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Education:

Ph.D., History, University of Maryland, 2002
M.A., History, University of Maryland, 1997
B.A., History, University of Utah, 1995 (Magna Cum Laude)

Teaching Positions:

Professor, Department of History, Brigham Young University, 2018 – present
Associate Professor, Department of History, Brigham Young University, 2009-2018
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brigham Young University, 2003-2009
Assistant Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University, 2002 – 2003
Instructor, Department of History, Brigham Young University, Summer 2000
Graduate Assistant, Department of History, University of Maryland, 1995-2002

Books:

Apostle of Union: A Political Biography of Edward Everett (University of North Carolina Press, 2016)

Slavery and Politics in the Early American Republic (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006)

Editor, with David Waldstreicher, John Quincy Adams and the Politics of Slavery: Selections from the Diary (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Editor, with Katheryn P. Viens and Conrad E. Wright, Massachusetts and the Civil War: The Commonwealth and National Disunion (University of Massachusetts Press, 2015)

Editor, with John Craig Hammond, Contesting Slavery: The Politics of Bondage and Freedom in the New American Nation (University of Virginia Press, 2011)

Editor, with Nicholas Mason, The History of the Life and Adventures of Mr. Anderson by Edward Kimber (London, 1754; Broadview Press, 2009)

Dissertation:

“The Rain Between the Storms: The Politics and Ideology of Slavery in the United States, 1808-1821” – Advisor: Ira Berlin – Finalist for the 2003 C. Vann Woodward Prize of the Southern Historical Association for the best dissertation in Southern history

Journal Articles:

“The Local, National, and International Politics of Slavery: Edward Everett’s Nomination as U.S. Minister to Great Britain,” Journal of the Civil War Era 6 (March 2016): 3-29

“A Missed Opportunity? The Founding, Postcolonial Realities, and the Abolition of Slavery,” Slavery and Abolition 35 (June 2014): 199-213

“The Maine and Missouri Crisis: Competing Priorities and Northern Slavery Politics in the Early Republic,” Journal of the Early Republic 33 (Winter 2013): 675-700

“Keeping Up Appearances: The International Politics of Slave Trade Abolition in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World,” William and Mary Quarterly, 3d Series, Volume LXVI (October 2009): 809-832

“Federalists, Abolitionists, and the Problem of Influence,” American Nineteenth Century History 10 (March 2009): 1-27

“‘The Fire-Brand of Discord’: The North, the South, and the Savannah Fire of 1820,” Georgia Historical Quarterly XCII (Winter 2008): 443-59

“Slavery, Servitude, and British Representations of Colonial North America,” The Southern Quarterly, 43:4 (Summer 2006): 109-125

“Slavery and the Founding,” History Compass 4/5 (2006): 943-55

“‘Nothing is Better Calculated to Excite Divisions’: Federalist Agitation against Slave Representation during the War of 1812,” New England Quarterly 75 (December 2002): 531-61 – Winner of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts’ Walter Muir Whitehill Prize in Early American History for 2001

“The Battle of the Slaveholding Liberators: Great Britain, the United States, and Slavery in the Early Nineteenth Century,” William and Mary Quarterly, 3d Series, Volume LIX (July 2002): 665-96

“Slavery Overshadowed: Congress Debates Prohibiting the Atlantic Slave Trade to the United States, 1806-1807,” Journal of the Early Republic 20 (Spring 2000): 59-81

“‘The Hands Here are Disposed to be Turbulent’: Unrest Among the Irish Trackmen of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 1829-1851,” Labor History 39 (Aug. 1998): 253-72

Other Articles:

“Introduction: The Global Turn and Early American Studies.” Co-authored (and special issue co-edited) with Mary Eyring and Christopher Hodson. Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal 16 (Winter 2018): 1-6.

“Morality, Politics, and Compromise: The Plight and Prospects of the Moderate, Then and Now.” Common-place.org 16, no. 4 (Sept. 2016). <http://common-place.org/book/morality-politics-and-compromise-the-plight-and-prospects-of-the-moderate-then-and-now/>

“Using History to Make Slavery History: The Rise of Historians Against Slavery.” OAH Outlook 4 (Aug. 2014): 5

“‘The Sacred Ashes of the First of Men’: Edward Everett, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union, and Late Antebellum Unionism,” in Michael A. McDonnell, et al, eds., Remembering the Revolution: Memory, History, and Nation-Making in the United States from Independence to the Civil War (University of Massachusetts Press, 2013), 265-79

“The Missouri Compromise of 1820,” published May 2013 at “Essential Civil War Curriculum” website – see <http://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/>

“John Quincy Adams and the Tangled Politics of Slavery,” in David Waldstreicher, ed., A Companion to John Adams and John Quincy Adams (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), 402-21

“Necessary But Not Sufficient: Revolutionary Ideology and Antislavery Action in the Early Republic,” in Hammond and Mason, eds., Contesting Slavery (University of Virginia Press, 2011), 11-31

“A World Safe for Modernity: Antebellum Southern Proslavery Intellectuals Confront Great Britain,” in L. Diane Barnes, Brian Schoen, and Frank Towers, eds., The Old South’s Modern Worlds: Slavery, Region, and Nation in the Age of Progress (Oxford University Press, 2011), 47-65

“From the Collections: A Letter from Joshua Cushman,” Maine History 44 (Oct. 2008): 103-07

“Complicating Slavery: Teaching with Runaway Slave Advertisements from Northern Colonies,” (with Rita G. Koman) Organization of American Historians Magazine of History 17 (April 2003): 31-34

“Paddy vs. Paddy: Labor Unrest and Provincial Identities along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, 1849-1851,” in Ken Fones-Wolf and Ronald L. Lewis, eds., Transnational West Virginia: Ethnic Communities and Economic Change, 1840-1940 (West Virginia University Press, 2002), 3-17

Papers Presented:

“Judged in His Own Age’s Balance and Found Wanting: Jackson’s Whig Critics on Slavery and Race,” delivered at “Andrew Jackson at 250” conference, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions,

2 Dec. 2017

“‘Rather than recognize this wretched imposture’: Edward Everett, Rational Religion, and the Territory of Utah / Deseret,” conference, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, 17 Mar. 2017

“Transatlantic Whig Conservatism Dividing: Edward Everett and Lord John Russell during the American Civil War Era,” Twenty-Third Annual Conference of Association of British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH), Madingley Hall, Cambridge, England, 29 Oct. 2016

“‘What says the 7th of March?’ Northern Whigs, Democrats, and the Kansas-Nebraska Act as Legacy of the Compromise of 1850,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) New Haven, Connecticut, 24 July 2016

“Visions of Haiti and France: Northern Prophecies of a Long Civil War, Spring 1861,” Biennial Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 4 June 2016

“Biography and the Politics of Slavery: The Competing Priorities of Edward Everett and John Quincy Adams,” Oxford University American History Research Seminar, 26 Apr. 2016

Panelist, Plenary Session by Historians Against Slavery, “Human Trafficking in Early America” conference, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, 24 Apr. 2015

“Of Road Scholars and Historians Against Slavery: Ira Berlin’s Influence as a Public Intellectual,” “Slavery, Freedom, and the Remaking of American History: A Conference in Honor of Ira Berlin,” University of Maryland, College Park, 10 Apr. 2015

“The Doughface Meter: Southerners’ Views of Doughfaces, and Vice Versa,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Philadelphia, 19 July 2014

Panelist, “Slavery and Abolition Now and Then: Teaching, Writing, Researching and Sharing the Message,” Special Conference of BrANCH, Rice University, 3 Apr. 2014

“The Politics of Slavery and the Congressional Fight over Edward Everett’s Nomination as U.S. Minister to Great Britain,” Twentieth Annual Conference of BrANCH, Madingley Hall, Cambridge, England, 12 Oct. 2013 (organized panel)

Panelist, “Teaching Slavery and Antislavery Now and Then,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, St. Louis, 19 July 2013

“The Ladies’ Candidate: Edward Everett, the Constitutional Unionist Party, and the Election of 1860,” “Massachusetts and the Civil War,” conference at the Massachusetts Historical Society, 6 Apr. 2013

“‘The Sacred Ashes of the First of Men’: Edward Everett, the Mount Vernon Fund, and Late Antebellum Unionism,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, 15 July 2011, Philadelphia (organized panel)

“The Maine and Missouri Crisis: Time, Space, and Slavery Politics in the United States,” presented at: The 76th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, N.C., 5 Nov. 2010; and Early American Seminar, University of Virginia, 22 Feb. 2011

“The Slave Power and the Republican Revolution on the High Seas: Domestic Politics and the Abolition of the Atlantic Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century,” “Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking Through Research, Policy and Practice,” conference at Brigham Young University, 29 Oct. 2010

“A Missed Opportunity? The Founding and the Abolition of Slavery,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Rochester, New York, 23 July 2010

“Recent Scholarship on the Politics of Slavery before 1831,” Sixteenth Annual Conference of BrANCH, Madingley Hall, Cambridge, England, 17 Oct. 2009

“‘Doughface of Doughfaces’: John Holmes of Maine, Pioneering Northern Man of Southern Principles,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Philadelphia, 20 July 2008 (organized panel)

“The Strange Death of Doughfaceism: The Persistence of the Doughface Ideal in the Civil War Era,” 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., 3 Jan. 2008

“The Geopolitics of Slave Trade Abolition in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World,” “‘The bloody Writing is for ever torn:’ Domestic and International Consequences of the First Governmental Efforts to Abolish the Atlantic Slave Trade,” conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Elmina, Ghana, 9 Aug. 2007

“In Defense of the Ulterior: Partisans and Antislavery,” Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Worcester, Massachusetts, 20 July 2007 (organized panel)

“Defending Against Slavery: The Political Significance of Abolitionists in the Early Republic,” Pennsylvania History Association conference, Philadelphia, 20 Oct. 2006

“The Doughfaces: Northern Men of Southern Principles in U.S. Politics, 1819-1865,” Front Range Early American Consortium, Salt Lake City, Utah, 14 Oct. 2006

“Slavery, Servitude, and British Representations of Colonial North America,” “Atlantic History: Soundings,” the Tenth-Anniversary Conference of the Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University, 12 August 2005

“Edward Kimber’s *The History of the Life and Adventures of Mr. Anderson*,” Front Range Early American Consortium, Logan, Utah, 25 Sept. 2004

“Attacking the ‘Covenant with Death’ Across the Generations: The Link Between New England’s Federalists and Abolitionists,” New England Slavery and the Slave Trade conference of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston, 22 April 2004

“Defending Against Slavery: The Free States during the Era of Good Feelings,” Newberry Library Early American History Seminar, 21 November 2002

“The Battle of the Slaveholding Libertarians: The United States, Great Britain, and Slavery in the Early Nineteenth Century,” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, 15 August 2001

“Labor Supply in the Age of Toussaint: The Decision to Outlaw the Atlantic Slave Trade to the United

States,” Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Savannah, Georgia, 4 March 2000
– won prize for best graduate student paper

“‘Paddyism’ on the Railroad: Editors and Neighbors Respond to Violence Among the Irish Trackmen of the Baltimore and Ohio, 1829-1851,” American Conference for Irish Studies, Roanoke, Virginia, 15 May 1999

Courses Taught:

U.S. to 1877

The Civil War and Reconstruction / The Civil War Era

The Age of Washington and Jefferson

Senior Seminars – “Race in America,” “Slavery from Ancient to Modern Times,” “Biography”

The Historian’s Craft

American Heritage

Slavery in the United States

U.S. Politics, 1789-1865

British History and Culture

Religion and Politics in Early Modern England

Modern Britain

Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World

Unexpected Connections: Revolutions

Unexpected Connections: Slavery and Freedom

Introduction to Africana Studies

Book Reviews

A Strife of Tongues: The Compromise of 1850 and the Ideological Foundations of the American Civil War by Stephen E. Maizlish, in Journal of American History, forthcoming

Reluctant Reformer: Nathan Sanford in the Era of the Early Republic by Ann Sandford, in Journal of the Early Republic, forthcoming

This Vast Southern Empire: Slaveholders at the Helm of American Foreign Policy by Matthew Karp, in Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review, forthcoming

The Plantation Machine: Atlantic Capitalism in French Saint-Domingue and British Jamaica by Trevor Burnard and John Garrigus, in Journal of British Studies, forthcoming

Giant’s Causeway: Frederick Douglass’s Irish Odyssey and the Making of an American Visionary by Tom Chaffin, in American Nineteenth Century History, forthcoming

The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution by Robert G. Parkinson, in American Historical Review 122 (Oct. 2017): 1211-12

The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition by Manisha Sinha, in Reviews in American History 45 (June 2017): 259-62

Rebels in Paradise: Sketches of Northampton Abolitionists by Bruce Laurie, in Journal of the Early Republic 37 (Spring 2017): 181-83

Eighty-Eight Years: The Long Death of Slavery in the United States, 1777-1865 by Patrick Rael, in Journal of American History 103 (June 2016): 191-92

A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico by Amy S. Greenberg, in Journal of the Early Republic 36 (Summer 2016): 428-31

Wolf by the Ears: The Missouri Crisis, 1819-1821 by John R. Van Atta, in Reviews in History, online at <http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/review/1866>

The Ragged Road to Abolition: Slavery and Freedom in New Jersey, 1775-1865 by James J. Gigantino II, in American Historical Review 120 (Oct. 2015): 1485-1486

Legacies of British Slave-ownership: Colonial Slavery and the Formation of Victorian Britain by Catherine Hall et al, in Journal of British Studies 54 (July 2015): 770-771

Ambiguous Anniversary: The Bicentennial of the International Slave Trade Bans, ed. by David T. Gleeson and Simon Lewis, in Florida Historical Quarterly 93 (Spring 2015): 603-605

The Problem of Democracy in the Age of Slavery by W. Caleb McDaniel, in American Historical Review 119 (Apr. 2014): 525-26

Freedom Burning: Anti-Slavery and Empire in Victorian Britain by Richard Huzzey, in Journal of Southern History LXXX (Feb. 2014): 186-87

The Republic in Crisis, 1848-1861 by John Ashworth; and A Political Nation, ed. by Gary W. Gallagher and Rachel A. Sheldon, published on H-CivWar, 24 Aug. 2013 (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=39093>)

The Election of 1860 Reconsidered, edited by A. James Fuller, in Civil War Book Review, Summer 2013

“Internationalizing the Civil War,” review essay of The Union War by Gary W. Gallagher; and The Revolution of 1861 by Andre M. Fleche, in History: Reviews of New Books 41 (2013): 51-53

Slavery in the American Republic by David F. Ericson, in Journal of American History 99 (2012): 910-11

The Imperfect Revolution by Gordon S. Barker; and Fugitive Slave on Trial by Earl M. Maltz, in Civil War History 58 (Mar. 2012)

Paths to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World, ed. by Rosemary Brana-Shute & Randy J. Sparks, in New West Indian Guide 86 (2012): 118-19

A Slaveholders' Union by George William Van Cleve, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History 42 (Autumn 2011): 309-10

“Complexity, Change, and the Historiography of the Old South,” review essay of Deliver Us From Evil by Lacy K. Ford; and The Southern Debate over Slavery, Volume 2, ed. by Loren Schweninger, in Reviews in American History 39 (2011): 61-65

Common Bondage by Peter A. Dorsey, in Common-place 11 (Oct. 2010), at <http://www.common-place.org/vol-11/no-01/reviews/mason.shtml>

The Founding Fathers Reconsidered, by R.B. Bernstein, in American Nineteenth Century History 11 (June 2010): 253-54

“What Shall We Do with the Negro?” by Paul D. Escott, in Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association 31 (Winter 2010): 66-69

Southern Sons, by Lorri Glover, in The Southern Quarterly 47 (Fall 2009): 169-172

A Philadelphia Perspective: The Civil War Diary of Sidney George Fisher, edited by Jonathan W. White, in Civil War History 55 (Dec. 2009): 511-13

Slavery, Capitalism, and Politics in the Antebellum Republic, Volume 2 by John Ashworth, in American Historical Review 113 (Dec. 2008): 1540-41

Antislavery Politics in Antebellum and Civil War America, by Thomas G. Mitchell, in Journal of Southern History 74 (Nov. 2008): 968-69

Caribbean Exchanges by Susan Dwyer Amussen, in Journal of American History 95 (Sept. 2008): 499-500

The Missouri Compromise and Its Aftermath by Robert Pierce Forbes, distributed on H-SHEAR discussion network, 1 July 2008

Emancipating New York, by David N. Gellman; and Race and Liberty in the New Nation, by Eva Sheppard Wolf, in Civil War Book Review, Fall 2007

American Taxation, American Slavery, by Robin L. Einhorn, in Journal of the Early Republic 27 (Spring 2007): 157-62

The Sounds of Slavery, by Shane White and Graham White, and How Race is Made, by Mark M. Smith, distributed on H-South discussion network, 30 Jan. 2007

Review essay, “The Barbary Pirates, Islamic Slavery, and the West,” Itinerario 30:2 (2006): 133-38

Toussaint’s Clause by Gordon S. Brown, in The Southern Quarterly XLIII (Winter 2006): 187-90

The Final Victims by James A. McMillin, in Journal of the Early Republic 25 (Spring 2005): 130-33

Masters of the Big House by William Kauffman Scarborough, distributed on H-South discussion network, 16 Aug. 2004

A House Divided, edited by Mason I. Lowance, Jr., distributed on H-CivWar discussion network, 27 May 2003

Bathed in Blood by Nicolas Proctor, distributed on H-South discussion network, 26 Mar. 2003

A Gentleman of Color by Julie Winch, in The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography 126 (Oct. 2002): 654-57

Migrants Against Slavery by Philip J. Schwarz, in The Southern Historian 23 (Spring 2002): 134-35

Lee and His Generals in War and Memory by Gary W. Gallagher, in Maryland Historical Magazine 94 (Spring 1999): 119-20

Selected Grants and Awards

Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2015 – present

Thomas G. Alexander Award for Excellence in Scholarship, History Department, Brigham Young University (BYU), 2017-2018

Alcuin Fellowship in General Education, BYU, 2014-2016

Visiting Scholar, American Antiquarian Society, 2013

David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies research grant, BYU, 2013, 2019

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, History Department, BYU, 2009-2010

Mary Lou Fulton Young Scholar Award, BYU College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences (FHSS), 2009-2012

Faculty Research Grant, BYU College of FHSS, 2006-2007

Senior Research Fellowship in American History, Gilder Lehrman Center, 2006-2007

New Faculty Research Grant, BYU College of FHSS, 2004

Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of History, University of Maryland, 1999-2000

Distinguished Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, 1998-1999

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Maryland, 1995 - 2001

Selected University, Community, and Professional Service

Co-Editor, American Nineteenth Century History, 2018 – present

Advisory Council Member, SHEAR, 2016 – present

Co-Director of Historians Against Slavery, 2015 – present

Founding Member and Member of the National Board, Historians Against Slavery, 2011 – present

Co-Director, Rocky Mountain Seminar in Early American History, 2012 – present

Member, Black History Month Committee, BYU, 2010 – present

Chair, BYU Constitution Day Committee, 2015 – present

Conference Program Committee Co-Chair, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2018

Faculty advisor, BYU Chapter of Free the Slaves / BYU Anti-Human Trafficking Club, 2010 – 2017

Conference Program Committee Chair, Historians Against Slavery conference, 2014 – 2015

Member, Dissertation Committee for Mark Power Smith, University College London, 2018

Member, BYU College of FHSS Rank and Status Committee, 2012 – 2015

Member, Editorial Board of *Journal of American History*, 2012 – 2015

Member, Dissertation Committee for Nicholas Wood, University of Virginia, 2013

Member, Nominations Committee, SHEAR, 2009-2012

Book review editor, *H-CivWar*, June 2007 – Nov. 2011

Member, Rank and Status Committee, BYU History Department, 2009 - 2010

Member, BYU College of FHSS Curriculum Council, 2008-2009

Undergraduate Coordinator, BYU History Department, 2007-2009

Faculty advisor, The Thetean (student-run journal), BYU History Department, 2006-2007

Faculty advisor, Beta Iota Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, BYU, 2005-2006

Chair, Swensen Lecture Committee, BYU History Department, 2004-2008

Reviewer of book manuscripts, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Bedford / St. Martin's Press, University of Virginia Press, University of Georgia Press, Mc-Graw Hill, University of Illinois Press, Northern Illinois University Press, Vanderbilt University Press, Kent State University Press, Hackett Publishing, and Routledge

Reviewer of article manuscripts, *Journal of American History*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *International Social Work*, *Massachusetts Historical Review*, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, *American Nineteenth Century History*

Outside reviewer for tenure files:

Queens University at Charlotte, 2009

Ohio University, 2010

University of Victoria, 2011

San Francisco State University, 2012

University of Oklahoma, 2016

Chair and/or commentator on panels:

- 15th Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2009
- 31st Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Springfield, Illinois, July 2009
- Fifth Annual New Perspectives on African American History and Culture Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 19 Feb. 2011
- 34th Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Baltimore, Maryland, 20 July 2012
- 81st Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, 13 Nov. 2015
- "Americans Overseas: The United States in the World since 1865," a conference at the Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, 16 Apr. 2016
- 42nd Annual Meeting of The South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Salt Lake City, 17 Feb. 2017
- Modern Day Slavery Conference, Tougaloo College, Jackson, MS, March 2017
- 39th Annual Meeting of SHEAR, Philadelphia, July 2017
- 111th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Santa Clara, CA, August 2018

"Road Scholars" and "Utah Humanities Council's Public Square" Speaker, Utah Humanities Council, 2004-2013

Member, Panel on Summer Seminars and Institutes, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2010, 2013

Proposal Reviewer, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, 2015, 2017

Fellowship Proposal Reviewer, National Humanities Center, 2016, 2017, 2018

Guest speaker, George Washington Teacher Institute, Mount Vernon, April 2017