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EDUCATION

New York University, PhD History, 2014
Dissertation: Germans in Georgia: Salzburgers, Protestant Philanthropy, and Empire, 1730 - 1800

San Jose State University, MA History, 2005
Concentration: America: Colonial to 1865

Brigham Young University, MBA, 1987

Brigham Young University, BA European Studies, 1985
Concentration: Modern Europe, Hapsburg Empire

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Genealogist®, Board for Certification of Genealogists, 2016 – 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

“English Liberties and German settlers in Colonial America: the Georgia Salzburgers’ Conceptions of Community,” *Early American Studies*, volume 11, issue 1 (Winter 2013), 37-54.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015, Kennedy Center Faculty grant, BYU
2013, Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU
2011, Outstanding Teaching Award, NYU College of Arts and Science
2011, Fritz-Thyssen Fellowship, Francke Foundations, Halle, Germany (declined)
2011-2012, Dissertation Fellowship, NYU History Department
2006 - 2011, Henry H. MacCracken Fellowship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, Fall 2014 - Present
History of the American South
History of the American Family

U.S. History up to 1877
U.S. History since 1877
Southern U.S. Family History
Family Historian's Craft

Visiting Instructor, Brigham Young University, 2013 - 2014

Instructor, Utah Valley University, 2013
U.S. History since 1877
World History

Instructor, New York University, 2010 - 2011
Early American Frontiers

Teaching Assistant, New York University, 2007-2009
Indians in North America
Women and Slavery in the Americas
Environmental History of the Early Modern World
Europe in the World, 1500-1800, New York University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Academic

"Failed Mission: Halle Pietism and the Indians in North America," Colonial Christian Missions and their Legacies Conference, Copenhagen University, Netherlands, 2015.

"For Faith and Profit: German Lutherans and the British Empire," annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Conference of British Studies, Baltimore, Maryland, 2015.

"Authority and Negotiation: Georgia Salzburgers and the Trustees," annual meeting of the British Scholar Society, Austin, Texas, 2015.

"Desiring 'Another Transport of ... German Protestants': The Salzburgers and the Appeal for German Settlement in Georgia," annual meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, Savannah, Georgia, 2013.

"Building Community and Empire in Colonial Georgia: The Correspondence Network of John Martin Boltzius," annual meeting of the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies, Vancouver, BC, 2011.

"By their honest endeavors, to turn the wilderness into a convenient habitation': Salzburger Gardens in Early Georgia," annual meeting of the Society of Early Americanists, Philadelphia, PA, 2011.

Genealogical

“Don’t Forget the Siblings!,” Rootstech, 2016.

“You’ve Mastered the Census, What Next?,” Rootstech, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
Society of Early Americanists
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
Organization of American Historians
Board for Certification of Genealogists

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Product Marketing, Vignette Corporation (now OpenText), 2005 – 2006.

Vignette’s content management software is used by universities, governments and medium-to-large businesses to manage all their information and make it digitally available to employees, partners, customers, students, and citizens.

Director, Product Management, Interwoven (now Hewlett-Packard), 2001-2004.

Managed a team with worldwide responsibility for content management software which is the foundation to build, manage and create web sites used by universities, governments and businesses. Specified product strategy and requirements; partnered with the global salesforce to meet with customers; delivered numerous presentations in conferences and other settings; developed and delivered training programs. Authored in-depth papers. Functioned as spokesperson with press and industry analysts.

Product Management and Marketing, 1987 – 2001.

Held product management and marketing positions in the information technology industry, focused primary on ease-of-use for technical and “mere mortal” users. Managed teams, set strategy, wrote product and company literature, acted as spokesperson with press and industry analysts.

Broadvision, 1999-2001.

Remedy Corporation (now BMC), 1995-1999.

Acer, 1993-1995