

*Curriculum Vitae*

**Jonathan Moore Atkins**

Department of History  
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**Education**

- Ph.D (History), The University of Michigan, 1991.  
Dissertation: "A Combat for Liberty': Parties and Politics in Jackson's Tennessee, 1832-1851." Dissertation Director: J. Mills Thornton, III.
- M.A. (History), Vanderbilt University, 1983.  
Thesis: "Novanglus and Massachusettensis: Different Conceptions of a Crisis."  
Thesis Director: Douglas E. Leach.
- B.A. (History), *summa cum laude*, David Lipscomb College, 1982.

**Teaching Experience**

- Professor of History, Berry College, 2003-present; responsible for general education course on Foundations of Modern American History, and for upper division courses in Colonial and Revolutionary America, the Early American Republic, Civil War and Reconstruction, the American South, and British History Since 1688; also experience teaching surveys in American History (1607-1865 and 1865-present) World History Since 1500; Historical Methods; Seminar in History, "The Creation of the Constitution," and Honors' Course, "Slavery in the Age of Freedom."
- Associate Professor of History, Berry College, 1997-2003
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, Summer 1997; taught course on United States History Since 1945.
- Assistant Professor of History, Berry College, 1991-1997
- Teaching Assistant, The University of Michigan, 1986-1989; led discussion sections, including honors section, and graded American History surveys.
- Instructor in History, Northeastern Christian Junior College (Villanova, Pa.), 1985-1986; lectured in survey courses in American History and Western Civilization.
- Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University, 1983-1984; led discussion sections and graded surveys in American History.

## Publications

### Books

Author, *From Confederation to Nation: The Early American Republic, 1789-1848*  
New York: Routledge, 2016.

Author, *Politics, Parties, and the Sectional Conflict in Tennessee, 1832-1861*. Knoxville:  
University of Tennessee Press, 1997.

Editor, *Emily Donelson of Tennessee*, by Pauline Wilcox Burke. Knoxville: University  
of Tennessee Press, 2001; originally published in 1941.

### Chapters in Books:

“Martin Van Buren and the Economic Collapse of the Late 1830s,” in Joel H. Silbey, ed.,  
*A Companion to the Antebellum Presidents* (Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell,  
2014): 131-53.

“Introduction” to J.W.M. Breazeale, *Life As It Is, or, Matters and Things in General*,  
orig. pub. 1842. Appalachian Echoes Series (Knoxville: University of Tennessee  
Press, 2009).

“The Failure of Restoration: Wartime Reconstruction in Tennessee, 1862-1865,” in W.  
Calvin Dickinson, Larry H. Whiteaker, and Kent Dollar, eds., *Sister States,  
Enemy States: The Civil War in Kentucky and Tennessee* (Lexington: University  
Press of Kentucky, 2009).

“The Southwest Territory, 1790-1796.” in Gene and Joyce Cox, eds., *History of  
Washington County Tennessee* (Johnson City, Tenn.: Overmountain Press, 2001).

“The Jacksonians,” in William L. Barney, ed., *A Companion to Nineteenth Century  
America* (London: Blackwell, Inc., 2001).

“Politicians, Parties, and Slavery: The Second Party System and the Decision for  
Disunion in Tennessee,” in Carroll Van West, ed., *Tennessee History: The Land,  
The People, and The Culture* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1998.)

### Articles

“‘The Purest Democrat’: The Career of Congressman George W. Jones.” *Tennessee  
Historical Quarterly* 65 (Spring 2006): 2-21.

“Party Politics and the Debate over the Tennessee ‘Free Negro’ Bill, 1859-1860.”  
*Journal of Southern History* 71 (May 2005): 245-78.

“Race, Freedom, and the Confederate Cause: C.R. Barteau and the Argument for  
Southern Separation.” *Journal of East Tennessee History* 70 (1998): 34-61.

- “Philanthropy in the Mountains: Martha Berry and the Early Years of the Berry Schools,” photo essay. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 82 (Winter 1998): 856-76.
- “Politicians, Parties, and Slavery: The Second Party System and the Decision for Disunion in Tennessee.” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 55 (Spring, 1996): 20-39.
- “The Whig Party versus ‘The Spoilsmen’ in Tennessee.” *The Historian* 57 (Winter 1995): 329-40.
- “The Presidential Candidacy of Hugh Lawson White in Tennessee, 1832-1836.” *Journal of Southern History* 58 (February 1992): 27-56.
- “Calvinist Bishops, Church Unity, and the Rise of Arminianism.” *Albion* 18 (Fall 1986): 411-27.
- “Novanglus and Massachusettensis: Different Conceptions of a Crisis.” *Historical Journal of Massachusetts* 13 (January 1985): 63-72.

### **Book Reviews**

- John C. Brown of Tennessee: Rebel, Redeemer, and Railroader.* By Sam Davis Elliott. *Journal of Southern History* (forthcoming).
- Andrew Jackson Donelson: Jacksonian and Unionist.* By Richard Douglas Spence. *Journal of East Tennessee History* (forthcoming).
- Reading William Gilmore Simms: Essays of Introduction to the Author’s Canon.* Edited by Todd Hagstette. *Civil War Book Review* 20 (Summer 2018): <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol20/iss3/19/>.
- The Rivers Ran Backward: The Civil War and the Remaking of the American Middle Border.* By Christopher Phillips. *American Historical Review* 122 (April 2017): 519-20.
- Founders as Fathers: The Private Lives and Politics of the American Revolutionaries.* By Lorri Glover. *The Historian* 78 (Winter 2016): 746-47.
- The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Volume IX, 1831,* ed. by Daniel Feller, Laura Eve-Moss, and Thomas Coens. *Journal of East Tennessee History* 87 (2015): 117-118.
- Earnestly Contending: Religious Freedom and Pluralism in Antebellum America,* by Dickson D. Bruce, Jr., and *Religious Freedom: Jefferson’s Legacy, America’s Creed,* by John Ragosta. *Fides & Historia* 47(Summer/Fall 2015): 194-96.
- Tennesseans at War 1812-1815: Andrew Jackson, the Creek War, and the Battle of New Orleans.* By Tom Kanon. *Journal of the Early Republic* 35 (Fall 2015): 488-91.
- A Self-Evident Lie: Southern Slavery and the Threat to American Freedom,* by Jeremy J. Tewell. *The Historian* 76 (Winter 2014): 837-39.

- Papers of Andrew Jackson*, Vol. VIII, 1830, ed. by Daniel Feller et al. *Journal of East Tennessee History* 83 (2011): 84-85.
- Democracy's Lawyer: Felix Grundy of the Old Southwest*, by J. Roderick Heller III. *Journal of Southern History* 77 (November 2011): 931-32.
- Patriotic Treason: John Brown and the Soul of America*, by Evan Garton. *The Historian* 73 (Summer 2011): 337-38.
- The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828*, by Lynn Hudson Parsons. *Journal of Southern History* 76 (November 2010): 990-91.
- Party Over Section: The Rough and Ready Presidential Election of 1848*, by Joel H. Silbey. *History: Review of New Books* 38 (October 2010): 128-29.
- Correspondence of James K. Polk*, Volume XI: 1846, ed. By Wayne Cutler, James L. Rogers II, and Benjamin H. Severance. *Journal of Southern History* 76 (August 2010): 722-23.
- Papers of Andrew Jackson*, Vol. VII, 1829, ed. by Daniel Feller et al. *Journal of East Tennessee History* 81 (2009): 67-68.
- The Lost State of Franklin: America's First Secession*, by Kevin T. Barksdale. *Journal of East Tennessee History* 80 (2008): 79-80.
- Middle Tennessee, 1775-1825*, by Kristofer Ray. *Journal of Southern History* 74 (November 2008): 953-54.
- Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times*, by H. W. Brands. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 91 (Summer 2007): 222-24.
- Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic*, by Erskine Clarke. *Florida Historical Quarterly* 84 (Spring 2006): 573-76.
- Correspondence of James K. Polk*. Volume X: July-December 1845, edited by Wayne Cutler, James L. Rogers, II, Brian E. Crowson, and Cynthia J. Rogers. *Journal of Southern History* 71 (August 2005): 683-84.
- The Urban South and the Coming of the Civil War*, by Frank Towers. H-SHEAR, H-Net Reviews, June 2005. <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-SHEAR&month=0506&week=d&msg=KLZnhh7dYhjWAd59Axa/VQ&user=&pw=>.
- A Jackson Man: Amos Kendall and the Rise of American Democracy*, by Donald B. Cole. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 64 (Spring 2005): 77-78.

*Roots of Secession: Slavery and Politics in Antebellum Virginia*, by William A. Link, and *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families Across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861*, by Joshua D. Rothman. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 88 (Spring 2004): 101-105.

*Slavemaster President: The Double Career of James Polk*, William Dusinger. H-Tennessee, H-Net Reviews September 2003. <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-tennessee&month=0309&week=c&msg=Ha50AKeXLVPg/gvhHt1JwQ&user=&pw=>

*Navigating Failure: Bankruptcy and Commercial Society in Antebellum America*, by Edward J. Balleisen. *The Historian* 65 (Winter 2003): 438-39.

*Political Culture and Secession in Mississippi: Masculinity, Honor, and the Antiparty Tradition, 1830-1860*, by Christopher J. Olsen. H-South, H-Net Reviews, September 2002. <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=h-south&month=0209&week=a&msg=UDhFYmNekWfWEJ3veTeztg&user=&pw=>

*The Peculiar Democracy: Southern Democrats in Peace and Civil War*, by Wallace Hettle. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 85 (Winter 2001): 635-38.

*The Union That Shaped the Confederacy: Robert Toombs and Alexander H. Stephens*, by William C. Davis. *Atlanta History: A Journal of Georgia and The South* 45 (Summer 2001): 53-55.

*The Croom Family and Goodwood Plantation: Land, Litigation, and Southern Lives*, by William Warren Rogers and Erica R. Clark. *Journal of the Early Republic* 21 (Summer 2001): 360-62.

*Legal Systems in Conflict: Property and Sovereignty in Missouri, 1750-1860*, by Stuart Banner. *Journal of the Early Republic* 20 (Winter 2000): 742-45.

“Rearing Wolves to Our Own Destruction”: *Slavery in Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1865*, by Midori Takagi. *Mississippi Quarterly* 53 (Spring 2000): 355-56.

*Tennesseans and Their History*, by Paul H. Bergeron, Stephen V. Ash, and Jeanette Keith. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 84 (Summer 2000): 355-56.

*Secret Yankees: The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta*, by Thomas G. Dyer. *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 124 (July 2000): 453-54.

*Louisiana in the Age of Jackson: A Clash of Cultures and Personalities*, by Joseph G. Tregle, Jr. *Journal of the Early Republic* 20 (Spring 2000): 178-80.

*Thomas Lanier Clingman: Fire Eater from the Carolina Mountains*, by Thomas E. Jeffrey. *Journal of the Early Republic* 20 (Spring 2000): 178-80.

*Running on the Record: Civil War-Era Politics in New Hampshire*, by Lex Renda. *The Historian* 62 (Fall 1999): 164-65.

- Lifting the Veil: A Political History of Struggles for Emancipation*, by Richard A. Couto. West Tennessee Historical Society *Papers* 53 (1999): 135-36.
- With Ballot and Bayonet: The Political Socialization of American Civil War Soldiers*, by Joseph Allan Frank. H-Pol, H-Net Reviews, March, 1999. URL: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=9126922805084>.
- Andrew Jackson and His Tennessee Lieutenants: A Study in Political Culture*, by Lorman A. Ratner. *Journal of Southern History* 64 (November 1998): 726-27.
- Transforming the Cotton Frontier: Madison County, Alabama, 1800-1840*, by Daniel S. Dupre. *Journal of the Early Republic* 18 (Summer 1998): 341-43.
- A Very Violent Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Ellen Renshaw House*, ed. by Daniel E. Sutherland. *Journal of East Tennessee History* 69 (1997): 124-25.
- Correspondence of James K. Polk, Vol. IX, 1844*, ed. by Wayne Cutler, et al. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 56 (Summer 1997): 147-48.
- The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Vol. V, 1821-1824*, ed. by Harold D. Moser et al. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 81 (Summer 1997): 181-82.
- The Papers of John C. Calhoun, Vol. XXII, 1845-1846*, ed. by Clyde N. Wilson. *Journal of the Early Republic* 15 (Winter 1995): 697-98.
- The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Vol. IV, 1816-1820*, ed. by Harold D. Moser et al. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 79 (Summer 1995): 478-79.
- Correspondence of James K. Polk, Vol. VIII, September-December 1844*, ed. by Wayne Cutler, et al. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 53 (Fall 1994): 220.
- Political Parties and American Political Development from the Age of Jackson to the Age of Lincoln*, Michael F. Holt. *The Alabama Review* 46 (July 1993): 231-33.
- The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Vol. III, 1814-1815*, ed. by Harold D. Moser et al. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 76 (Winter 1992): 954-56.
- Natchez Before 1830*, ed. by Noel Polk. *Journal of the Early Republic* 10 (Fall 1990): 428-29.
- Nashville, 1780-1860: From Frontier to City*, by Anita Shafer Goodstein. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 49 (Summer 1990): 131-32.

### **Encyclopedia Articles**

“Bleeding Kansas,” “Election of 1840,” “Election of 1844,” “James K. Polk,” “John Tyler,” and “Andrew Johnson,” entries in *Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010).

- “Election of 1844,” essay in *American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A Reference Guide*, ed. Ballard Campbell and William G. Shade (New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2003).
- “Election of 1840,” essay in *American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A Reference Guide*, ed. Ballard Campbell and William G. Shade (New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2003).
- “Berry College,” entry in *The New Georgia Encyclopedia*, ed. John C. Inscoe (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2003). Web site: <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?path=/Education/HigherandPostsecondaryEducation/PrivateHigherEducation/FourYearColleges&id=h-854>
- “Whig Party,” extended essay, plus biographical and glossary entries related to subject, in Immanuel Ness and James Ciment, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Third Parties in America* (New York: Sharpe Reference, 2000).
- “Aaron V. Brown,” “William G. Brownlow,” “Cave Johnson,” “Wilson Lumpkin,” “John Rhea,” and “Hugh Lawson White,” entries in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
- “John Bell,” “Newton Cannon,” “William Carroll,” “Ephraim Foster,” “Felix Grundy,” “Immortal Thirteen,” “James C. Jones,” “William B. Lewis,” and “Hugh Lawson White,” *Tennessee Encyclopedia* (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Society, 1998).
- “The Jacksonians,” thematic essay in *Tennessee Encyclopedia* (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Society, 1998).

### **Papers, Conference Presentations, and Public Lectures**

- “The Origins of the Electoral College,” public lecture presented at meeting of Sons of the American Revolution, December 7, 2017.
- “Political Reconstruction in the South,” public lecture presented at Rome Area History Museum, April 19, 2016.
- Public Lecture, “Winston Churchill: The Man and His Accomplishment,” opening for exhibit “The Art of Diplomacy: Winston Churchill and the Pursuit of Painting,” Oak Hill and the Martha Berry Museum, Berry College, February 16, 2015.
- Panelist, “Understanding the Intertwinings,” Reinhardt University History Symposium, “Intertwining Gold, Religion & Education in Northwest Georgia,” Reinhardt University, Waleska, Georgia, March 23, 2013.
- Comment at Session, “Inquiries into Alexander Campbell as a Philosopher of Religion,” Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, June 7, 2012
- Introductory Lecture, “The Red Stain of the Land: Louisa May Alcott and the Civil War,” Symposium on “Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind *Little Women*,”

sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Rome/Floyd County Public Library, September 13, 2011.

“Reluctant Confederates: Tennessee in the Secession Crisis,” Lecture for Metro Historical Commission Conference on Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Nashville, Tennessee, April 9, 2011

Chair and Comment at Session, “New South Education in Northern Georgia,” Georgia Association of Historians Annual Conference, February 25, 2011, Savannah, Georgia.

Comment at session, “Traveling Along the Mississippi, Cumberland, and the Tennessee: 19th Century Southern Politics,” Tennessee Conference of Historians, Nashville, September 30, 2006.

“Andrew Jackson,” Lecture for American Biography Series, sponsored by Georgia Historical Society, January 27, 2006, Savannah, Georgia.

“The Purest Democrat: The Career of Congressman George W. Jones,” Tennessee Conference of Historians,” September 18, 2004, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

Chair at session, “Culture and Politics in Late Antebellum Tennessee,” Tennessee Conference of Historians, September 27, 2003, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

“Party Politics and the ‘Dangerous Element’: The Failure of the Tennessee ‘Free Negro’ Bill, 1859-1860,” 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association, October 27, 2002, St. Louis, Missouri.

Chair at session, “Early Tennessee History,” Ohio Valley History Conference, October 22, 1999, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee.

Commentator at session, “Women on the Early American Republic,” Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2, 1999, San Antonio Texas.

Commentator at Phi Alpha Theta Session, Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, Southern Historical Association, November 12, 1998, Birmingham, Alabama.

“Race, Freedom, and the Confederate Cause: C.R. Barteau and the Argument for Southern Separation.” Nineteenth Annual Mid-America Conference on History, September 18, 1997, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

“Politics, Slavery, and Union: The Unionist Party Argument in Tennessee, 1860-1861.” Sixtieth Annual Meeting, Southern Historical Association, November 11, 1994, Louisville, Kentucky.

“‘Texas or Disunion!’: Tennessee Whigs and the Expansion Issue.” Sixteenth Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, July 15, 1994, Boston, Massachusetts.

“The Triumph of Democracy: The Politics of Realignment in Tennessee, 1851-1856.”  
Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, Southern Historical Association, November 7, 1992  
Atlanta, Georgia.

“‘The People’ versus ‘The Spoilsmen’: The Whig Party in Tennessee, 1836-1851.”  
Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Society for Historians of the Early American  
Republic, July 18, 1992, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

“The Jacksonians,” Tennessee Historical Society Lecture Series, September 25, 1997,  
Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

“The Union Party in Tennessee,” Chattanooga Civil War Round Table, January 20, 1998,  
McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### **Professional Activities**

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2012-2014  
James A. Rawley Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2009  
Advisory Board, Tennessee State Museum Web Site Project, 2006-2009.  
Panel Reviewer, U. S. Department of Education’s “Teaching American History” Grant  
Program, 2003-2006.  
Reviewer for Collaborative Research program applications for the National Endowment  
for the Humanities, 1998, 1999.  
Member, Board of Editors, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 2006-2019  
Member, Board of Editors, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 2000-2009  
Member, Board of Editors, *Atlanta History: A Journal of Georgia and The South*, 2000-  
2003  
Referee services for fourteen academic journals and presses.

### **Professional Affiliations**

Conference on Faith and History  
Organization of American Historians  
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
Southern Historical Association  
Tennessee Historical Society

### **College Activities**

Member or Chair of twenty-eight various College and School standing or ad hoc  
committees.  
Acting Dean, Evans School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Spring 2016  
Interim Dean, Evans School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2006-2007  
Chair, Department of History, 2001-2006  
Academic Council, Evans School of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative,  
2003-2005  
Parliamentarian, Faculty Assembly, 2000-2001  
Academic Council, Faculty Assembly Representative, 1999-2001  
Coordinator, Department of History, 1994-1995, 1997-1999

## Awards

Winner of 2011 Omicron Epsilon Delta Leadership Recognition Award for service to College.

Winner of 2005 Mary S. and Samuel Poe Carden Award for outstanding teaching, scholarship, and service at Berry College.

Winner of 2000 Dave and Lu Garrett Award for Meritorious Teaching at Berry College.

*Politics, Parties, and the Sectional Conflict in Tennessee, 1832-1861*, winner of the 1997 Tennessee History Book Award, sponsored by Tennessee Historical Commission and Tennessee Library Association.

“Politicians, Parties, and Slavery: The Second Party System and the Decision for Disunion in Tennessee,” winner of 1997 John Trotwood and Mary Daniel Moore Award for Best Article in Volume 55 of *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*.