, N.Y., June 2019.

“Saratoga and Britain's Logistical Triumph in the French and Indian War,” 24th Annual War College of the Seven Years’ War, Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., May 2019.

Shelby Cullom Davis Lecture, 42nd General Assembly of the Society of Colonial Wars, Charleston, S.C., April 2019.

“From Fort Le Boeuf to the Continental Army: Washington’s Military Education,” 265th *Washington’s Trail* Commemoration of Washington’s 1753 Journey, Fort Le Boeuf Historical Society and Museum, Waterford, Pa., December 2018.

“George Washington and the Proclamation of Thanksgiving of 1789,” General Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Carolina, Middleton Place, November 2018.

“First in Peace: The Delaware Indian Nation and its 1778 Treaty with the United States,” 240th Anniversary Commemoration of the 1778 Treaty of Fort Pitt, Fort Pitt Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2018.

“Colonial Saratoga: War and Peace on the Borderlands of Early America,” Saratoga National Historical Park/ Saratoga Town Hall, Schuylerville, N.Y., September 2018.

“Braddock’s Defeat and its Legacy for Revolutionary America,” Pennsylvania Military History Museum, State College, Pa., August 2018.

“Braddock’s Defeat,” U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, Perspectives in Military History Roundtable Series, August 2018.

“Indian Sovereignty and the Origins of Pontiac’s War,” French Creek Heritage Event,

Pennsylvania, July 2018.

“Braddock’s Defeat: A Pivotal Moment in American History,” Shenandoah University / French & Indian War Foundation, Winchester, Virginia, May 17, 2018.

“Braddock’s Defeat and the Fate of the French Empire in America,” 31^e l’école du soldat, Historic Sainte-Geneviève, Missouri, April 28, 2018.

“Braddock’s Defeat and the Making of George Washington,” Army & Navy Club, Washington, D.C., April 24, 2018.

“The Military Education of George Washington in the Braddock Expedition,” Fort Ligonier Historic Site, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, February 18, 2018

“The American Revolution in South Carolina,” Pat Conroy Literary Center, Beaufort, South Carolina, November 15, 2017.

Veterans’ Day Revolutionary War Symposium, for Theaters of the American Revolution, Fort Plain Museum/American Revolution Round Table, Schenectady, N.Y., November 2017.

“Braddock’s Defeat,” Rotary Club of Daniel Island, November 2017.

“Braddock’s Expedition, 3-Day Staff Ride Tour in Pennsylvania and Maryland, America’s History LLC, September 2017.

“Braddock’s Defeat,” TV Interview on the “Battlefields Pennsylvania” Series, Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), July 16, 2017
<https://pcntv.com/2016/07/15/battlefield-pennsylvania-battle-of-fort-necessity-sunday-aug-7-at-6-p-m/>

“Braddock’s Defeat and its Legacy in the American Revolution,” Annual Conference on the American Revolution, March 2017, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

“Braddock’s Defeat,” Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island, December 2016

“The Ticonderoga Expedition of 1758 and the Fate of North America.” Boston, Massachusetts, October 2016

“War Clouds: The World on the Brink,” French Creek Heritage Event, Pennsylvania, July 2016.

“Braddock’s Defeat,” Society for Colonial Wars in South Carolina, August 2016.

“The Battle of Fort Necessity,” TV Interview on the “Battlefields Pennsylvania” Series, Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN), July 2016
<https://pcntv.com/2016/07/15/battlefield-pennsylvania-battle-of-fort-necessity-sunday-aug-7-at-6-p-m/>

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“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Fort Pitt Museum Speakers Series, Pittsburgh, Pa. July 2016

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Society of the Cincinnati Lecture Series, Washington, D.C., June 2016

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” 21st Annual War College of the Seven Years’ War, Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., May 2016

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Friends of Daniel Library Lecture Series, The Citadel, April 2016

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” 20th Annual Ohio Country Conference, Greensburg, Pa., April 2016.

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Ford Evening Book Talks, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Va., March 23, 2016.

“*Braddock’s Defeat: An Interview with David Preston*,” George Washington’s Mount Vernon, <http://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/french-indian-war/braddocks-defeat-an-interview-with-david-preston/>

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” TV Interview with PCN (Pennsylvania Cable Network) “PA Books” Program, December 2015.

<https://podfanatic.com/podcast/pa-books-on-pcn/episode/braddock-s-defeat-with-david-preston-2>

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Podcast Interview with *Ben Franklin’s World*, December 2015: <http://www.benfranklinworld.com/episode-060-david-preston-braddocks-defeat-the-battle-of-the-monongahela/>

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Coastal Carolina University, Georgetown, S.C., December 2015.

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” The Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 2015

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Webcast Presentation to Pittsburgh Area High Schools, November 2015

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” Old Barracks Museum, Trenton, New Jersey, November 2015

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” 27th Annual Jumonville Seminar of the French and Indian War, Jumonville, Pennsylvania, November 2015.

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” at The Lyceum, Alexandria Historical Society, Alexandria, Va., September 2015

“*Braddock’s Defeat or Beaujeu’s Victory?*” at Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, New York, July 2015 (book launch and signing).

“*Braddock’s Defeat*,” at Old Fort Johnson, Amsterdam, N.Y., June 2015.

“An Ohio Iroquois Account of the Jumonville Affair,” 26th Annual Jumonville Seminar of the French and Indian War, Jumonville, Pennsylvania, October 2014.

“The Origins of the French and Indian War, 1750-1755,” Old Exchange Building, 2013 Lecture Series, Charleston, S.C., April 2013.

“Indians and Colonists in Early America,” Center for Creative Retirement/College of Charleston, February 2013.

Phi Kappa Phi Presentation, “Braddock’s Defeat: A Pivotal Moment in American and European History,” PKP Citadel Chapter, April 2012.

Lead Moderator, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) Book Discussion Series, “Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War,” Charleston County Library, April-May 2012 (5 talks).

“*The Geographies of Braddock’s Defeat*,” 23rd Annual Jumonville French and Indian War Seminar, Jumonville, Pa., November 2011.

Keynote speaker, Western Frontier Symposium: “Frontier Style: Culture at the Edge of Empire, 1700-1800,” Johnstown, New York, October 2011. Book signing following.

Friends of Daniel Library Lecture Series, “Friendly Meetings: Everyday Life in European and Indian Frontier Communities in Colonial America,” October 2011.

“Indian Nations and the Seven Years’ War in America, 1754-1763,” NEH Landmarks of American History Workshop, “The American Revolution on the Northern Frontier: Fort Ticonderoga and the Road to Saratoga,” Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., July 11 and 25, 2011. Book Signing.

Speaker, “The Iroquois and Fort Niagara: Crossroads of Empire in the Eighteenth Century,” National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Workshop, Niagara University and Old Fort Niagara, N.Y., July 2009 and July 2011.

“The Labor of Death: Why Civil War Soldiers Volunteered in 1861,” Civil War 150th Anniversary Lecture Series, The Fort Sumter-Fort Moultrie Historical Trust and Charleston County Public Library, March 2011

Invited speaker, “The Texture of Contact,” Friends of the Charles Towne Landing State Park, November 2010.

Five presentations on the French and Indian War, for Charleston County Library’s “Let’s Talk About It” Series, Fall 2010.

Invited speaker, “The Significance of the French and Indian War,” Charleston Powder Magazine Lunch and Lecture Series, November 2010.

Seminar Speaker, "The Texture of Contact: How did European and Indian Communities Coexist?" Fifteenth Annual War College of the Seven Years' War, Fort Ticonderoga, N.Y., May 2010. Book Signing.

Keynote Address, "Friendly Meetings: Everyday Life in European and Indian Frontier Communities in the 18th Century," Old Fort Niagara Lecture Series, Youngstown, N.Y., May 2010. Book Signing.

Symposium speaker, "Friendly Meetings: Everyday Life in European and Indian Frontier Communities in the 18th Century," 14th Annual Ohio Country Conference, Greensburg, Pa., March 2010. Book Signing.

Speaker, "The Iroquois and Fort Niagara: Crossroads of Empire in the Eighteenth Century," National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Workshop, Niagara University and Fort Niagara, N.Y., July 2009.

Invited speaker, "From Charles Towne to Ocmulgee: The Deerskin Trade in Early Carolina," Friends of the Charles Towne Landing State Park, March 2009.

Seminar speaker, "*Grant's Defeat, 1758: Prelude to Victory in the Forbes Campaign*," Fort Pitt Museum Associates Seminar Series, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 2008.

Invited speaker, "The Siege of Yorktown of 1781," Sons of the American Revolution, Battle of Eutaw Springs Chapter, January 2007.

Invited speaker, "Hallowed Places: Sites of the War of the 1812," Karpeles Manuscript Museum, Society of the War of 1812/ English Speaking Union, 2006.

Invited speaker, "The Telephone," for *Fast Forward: Science, Technology, and the Communications Revolution* at Charleston County Library, September 2006.

Invited speaker, "The Naval History of the American Revolution," Sons of the American Revolution, Gen. William Moultrie Chapter, September 7, 2006.

Symposium speaker, "*The Western Frontier: Plantation Society in Colonial New York, 1750-1775*," New York State Office of Parks/Johnson Hall State Historic Site, N.Y., November 2005.

"*The Trojan Horse of Empire: Imperial Crisis in the Trans-Appalachian West, 1760-1774*," Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Symposium, *Exploration, Nation, and Empire*, Philadelphia, Pa., April 2003.

National Park Service Round Table on "*The Significance of the Fort Stanwix Treaties in American Indian History*," Fort Stanwix National Monument, Rome, N.Y., November 2002

"*Cultural Encounters in Eighteenth-Century New York: Ordinary European and Indian Peoples on the Mohawk Frontier*," Public Lecture sponsored by New York State Council for the Humanities and Old Fort Niagara Association, Youngstown, N.Y., 2001.

II. TEACHING OVERVIEW

A. COURSES TAUGHT

1. CORE CURRICULUM COURSES

- HIST 104: Western Civilization since 1500
- HIST 105: World Civilizations to 1500
- HIST 106: World Civilizations since 1500
- HIST 201: U.S. History to 1865
- HIST 202: U.S. History since 1865

2. UPPER-LEVEL HISTORY COURSES

- HIST 300: Colonial North America, 1492-1765
- HIST 301: The American Revolution, 1754-1815
- HIST 301: The American Revolution in the Southern Colonies: Summer Travel Course
- HIST 315: American Indian History: From Precontact to the Present
- HIST 371: America's Founding Generations (Leadership Studies)
- HIST 371: The Leadership of George Washington (Leadership Studies)
- HIST 375: The French and Indian War, 1754-1763
- HIST 384: U.S. Military History
- HIST 443: Capstone Seminar: The American Revolution
- HIST 443: Capstone Seminar: 18th-Century America
- HIST 492: American Religious History, 1492-present

3. GRADUATE COURSES

- MLTH 503: U.S. Military History (Online)

- HIST 502: Early American History, 1400-1800
- HIST 590: Religion and Society in Early America
- HIST 590: Indians and Colonists in Early America
- HIST 590: American Indian History: From Precontact to the Present
- HIST 590: The Military History of the American Revolution, 1775-1783
- HIST 594: MAT: Historiography for Social Studies Teachers
- HIST 692: MAT: Teaching History Methods for Social Studies Teachers
- HIST 710: Colonial America in the British World
- HIST 710: Revolutionary America
- HIST 710: Religion and Society in Early America (Research Seminar)
- HIST 770: Independent Study (Four different topics)

B. OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

1. WORK ON MASTER'S THESIS PROJECTS:

(Director) Victoria Musheff, "Exile: Acadian French Catholics & British South Carolina, 1755-1765," (2016).

(Director) Leigh Moring, "'Rise and Fight Again': Nathanael Greene and the Liberation Of Charleston, 1781-1782" (2015).

(Director) J.B. Weber, "Reasoned Liberty: The Triumph of Liberal Republican Ideology in Revolutionary South Carolina" (2012).

(Director) Neal Polhemus, "The Great Hurricane of 1752: A Window onto the Political Culture of Colonial South Carolina" (2010).

(Director) Kristen Seielstad, "'Upon Secrecy, Success Depends': Intelligence Operations in the Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution" (2010).

(Director) Jesse Siess, "Declarations of Marital Independence: Runaway Wives in Colonial and Revolutionary South Carolina, 1732-1779" (2008).

(Director) Charles Glenn Bell, "Sedition Shops and Kings' Men: Examining the Role of the Clergy of South Carolina During the American Revolution" (2007).

(Reader) David Baluha, "This 'Pestilential Miasma' was 'Emphatically a Rice Country': Creation and Consolidation of Authority in Cane Acre, a Plantation Community in St. Paul's Parish, S.C." (2017).

(Reader): David Lewis, "Reform at KKBE Synagogue and the Civil Rights Movement: Activism, Conflict, and the Fight for Equality" (2017).

(Reader): Susannah Haury, "Rebellion, Reaction, and Repatriation: The British Occupation of Charleston, 1780-1782" (2019).

(Reader): Kelly Hogan, "Illustrated Ladies: The Body, Class, and the Exotic," (2015).

(Reader) Mitchell Locklear, "Popular Pentecostalism and American Popular Culture" (2014).

(Reader) Ivy Farr, "Republican Motherhood in the Words of Women" (2010).

(Reader) Timothy D. Fritz, "More than a Footnote: Native American and African American Relations on the Southern Colonial Frontier, 1513-1763" (2008).

(Reader) Jason Farr, "An Errand into the Backcountry: The Denominational Diplomacy of William Tennent and Oliver Hart's Mission to the South Carolina Backcountry, 1775" (2007).

(Reader) Lance Bodrero, "Waterfront Evangelism in Charleston, 1820-1860" (2006).

(Reader) James R. Silvers, ““These stones cry out’: Gravestones and Death in Charleston, 1700-1830” (2005).

(Reader) Holly A. Presnell, “It is Better to Die Like Warriors: The History and Impact of the Chickamauga Cherokees” (2005).

(Reader) Ken Witt, “Like a Slow, Gradual Fire: Spain’s Irregular War in British Strategic Planning During The Peninsular War, 1808-1814” (2019).

2. STUDENTS’ PUBLICATION, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Leigh Moring, Nathanael Greene in South Carolina (The History Press, 2016)
<https://www.arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467136860>

2018 Dent Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper:

GySgt Adam Hannah, “The Catawba Indians during the American Revolution”
(HIST 443, Capstone Seminar, 2018)

2013 Dent Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper:

Jason Mag, “Diplomacy through the Articles: John Adams’ Ministry to Great Britain 1783-1788,” (HIST 443, Capstone Seminar, 2013)

2010 Dent Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper:

Kevin Chaney, “The Value of U.S.S. *Ranger*” (HIST 443, Capstone Seminar, 2009)

Gold Star Journal articles: Scott Holmes; Mark Morrison; Judson Riser; Garrison Groh; Michael Holmes; Luke Baker.

III. SERVICE

A. SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Architect of the Online MA in Military History program, and author of proposal sent to the South Carolina Council for Higher Education, 2017-2018.

Chair, Provost’s Campus Housing Policy Advisory Committee, 2015-2018

Moderator/Organizer, “Resilient Leadership” Roundtable, 10th Annual Leadership Symposium, The Citadel, March 2017.

Organized Public Lecture by distinguished historian Matthew Davenport, author of *First Over There*, for the Friends of Daniel Library Lecture Series (October 2016)

Outside reviewer for eight tenure/promotion/post-tenure review cases, 2011-2017

1. STANDING COLLEGE-WIDE COMMITTEES

Leadership Development Council, Military Subcommittee, 2016-17
Chairman, Sabbaticals Committee, 2015-2016
SHSS Research Committee, 2014-present
Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2013-2014 (27 cases)
Sabbaticals Committee, 2012-2017
Faculty Council, 2010-2012
Employment Committee, 2004-2010
Core Curriculum Oversight Committee, 2006-present
Chair, Core Curriculum Oversight Committee, 2007-2008
Communication across the Curriculum (CAC) Committee, 2004-2009
Chair, Communication across the Curriculum (CAC) Committee, 2006-2007

B. SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

1. STANDING DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Director, Online M.A. in Military History Program, 2018-
Curriculum and Assessment Committee, 2012-2013, 2017-2018
Joint M.A. Graduate Program Committee, 2004-2012
Faculty Affairs Committee, 2008-2012, 2013-present
Chair, Search Committee for Mark Clark Distinguished Visiting Professor (2012, 2015)
Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor (2012)
Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee (2010-2012)
Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society) Advisor, 2005-2008
History Club Co-Advisor, 2003-2005

2. AD-HOC DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Author, Online MA in Military History Proposal (2017)
African-American History, Tenure Track Job Search Committee (2016-2017)
Organizer, Theaters of the American Revolution Symposium (2016): With Jim Martin
Organizer, War of 1812 Symposium (2012-2013): With Don Hickey and Amanda Mushal
Old South, Tenure-Track Job Search Committee (2008-2009)
U.S. Diplomatic history, Tenure-Track Job Search Committee (2007-2008)
Middle East/Latin America, Tenure-Track Job Search Committee (2005-2006)
Steering committee for Conference on World War II and the South (2008)
Treasurer, Society for Military History Conference Annual Meeting (2004-2005)
Leadership Studies Minor (participated in planning in 2005)
African-American Studies Minor (Open House Planning in 2004)

C. SERVICE TO STUDENTS

Tango Company/4th Battalion Academic Advisor, 2015-
Naval ROTC Detachment Certificate of Appreciation, 2013
Assistant Faculty Advisor to the Honor Committee, 2007-2008
Faculty Advisor to Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society), 2005-2008
Faculty Advisor to Cadet Running/Marathon Club, 2005-2006
Faculty Advisor, Citadel History Club, 2003-2005

D. SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Chair, Book Prize Jury for Society for Military History Book Awards, 2019-2020.

Awards Committee, Society for Military History Book Awards, 2017-2020.

Chair, of Prize Jury for the George Washington Book Prize, 2016-2017.

Board of Directors of American Associates of the National Army Museum (London, U.K.)

NEH Fellowship Selection Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2014

Manuscript referee for the following journals, 2003-2019:

Journal of American History (2019)
Journal of Early American History (2016)
Journal of Military History (2016, 2017, 2019)
William and Mary Quarterly (2004, 2006, 2014, 2015, 2016)
Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography (2005)
Early American Studies (2005)
New York History (2007 and 2016)
Pennsylvania History (2009 and 2012)
American Indian Quarterly (2010)
Journal of the Early Republic (2011, 2012)
Ohio Valley History (2013)
Marine Corps History Magazine (2019)

Book Manuscript Reviewer for the following presses:

University of Pittsburgh Press (2019)
Syracuse University Press (2018)
Harper Collins (2018)
Oxford University Press (2016, 2017, 2019)
University of Pennsylvania Press (2016)
University of North Carolina Press (2012, 2014, 2016, 2017)
Valley River Press (2012)
University of Nebraska Press (2011)
Bedford Books in American History and Culture (2011)
Michigan State University Press (2012)
University of Oklahoma Press (2012)
The History Press (2013)

Wiley Blackwell Publishers (2013)
University of Rochester Press (2013)

MILITARY SERVICE

Major (O-4), South Carolina State Guard / South Carolina Military Department

Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Civil Support Brigade, 2018-present

S.C. Meritorious Service Medal, 2018

S.C. Commendation Medal, 2019

S.C. Humanitarian Service Ribbon (Deployments during hurricanes, 2015-2019)

PERSONAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES

Amateur cellist and pianist (classically trained and active in Charleston music scene)

Photography

Historic aircraft/scale modeling

Hiking

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Society for Army Historical Research (U.K.)

Society for Military History

Society for Ethnohistory