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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, January 2003, Rice University

- dissertation entitled, "Southern Small Towns: Society, Politics, and Race Relations in Clinton, Louisiana, 1824-1880," directed by John B. Boles
- fields of study: - Southern history, 19th Century America with John B. Boles
- Legal and Constitutional history with Harold M. Hyman
- Caribbean history with Edward L. Cox

M.A. in History, May 1997, Rice University

B.A. in History, *summa cum laude*, with departmental honors, May 1994, Centenary College of Louisiana

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Louisiana Tech University, Fall 2004-present

Editor, McGinty Publications, Louisiana Tech University, Fall 2004-present

Assistant Professor of History and Graduate Faculty, Department of Social Sciences,
Northwestern State University, Fall 2002-August 2004

Book Review Editor, *Southern Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of the South*, Fall 2003-present

Adjunct Instructor of History, Houston Community College—Southwest, Spring 2002

Visiting Instructor of History, Department of History and Political Science, Centenary College of Louisiana, Fall 2001

Coordinator, Hewlett First-Year Seminar Project, 1999-2001

- Grant awarded to Rice University by the Hewlett Foundation to promote interdivisional and interdisciplinary study in a research university setting

Research Assistant, *The Papers of Jefferson Davis*, 1994-2001

Student Archives Assistant, Woodson Research Center, Special Collections, Rice University, 1997-1998

Research/Teaching Assistant for Professor Harold M. Hyman, Rice University, 1995

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

NEH Summer Institute, "African-American History as Public History: South Carolina as a Case Study," directed by Robert Weyeneth and Connie Schulz, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, July-August 2007

NEH Summer Seminar, "Faulkner and Southern History," directed by Don H. Doyle, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, June-July 2005

GIS training, National Park Service, Cultural Resources Geographic Information Services National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Sept. 22-24, 2004

National Historical Publications and Records Commission Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, Madison, Wisconsin, June 21-27, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Southern Small Towns: Society, Politics, and Race Relations in Clinton, Louisiana, 1824-1880, Accepted for publication by Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Louisiana – Lafayette, and currently under revision

"The Battle for Beauvoir: Who Won the Lost Cause," *Journal of Mississippi History*, forthcoming

Book review in *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming: *Rethinking Home: A Case for Writing Local History*, by Joseph A. Amato (U of Ca. Press, 2002)

Book review in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, forthcoming: *Louisianians in the Civil War*, ed. by Lawrence Lee Hewitt and Arthur W. Bergeron, Jr (U of Mo., 2002)

Book review in *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*: James G. Hollandsworth, Jr., *An Absolute Massacre: The New Orleans Race Riot of July 30, 1866* (LSU, 2001).

Booknote in *The Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming: Glenn R. Conrad, ed., *The Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Series in Louisiana History, Vol. III: The Louisiana Purchase and Its Aftermath, 1800-1830*, Dolores Egger Labee, ed., 1998, forthcoming.

Booknote in *The Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming: Glenn R. Conrad, ed., *The Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Series in Louisiana History, Vol. XVI: Agriculture and Economic Development in Louisiana*, Thomas Becnel, ed., 1997, forthcoming.

Booknote in *The Journal of Southern History*, LXIV (May 1998), 408: *Historical Atlas of Louisiana*, by Charles Robert Goins and John Michael Caldwell.

Booknote in *The Journal of Southern History*, LXIV (May 1998), 409: *Louisiana's Capitols: The Power and the Beauty*, photos by Philip Gould, text by Lawrence N. Powell.

PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable Discussant: "Teaching History in Louisiana Colleges and Universities," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2008

Commentator: "Marginalization: Challenges to De Jure Social Practices," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2008

Panel Chair: "19th Century America," Phi Alpha Theta National Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, January, 2008

"The Problems with Jamestown," Historical Happenings Series, Lincoln Parish Library, October, 2007

"Public History Internships from the Academic Perspective," American Association of State and Local History National Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, September, 2007

"Why is Alexander Hamilton on the Ten-Dollar Bill," Historical Happenings Series, Lincoln Parish Library, April 2007

Panel Chair: Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2006

Commentator: "African Americans in Louisiana," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2005

Panel Chair: "Got Religion?" Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2005

Panel Chair: "The Rise and Fall of Heroes in Louisiana," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting, Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Hammond, Louisiana, March 2004.

"Bulldozing John Gair: The Forgotten Assassination of a Black Republican Leader," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2003.

"From Homefront to Battlefield: The Civil War in Clinton, Louisiana," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Hammond, Louisiana, March 2001.

"The Battle for Beauvoir: Who Won the Lost Cause?" Seventeenth Annual Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Hammond, Louisiana, October 1998.

"Southern Sanitariums in the Nineteenth Century: Paternalism, Due Process, and the Louisiana State Insane Asylum," Houston Area Southern Historians Meeting, September 1996.

"Of Laws and Landscapes: Slave Law in Antigua and St. Vincent, 1797-1823," Caribbean Studies Association Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 1996.

"The Viability of Small-Town Slavery: Clinton, Louisiana, 1850-1860," Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Hammond, Louisiana, March 1996.

"A Social Portrait of the Free Citizens of Clinton, Louisiana, 1860," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Meeting in conjunction with the Louisiana Historical Association Meeting, Natchitoches, Louisiana, March 1993.

PUBLIC HISTORY

"Focus On:" Series, Louisiana Tech University public exhibitions

- Glimpses of Russia, 2008

- Glimpses of China, 2007

"Broken Pieces: Rural Louisiana After the Hurricanes"

- Exhibit curated by Tech history students under my direction & designed by architecture students directed by Troy M. Malmstrom; funded by UL System and Learn & Serve

"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America"

- Traveling exhibit from NEH, ALA, & NYH-S; organized speaker series & grand opening

150th Anniversary historical exhibit, Town of Clinton, Louisiana, November 2002

Friends of Old Centenary State Commemorative Area, Charter Member, 1995-present

- Old Centenary State Commemorative Area serves as an interpretive site for 19th-Century higher education in Louisiana. I facilitated the transfer of over 100 books with copyrights dating from about 1825-1880 from the College's library attic to the Site for preservation and display.

East Feliciana Parish Pilgrimage and Garden Club Docent, 1982-present

- Public history presentations during annual tours of historic homes

HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

"Teaching America's History," teaching Colonial American History to 5th Grade educators, U.S. Department of Education Grant to Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and Caddo Parish Schools:

- Colonial American History, 2006

- The Founding Era, 2007

- Colonial Americans, Who Were They?, 2008

"Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America," a museum exhibit presented by the New York Historical Society, the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, and the American Library Assn., selected as one of only 40 host sites in the country

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004, nominated by student Andrew Jackson Halford Student Technology Fee Grant Proposal, October 1, 2003, fully funded, highest ranked grant

- Requested approximately \$9,200 to create a technologically integrated classroom (computer, projector, DVD and CD-ROM players, speakers) for History faculty

Historical Maps Project, Grant awarded by the Cane River National Heritage Area, July-Dec, 2004

- to locate maps of the Cane River Region of Louisiana from the colonial era to the present, gain copyright permission, and acquire digital images for inclusion in a Geographic Information System (GIS) database

Hugh F. Rankin Prize, Louisiana Historical Association

- awarded for best graduate level paper on Louisiana History, 1995: "The Viability of Small-Town Slavery: Clinton, Louisiana, 1850-1860"

Departmental fellowship, Rice University, 1994-1998

- received for the maximum allowable 4 years

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1994

Leroy Vogel Award, Centenary College, 1994

- outstanding graduating senior in History and/or Political Science

Outstanding American History Student Award, Centenary College, 1994

Alpha Chi, Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship, 1993-1994

- one of six awarded nationally

Judge Chris Barnette Award, Centenary College, 1993

- outstanding student in international history and/or political science

Alpha Chi, national honor society, inducted 1993

Phi Alpha Theta, international history honor society, inducted 1992, president 1993, chapter advisor for NSU Pi Chapter, and currently for La. Tech Lambda Rho Chapter

Phi Eta Sigma, national freshman honor society, inducted 1991

Centenary College Trustee Scholar, 1990-1994

- one of six awarded yearly

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Louisiana Tech Dept. of History, Library Committee Chair, 2005-present

Louisiana Tech Dept. of History, Textbook Committee Chair, 2005-present

Reviewer for Fellowship Applications to American Foreign Policy Center at Louisiana Tech University

Graduate Scholarship Committee, 2004-05

Social Studies Fair: Judge 2003, 2004; Assistant Director 2003-04

NSU School of Social Sciences Textbook Committee, 2004

School of Social Sciences Honor Committee, 2003-04

Faculty Search Committees, 2003, 2004, 2005

"Preparing College Faculty for Redesign: Content, Technology and Standards" workshop series 2002-2003

"Critical Challenges in Distance Education: Cheating and Plagiarism Using the Internet" workshop, April 3, 2003

"Human Participant Protections Education for Research" course from the National Institutes of Health, March 25, 2003

Northwestern State University Blackboard Training, November 15, 2002

Honor Council Graduate Representative, Rice University, 2000-2002

University Student Health Committee Graduate Representative, Rice University, 1996, 2000-01

Graduate Student Association, History Department Representative, Rice University, 1996-97

Department of History "Beer Barrel" Seminar Series, Student Coordinator, Rice University, 1995-96

Academic Affairs Committee Social Sciences Student Representative, and Petitions Sub-Committee Student Representative, Centenary College, 1993-94
Advisor (current) & President(1993-94), Phi Alpha Theta
Vice President, Phi Eta Sigma, Centenary College, 1992-93

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On-air volunteer for Red River Radio, northwest Louisiana's National Public Radio station

Served on panel at Centenary College, discussing the historical implications of Kappa Alpha Order's "Old South Ball," both as a professional historian and as an alumna of the college

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency in German

CURRENT ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of State and Local History
- Educators' and Interpreters' Committee

American Historical Association

East Feliciana Parish Historical Association

Louisiana Historical Association

- Board of Directors, 2005-2008

- Publications Committee 2003-2006

- Program Committee 2004, 2005

National Council for Public History

Southern Historical Association