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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D. in History, 2011

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Dissertation: "A Church in Crisis? Paradoxes in the Rise of American Methodism, 1777-1835"

Major Field: American History;

Minor Field: English Religious History

Language: German

M.A. in History, 2003

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

B.A. in History, 2001 (minor: economics)

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*, History Department Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Academic Positions held

University of South Carolina Aiken, Aiken, SC

Associate Professor of History

2017-present

June Rainsford Chair in History

2018-present

Acting Department Chair

Fall 2017

Assistant Professor of History

2012-2017

Washington College, Chestertown, MD

Undergraduate lecturer

Fall 2010

Graduate lecturer

Spring 2011-Fall 2011

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Adjunct

2004-2011

Teaching Assistant

2002-2004

Widener University, Chester, PA

Adjunct

Fall 2009

Research Interests and Current Projects

Research Interests

Family history
Legal history
Medical history
Religious history
South Carolina history

Current Projects

God, Man, and the Devil: The Life and Times of Lorenzo Dow

A cultural biography of Lorenzo Dow, renegade Methodist, prolific publisher, patent-medicine salesman, land speculator, and America's most famous trans-Atlantic itinerant.

Ellenton, 1950

A Reacting to the Past Game, focused on themes of federalism, national security, and personal liberties related to the forced relocation of the residents of Ellenton, SC to make way for the Savannah River Site, originally built to provide nuclear materials for the construction of the H-Bomb.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

"Medicine and Politics: *The Primitive Physic* and Early American Methodism" in the *Wesley and Methodist Study* 8, no. 1, 2016: 35-51.

"That Unhappy Division,' Reconsidering the Causes and Significance of the James O'Kelly Schism from a Statistical Perspective," in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 120, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 210-235.

Encyclopedia Articles

"Dow, Lorenzo," in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.

"Methodist Protestant Church," in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.

"Republican Methodists" in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017.

"Methodism," in *Miracles: An Encyclopedia of People, Places, and Supernatural Events from Antiquity to the Present*, ed. Patrick j. Hayes. ABC-CLIO, 2016.

"Abolitionist Newspapers" in *The Encyclopedia of the Early Republic and Antebellum America*, edited by Christopher Bates. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Reference, 2010.

"Evangelical Publishing" in *The Encyclopedia of the Early Republic and Antebellum America*, edited by Christopher Bates. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Reference, 2010.

Book Reviews

- “*Religion in America: A Political History*. By Denis Lacorne.” *H-FedHist, H-Net Reviews*. August, 2018.
- “*Indians in the Family: Adoption and the Politics of Antebellum Expansion*. By Dawn Peterson,” in the *Journal of Southern History* 84, no 3 (August 2018): 734-735.
- “*Objects of Devotion: Religion in America*. By Peter Manseau,” in the *Maryland Magazine of History and Biography* 112, no. 2 (fall/winter 2017): 316-317.
- “*God’s Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the Civil War*, by George C. Rabel,” *The Maryland Historical Magazine* 107 no. 2 (summer 2012): 257-258.
- “*God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution*, by Thomas S. Kidd (2010),” *History: Reviews of New Books* (December 2011).
- “*Orestes A. Brownson: American Religious Weathervane*, by Patrick W. Carey (2004),” *American Nineteenth Century History* 7, no. 1 (2006): 124-126.
- “*Common Whores, Vertuous Women, and Loeving Wives: Free Will Christian Women in Colonial Maryland*, by Deborah Meyer (2002),” *Maryland Historical Magazine* 98, no. 4 (2003): 486-487.

Referred Conference Papers and Invited Presentations

- “A Tale of Two Trials: Lorenzo Dow, the Law, and the Courts,” presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Historical Association*, Aiken, SC (Mar. 2019)
- “*Lord of the Flies? Competing States within a South Carolina Group Home for Trouble Youth*,” presented at the annual meeting of the *South Carolina Political Science Association*, Greenville, SC (Feb. 2019)
- “Contested Memorial Days: Northern and Southern Methodist Remembrances of the Civil War,” presented at the annual meeting of the *PCA/ACA*, San Diego, CA (Apr. 2017)
- “A Crisis or a Blessing? Comparative Church Responses to *United States v. Windsor* (2013) and *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2016),” presented at the annual meeting of the *PCA/ACA*, Seattle, WA (Mar. 2016)
- “Golden Plates to Pirates: A History of Mormon Advertising,” presented at the annual *PCA/ACA*, New Orleans, LA (Apr. 2015)
- “To Learn the White People,’ Lorenzo Dow and Early American Methodist Attitudes towards Native Americans,” presented at the Spring Meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, Minneapolis, MN (Apr. 2015)
- “Cover Yourself: Conservative Christian Women’s Demands for Male Modesty,” presented at the annual *PCA/ACA*, Chicago, IL (Apr. 2014)
- “Methodist Ministers and Medicine: Bodies, Souls, and Politics,” presented at the *Manchester Wesley Seminar*, Manchester, England (Nov. 2013).

- “Methodism and the Mind: Religious Understandings of Mental Illness and Healing in the Atlantic World,” presented at the annual PCA/ACA, Washington, DC (Mar. 2013)
- “An Evangelical Public Relations Campaign: The Methodist Episcopal Church and Print Culture, 1792-1834,” presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, Boston, MA (Jan. 2011).
- “Methodist Ministers and Medicine: John Wesley to Lorenzo Dow,” presented at the annual conference of the *Society of Historians of the Early Republic*, Rochester, NY (Jul. 2010)
- “Methodism in Kentucky,” presented at the Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY (Feb. 2010).
- “Lorenzo Dow, Methodism, and the Body,” presented at the annual meeting of the *American Society of Church History*, San Diego, CA (Jan. 2010).
- “Schisms and Responses: The Role of Dissent in the Rise of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a Comparative Approach,” presented at *Identity, Boundaries, and Movement in Religion Symposium*, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (Feb. 2009).
- “Nicholas Snethen and the Struggle for Lay Representation in the Methodist Episcopal Church,” presented at The Changing Face of History conference, University of Maine, Orono, ME (Oct. 2008)
- “Methodism in Virginia,” presented at the *Virginia Historical Society*, Richmond, VA (Jul. 2008)
- “Papa or Patriarch: Reconsidering the Structure of Early Quaker Families,” presented at the annual *Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists*, Newburg, Oregon (Jun. 2005)
- “Writing for America: *The Christian Advocate* and Changes in 19th Century Methodism,” presented at the *Barnes Conference*, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA (Mar. 2003)

Community Publications

The Oldest Churches in the Aiken Area (produced for the 2018 South Carolina Humanities Festival)

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors

High Impact Learning Practices Grant (USCA)	
“Ellenton, 1950: Do We Stay or Do We Go”	2019
“Developing and Analyzing Service Learning in <i>An Exploration of Poverty</i> ” (co-awarded with Dr. D. Dillard-Wright)	2016
University of South Carolina RISE Grant	2016
International Programs Choice Award (US Department of State)	2016
USCA HAS Travel Grant (7)	2013-2017

Association for Documentary Editing 2012 Summer Institute Grant (declined)	2012
Racial / Ethnic Methodist History Grant <i>General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church</i>	2011
Filson Society Fellowship <i>Filson Society, Louisville, KY</i>	2009
Mellon Research Fellowship <i>Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA</i>	2008
Provost Research Travel Grant <i>University of Delaware, Newark, DE</i>	2008
E. Lyman Stewart Fellowship <i>University of Delaware, Newark, DE</i>	2001-2002 2004
E. Lyman Stewart Fellowship for Student Internship <i>Delaware State Archives, Dover, DE</i>	2002
Emerson Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research <i>Hamilton College, Clinton, NY</i>	2000

Courses Taught

Graduate Courses

American Religious History
A Mixing of Worlds: Native American Life in the Pre and Post-Columbia Eras

Upper-Division Undergraduate Courses

American Women's History (standard and writing intensive)
Colonial America
The Early Republic
History of Illness and Medicine in the United States
History through Film: The Cold War
Poverty in America
Religion in America: A Historical Survey
Senior Capstone Seminar (writing intensive)
Topics in Religious History: Made in America (standard and writing intensive)
U.S. Constitutional History (writing intensive)

Survey Courses

History of the United States to 1865 (standard and writing intensive versions)
History of the United States from 1865 to the present (standard and writing intensive versions, face to face and online)
Western Civilization: 1300-1815
Western Civilization: 1658 to present
World History I
World History II

Honors Courses

Martin Luther King Day, Ramadan, and Christmas: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of America's Holidays (honors, co-taught with Dr. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan)
Patriots, Loyalists, and Revolution in New York City, 1775-176 (honors, invited course for Fall 2019)

USCA Undergraduate research mentored

Price, Thomas. "Exploring *Briggs v. Eliot* through the Joseph A. Delaine papers." Support for Minority Advancement in Research Training Grant, 2015, research conducted at the archives of the University of South Carolina.

Rice, Abigail. "Bryan Hall: A Case Study of Mental Health Treatment," presented at the 2019 Symposium for History Undergraduate Research at Mississippi State University (fully funded).

Whitesell, Jimi. "Churches of Aiken County." 2018 Recipient of the Rosamond Durban McDuffie Scholarship

USCA Senior Theses Supervised

South Carolina topics:

Barnhill, Brett. "The Effects of Savannah River Site on South Carolina"

Lewis, Anna. "George Galphin: The Accidental Patriot"

Price, Thomas. "Robert McCormick Figg: A Segregationist Manifesto Efforts to Preserve South Carolina's Rights"

Redd, Brandon. "William Gregg and the Graniteville Manufacturing Company: An Examination of the Fruition of Gregg's Written Philosophy on Labor"

Roach, Kevin. "The Corridor of Shame: The Fight for Schools"

Rosa-Cruza, Robert. "Bishop John England and His True Stance on Slavery"

United States topics:

Ginas, Emily. "The Influence of Female Evangelical Preachers on Nancy Towle during the Second Great Awakening"

Horton, Robert. "Nationalist Activities and the Fall of the Hawaiian Kingdom"

McNamee, Anna. "Changes in the Advertising of Patent Medicine"

Stewart, Jake. "Jacob Young: Methodist Ministers Relationships and Masculinity"

Sykes, Julius N. "Strange Bedfellows: The Evolution of Official Positions on Same-Sex Marriage in Three American Protestant Churches"

World topics:

Benson, George. "Patrick Pearse and the Catholic Church in Ireland: Conflicts following the Easter Rising" (World)

Lapan, Zachary. "Colonialism, Propaganda, and its Effect on American and
Filippino Relations in World War II"

Quirk, Andy. "The Thatcher Years: The Defining Moment for National Identity
in the United Kingdom"

USCA Independent Studies and Internships Supervised

A History of Non-Western Religions
Made in America: Religions Indigenous to North America
Redcliffe Plantation Internship, Beech Island, SC
Warriors House Internship, Aiken SC

Service

To the Profession

South Carolina Historical Association Board

Vice-President 2019-2020

Member 2017-present

Annual Conference Local Coordinator 2018-2019

The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography

Editorial Board Member 2017-present

William M.E. Rachal Award Selection Committee 2018

Manuscript reviewer 2015-present

The Maryland Historical Magazine

Manuscript Reviewer 2019-present

USC RISE Grant reviewer 2017

American Society for Church History

Program Policy Committee 2013-2017

Newsletter Co-editor 2009-2012

PCA/ACA Annual Conference, panel chair (5 panels) 2015-2017

American Friends Service Committee, archival consultant 2011-2012

English Language Institute, periodic guest lecturer 2009-2012

USCA

Salley-Pickens House Chancellor's Task Force 2018-2019

Faculty Welfare Committee

Chair 2019-2020

Member 2017-2019

Annual Faculty Evaluation Review Committee 2016-2018

Scholarship Sub-comm. 2017

College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Sub-comm., chair 2016

USCA International Student Host Family 2016-2019

Courses and Curricula Committee

Chair	2014-2016
Member	2013-2014
Academic Services Committee	2013-2016

Department

Constitution Week Organizing Committee	2017-present
Member	2017-2018
Chair	2019-2020
Department Assessment Committee, Chair	2017-present
Senior Capstone Coordinator	2012-present
Palmetto Connections	
Co-organizer	2016-2017
Panel Chair (4 panels)	2013, 2016
Department Newsletter co-editor	2016-2017
History Department Curriculum Revision Committee	2012-2013

Search Committees

20 th Century US Assistant Professor, chair	2019-2020
Southern History Assistant Professor, co-chair	2018-2019
Political Theory Assistant Professor	2017-2018
Dean of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	2014-2015
Early American Literature Assistant Professor	2014-2015
American Political Theory Assistant Professor	2017-2018
American National Government Assistant Professor	2015-2016
Twentieth Century American Assistant History Professor	2012-2013

Teaching Event Leadership

ICE Events	2013-present
The Constitution, the Law, the Courts and Religion in American History (Constitution Week, lecture)	
Alcohol, History, and the Law (Constitution Week, lecture)	
Women as Religious Leaders (Women's History Month, invited lecture)	
DACA Forum (faculty facilitator)	
Women's Event (Women's History month, invited facilitator)	
Marijuana and Due Process (Constitution Week, lecture)	
<i>Glory</i> (film discussion)	
<i>The Atomic Café</i> (film discussion)	
<i>Dr. Strangelove</i> (film discussion)	
Critical Inquiry student lectures, invited presenter	2015-2019
Immigration Laws, Presidents, and the Courts (and expanded version)	
Native Americans and the Constitution	

The Constitution and Capital Punishment	
Critical Inquiry Summer Institute, invited presenter	
Civil Discourse in the Classroom and with Colleagues (co-presented with Dr. D. Dillard-Wright)	2019
The Constitution and Immigration (co-presented with Dr. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan)	2018
High Impact Learning Practices Workshop, invited presenter	2017
Writing Intensive Workshop, invited presenter	2015, 2016
Scaffolding Assignments (co-presented with Dr. Drew Gyer)	
Writing in History	

Community

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem for abused and neglected children	2015-present
St. Augustine of Canterbury, education coordinator	2017-present
Academy of Life Long Learning Instructor	2013-present
South Carolina and the Supreme Court (invited for Fall 2019)	
Supreme Court Cases that shaped a Nation	
Understanding the Judeo-Christian-Islamic Faiths	
History of Childhood in America	
December Holidays (co-taught with Dr. Meaghan Dwyer-Ryan)	
American Women's History (invited)	
History of Immunology	
American Religions	
St. Mary's Social Studies Day Judge	2012-present
2018 South Carolina Humanities Festival Organizing Committee	2016-2018
Organizer and researcher for the Houses of Worship Tour	
Aiken County Public School District Academic Tournament Judge	2016
Choices Program, co-presenter with Dr. D. Dillard-Wright	2015
Mead Hall, invited guest lecturer	2014

Other Professional Activities

Advanced Placement US History Exam	
Reader	2007-present
Question Author	2010-2013
Assistant Editor for the <i>Charles Carroll of Carrollton Papers</i>	2012
Part-Time Assistant, University of Delaware Special Collections	2003-2006