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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of History, The University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2014-Present
Lecturer, The University of Texas-Pan American, Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Rice University, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Education

Ph.D., History, Rice University, 2012
M.A., History, Rice University, 2009
B.A., Honors History (With High Honors), The University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Publications

Books

The American Yawp: A History of the United States, Volumes I & II, co-edited with Ben Wright (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2019).
Making the Bible Belt: Texas Prohibitionists and the Politicization of Southern Religion (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).

Articles & Book Chapters

“The Heathen at our Door: Missionaries, Moral Reformers, and the Making of the ‘Mexican Problem,’” *The Western Historical Quarterly* 49 (Summer 2018), 127-153.
Winner: Western Historical Association’s Oscar O. Winther Award for best article to appear in the *Western Historical Quarterly* during the 2017-2018 academic year
“Making ‘South Texas’: Race, Religion, and the Definition of a Region, 1877-1920,” *The Journal of South Texas* 25 (Fall 2012), 20-31.
“Conquering Salem: The Triumph of the Christian Vision in Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century Texas,” *The Southwestern Historical Quarterly* 114 (January 2012), 232-257.
“Compelled to Dissent: The Politicization of Rev. John Joachim Zubly, 1760-1776,” *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 94 (Winter 2010), 453-478.

Reviews

Review of Michael Lewis, *The Coming of Southern Prohibition: The Dispensary System and the Battle over Liquor in South Carolina, 1907-1915*, in *Southern Spaces* (Forthcoming).

- Review of Patrick O'Daniel, *Crusaders, Gangsters, and Whiskey: Prohibition in Memphis*, in *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* (Forthcoming Fall 2019).
- Review of Barry Hankins, *Woodrow Wilson: Ruling Elder, Spiritual President*, in *The Journal of Southern History* (November 2018), 1041-1042.
- Review of Janet Schmelzer, *Our Fighting Governor: The Life of Thomas M. Campbell and the Politics of Progressive Reform in Texas*, in *The Journal of Southern History* 82 (February 2016), 201-202.
- Review of David O'Donald Cullen and Kyle G. Wilkison, editors, *The Texas Right: The Radical Roots of Lone Star Conservatism*, in *The Journal of Southern History*, in *The Journal of Southern History* 81 (May 2015), 524-545.
- Review of Robert Wuthnow, *Rough Country: How Texas Became America's Most Powerful Bible-Belt State*, in *The Journal of Southern Religion* 16 (2014), <http://jsreligion.org/issues/vol16/locke.html>.
- Review of H. Paul Thompson, Jr., *A Most Stirring and Significant Episode: Prohibition in Black Atlanta*, in *The Journal of Southern History* 80 (August 2014), 739-740.
- Review of Kelly McMichael, *Sacred Memories: The Civil War Monument Movement in Texas*, in *Southern Historian* 32 (Spring 2011), 94.
- Review ("Book Note") of Paul H. Carlson, *Deep Time and the Texas High Plains: History and Geology*, in *Journal of Southern History* 74 (November 2008), 1038.
- Review ("Book Note") of Wayne Grimsley, *James B. Hunt: A North Carolina Progressive*, in *Journal of Southern History* 74 (May 2008), 539-540.

Misc. Publications

- "Prohibition" and "Temperance," in *Religion and Politics in America: An Encyclopedia of Church and State in American Life*, edited by Frank J. Smith (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, July 2016)."
- Co-Author, "A Free and Open Alternative to Traditional History Textbooks," *Perspectives on History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association* (March 2015), 22-23.
- "Blackface" and "*The Jazz Singer*" in *Movies in American History: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Philip DiMare (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2011).

Presentations

- "'The Worst Sort': Southern Prohibitionists and the Racialization of Morality," American Historical Association/American Society of Church History Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. January 3-6, 2019.
- "An 'American Congo': The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands in the Anglo-American Imagination, 1880-1910," The Western Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. November 1-4, 2018.

- “Democratizing the American History Textbook: Mass Collaboration and *The American Yawp*,” The Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Sacramento, California. April 12-14, 2018.
- “America’s Pastor, Texas’s Apostle: Billy Graham’s Five-Decade Membership at First Baptist Dallas,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting. Dallas, Texas. November 9-12, 2017.
- Panelist, “Bootlegging in the Borderlands,” Bullock Texas State History Museum. Austin, Texas. October 10, 2017.
- “Open Access and the Quest for a Democratic Textbook,” BH and DH: Book History and Digital Humanities Conference. University of Wisconsin-Madison. September 22-24, 2017.
- “*The American Yawp* and Open-Source History,” The Association for Information Science and Technology 2017 Symposium, “The Information and the Technology of Open Humanities,” April 18-19, 2017.
- “Is Collaboration Worth It?” Roundtable Participant & Co-Organizer, The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. January 5-8, 2017.
- “Democratizing the Digital Humanities: *The American Yawp* as Case Study,” Invited Talk, Scholars’ Lab Speaker Series, The University of Virginia. March 19, 2015.
- “Open Texts, Digital History, and Democratic Scholarship,” Invited Talk, Talking History Series, The University of Mary Washington. March 17, 2015.
- Panel Chair, “Baltimore and the Backcountry, 1760-1835,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. November 13-16, 2014.
- “Academic Communities & Crowd-Sourced History: Creating *The American Yawp*,” First Annual Texas Digital Humanities Conference, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. April 10-12, 2014.
- “Grassroots Righteousness: Calvert District Methodists and the Allure of Moral Politics,” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. March 6-8, 2014.
- “Subduing the Saintly: Anticlericalism and the Anti-Prohibition Movement in the South,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri. October 31-November 3, 2013.
- “‘Coming into Another Country’: Race, Religion, and Early-Twentieth-Century Perceptions of Houston, Texas,” The Past and Present of Race and Place in Houston, Texas. Rice University, Houston, Texas, February 26-27, 2013.
- “The Burden of the Bible Belt: Senator Morris Sheppard and the Politics of a Christian Nation,” American Historical Association / Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3-6, 2013.
- “A ‘Frenzied Fanaticism’: The Scandal of Politicized Religion in Texas, 1908-1918,” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting. El Paso, Texas, March 3-5, 2011.

- “The ‘Rural Evangelical Virus’ Reconsidered: Agrarian Resistance to Moral Reform in Texas, 1910-1914,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting. Winter Park, Florida, June 10-12, 2010.
- “Making ‘South Texas’: Race, Religion, and the Definition of a Region, 1877-1920,” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. Houston, Texas, March 31-April 3, 2010.
- “The Southern Cleric: Religious Identity and Social Division, 1876-1918,” University of Texas American Studies Graduate Student Conference. Austin, Texas, September 24-25, 2009.
- “Challenging a Culture: White Evangelicals and the Prohibition Movement in Texas, 1885-1918.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado, April 8-11, 2009.

Digital Projects

- Co-Developer/Co-Editor, *The American Yawp* (www.americanyawp.com), Fall 2014-Present
A free and online, collaboratively built American history textbook.
 *Winner, 2014 *DH Awards*’ “Best Use of DH for Public Engagement” Prize*
- Web Developer, *The Abolition Seminar* (www.abolitionseminar.org), Fall 2013-Spring 2014
An online learning project funded by the Library Company of Philadelphia and the National Endowment for the Humanities

Courses Taught

University of Houston-Victoria

- United States History before 1877
- United States History since 1877
- Texas History
- U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
- Gilded Age & Progressive Era
- U.S. History, 1914-1945
- The Fifties & Sixties
- Recent History
- Historical Research
- Texas History (Graduate)
- U.S. South (Graduate)
- Religion in American History (Graduate)
- Gilded Age & Progressive Era (Graduate)
- U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (Graduate)

University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (formerly University of Texas-Pan American)

- United States History before 1877

United States History since 1877

Rice University

Religion in American History
American Progressivism
American Conservatism
Academic Writing and Argument

Professional Service & Development

Chair, Faculty Awards Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Manuscript Referee, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, Spring 2019
Advisory Board Member, Museum of the Coastal Bend, Spring 2018-Present
Nominating Board Committee Member, Museum of the Coastal Bend, Fall 2018-Present
Stormont Lecture Committee Member, Museum of the Coastal Bend, Fall 2018-Present
Director, History Program, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2017-Present
Advisory Board Member, *Literature in Context: An Open Anthology of Literature in English*,
Open Access Project, University of Virginia, Fall 2017-Present
Participant, NEH Summer Seminar, “Bridging National Borders,” D’Arcy McNickle Center
for American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Newberry Library (Chicago, Illinois),
Summer 2017
Chair, Martín de León Symposium Committee, UH-Victoria, Fall 2015-Present
Member, Scholarship Oversight Committee, UH-Victoria, Fall 2015-Spring 2017
Sponsor, History & Humanities Association, UH-Victoria, Fall 2014-Spring 2017
Sponsor, Walter Prescott Webb Society, UH-Victoria, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Member, Core Curriculum Committee, UH-Victoria, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Manuscript Referee, Oxford University Press, Fall 2014
Manuscript Referee, *Journal of Southern History*, Fall 2014
Faculty Leader, Dissertation Writing Group, Center for Written, Oral, and Visual
Communication, Rice University, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013
Participant, Seminar in Pedagogical Methods, Rice University, Fall 2009
Teaching Assistant, Douglas Brinkley, HIST 352: History of the Cold War, Rice University,
Fall 2009
Graduate Student Association Representative, Rice University, Fall 2008 - Spring 2009
Research Assistant for Dr. Allen J. Matusow, Rice University, Fall 2008 - Spring 2009
Editorial Assistant, *The Jefferson Davis Papers*, Rice University, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008

Media

Interviewed, “Should Churches That Support Politicians Lose Tax Exemption?” *Victoria Advocate* (July 2, 2017)
Quoted, “Is Collaboration Worth It?” *Inside Higher Education* (January 6, 2017).

Podcast, "Democratizing the Digital Humanities," Scholars' Lab Podcast, University of Virginia (April 23, 2015).

Interviewed, "Compiling an Open History Textbook," *AHA Today* (April 20, 2015).

Interviewed, "Free American History!" *Inside Higher Education* (March 11, 2015).

Interviewed, "A Conversation with Ben Wright and Joseph Locke, Editors of the American Yawp," *The American Historian* (February 2015).

Op-Ed, "The Risks of Religious Politics," *Houston Chronicle* (June 4, 2012).

Awards

Faculty Research and Scholarly Activity Excellence Award (\$1,500), University of Houston-Victoria, 2018-2019.

Oscar O. Winther Award (\$500), Western Historical Association, for the best article to appear in the *Western Historical Quarterly* each academic year, for "The Heathen at our Door: Missionaries, Moral Reformers, and the Making of the 'Mexican Problem,'" 2018

Open Education Resources Grant (\$8,000), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2018

Sarofim Teaching Fellowship (\$7,500), Humanities Research Center, Rice University, 2012

Dunlevie Teaching Fellowship (\$5,000), Rice University, 2010-2011

William and Madeline Welder Smith Research Travel Award, Dolph Briscoe Center for American History (\$1,000), University of Texas at Austin, 2009-10

Graduate Student Fellowship (\$15,000/year), Rice University, 2007-2012

Martin Parmer Scholarship in Texas History (\$1,000), University of Texas at Austin, 2007

Affiliations

The American Historical Association

The Southern Historical Association

The Western Historical Association

The Texas State Historical Association