

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D (History), The University of Michigan, 1991
M.A. (History), Vanderbilt University, 1983
B.A. (History), *summa cum laude*, David Lipscomb College, 1982

Professional Experience

Professor of History, Berry College, 2003-present
Associate Professor of History, Berry College, 1997-2003
Visiting Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, Summer 1997
Instructor in History, Northeastern Christian Junior College (Villanova, Pa.), 1985-1986

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.

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).

Book Reviews

Forty-eight reviews published in twenty-one academic journals and websites.

Papers, Conference Presentations, and Public Lectures

“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," 27th 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*, 2006-2014
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 thirteen academic journals and presses.

Professional Affiliations

Organization of American Historians
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Southern Historical Association
Tennessee Historical Society

College Activities

Member or Chair of thirty 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
Coordinator, Department of History, 1994-1995, 1997-1999

Awards

2011 Omicron Epsilon Delta Leadership Recognition Award for service to College.
2005 Mary S. and Samuel Poe Carden Award for outstanding teaching, scholarship, and
service at Berry College.
2000 Dave and Lu Garrett Award for Meritorious Teaching at Berry College.
1997 Tennessee History Book Award for *Politics, Parties, and the Sectional Conflict in
Tennessee, 1832-1861*
1997 John Trotwood and Mary Daniel Moore Award for Best Article in Volume 55 of
Tennessee Historical Quarterly for “Politicians, Parties, and Slavery: The Second
Party System and the Decision for Disunion in Tennessee”