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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy  
University at Albany, State University of New York, 2003

Master of Liberal Arts  
University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1996

Bachelor of Arts in History  
University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1991

Bachelor of Arts in Literature  
University of North Carolina-Asheville, 1991

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2009-Present: Associate Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2003-2009: Assistant Professor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2002-2003: Ad-Interim Instructor of History, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2001-2002: Adjunct Instructor of History, Guilford College

2001: Adjunct Instructor of History, University at Albany, State University of New York

2000: Adjunct Instructor of History, State University of New York College at Oneonta

<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>
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**Books**

"*The Perfect Rule of the Christian Religion*": A History of Sandemanianism in the Eighteenth Century  
Albany: State University of New York Press, 2008

"*To Hear News from Heaven*": A History of the First Great Awakening in America (Book manuscript--in progress)

**Articles**

"Sober Dissent' and 'Spirited Conduct': The Sandemanians and the American Revolution, 1765-1781,"  
*Historical Journal of Massachusetts* XXVIII, No. 2 (Summer 2000): 142-166

**Items in Reference Works**

*The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, Lynn Dumenil and Paul S. Boyer, eds., "Great Awakenings," New York: Oxford University Press, 2012

*African-American National Biography*, Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn B. Higginbotham, eds., "Samuel Fraunces," "Thomas Jeremiah", "Anthony Johnson", "Christopher McPherson", "Vincent Populus", New York: Oxford University Press, 2008

*Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775: A Political, Social, and Military History*, Spencer C. Tucker, ed., s.v. "Albany Conference," "Black Robes," "Captivity Narratives," "Gaspee, burning of the (9 Jun. 1772)," "Golden Hill, Battle of (19 Jan. 1770)," "Jesuits," "Praying Indians/Praying Towns," "Puritans," "Quaker Pacifism," "Rowlandson, Mary White (1653-1678)," "Sons of Liberty," Santa Barbara: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2008

*Britain and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History: A Multidisciplinary Encyclopedia*, Will Kaufman and Heidi Slettedahl MacPherson, eds., s.v. "Colonists and Settlers: British in North America," "Lexington and Concord, Battles of (1775)," "Loyalism and Loyalists (US)," Santa Barbara: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2005

*Encyclopedia of New York State*, Peter R. Eisenstadt, ed., s.v. "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts," Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2005

*Dictionary of American History*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Andrew Reiser, ed., s.v. "Eagle, American," New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2002

*Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*, Brenda Brasher, ed., s.v. "Sanctification," Great Barrington, Mass.: Routledge Press/Berkshire Reference Works, 2001

**Essays in Books**

"Great Multitudes Flocking after Him': The Great Awakening among Common People," in John A. Grigg ed., *British Colonial America: People and Perspectives (Perspectives in American Social History, Vol. I)*, Santa Barbara, CA: Oxford University Press/ABC-CLIO Publications, 2008

"The Promised Day of the Lord': American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1735-1783," in Richard Connors and Andrew Colin Gow, eds., *Anglo-American Millennialism from Milton to the Millerites (Studies in the History of Christian Traditions, Vol. 113)*, Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004

"Yes, the Great Awakening Was a Key Factor Leading to the American Revolution," in Keith Krawczynski, ed., *History in Dispute: The American Revolution*, Detroit: Thomson/Gale, 2003

**Book Reviews**

Untitled Review of *God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution*, by Thomas S. Kidd (New York: Basic Books, 2010), *The History Teacher* (August 2011)

Untitled Review of *Captive Histories: English, French, and Native Narratives of the 1704 Deerfield Raid*, by Evan Haefeli and Kevin Sweeney (Amherst and Boston: University of Massachusetts Press, 2006), *The Historical Journal of Massachusetts* (Summer 2009)

"Can Two Walk Together, Except They Be Agreed?" review of *Beyond Toleration: The Religious Origins of American Pluralism*, by Chris Beneke (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (October 2007)  
<http://www.common-place.org/vol-08/no-01/reviews/smith.shtml>

- "Missed Opportunities," review of *At Ease in Zion: Social History of Southern Baptists, 1865-1900*, by Rufus B. Spain (Reprint, Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2003), H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences (May 2004) [www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews](http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews)
- "One Great Conversation," review of *Theology in America: Christian Thought from the Age of the Puritans to the Civil War*, by E. Brooks Holifield (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2003), *Common-place: The Interactive Journal of Early American Life*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (April 2004) [www.common-place.org/vol-04/no-03/reviews/smith.shtm](http://www.common-place.org/vol-04/no-03/reviews/smith.shtm).

<b>CONFERENCES &amp; COLLOQUIA</b>
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- 15 November 2013, Researching New York Annual Conference, Session Chair/Commentator, "Great Awakenings," Albany, N.Y.
- 18 November 2011, Researching New York Annual Conference, Session Chair/Commentator, "Faces and Places of Revolutionary New York," Albany, N.Y..
- 23 October 2011, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Session Chair/Organizer, "Southern Crucible: Paradigms of Race and Religiosity in Colonial Georgia," Baltimore, MD
- 26 February 2010, *Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850 Annual Meeting*, Session Commentator, "In the Name of the King: Royal Authority in the American Colonies," Charleston, S.C.
- 11 April 2009, *Southwestern Historical Association/Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Land and Water," Denver, CO
- 7 June 2008, *The 29<sup>th</sup> Conference on New York State History*, Session Commentator, "The American Revolution," Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 12 April 2008, *Phi Alpha Theta North-Central and Northeast Texas Regional Meeting*, Session Chair/Commentator, "Surviving Natural and Man-Made Maladies," Fort Worth, TX
- 15 March 2008, *Southwestern Historical Association/Southwestern Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting*, "More Like True Religion Than Anything I Ever Observed': Asserting the American Indian Presence in the First Great Awakening," Las Vegas, NV
- 10 June 2007, *Joint Meeting: Thirteenth Annual Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference and Fifth Biennial Society of Early Americanists Conference*, "Do Not 'Make Medicine' But Pray": Religious and Cultural Revivalism among Eastern Woodlands Indian Peoples, 1755-1775," Williamsburg, VA
- 14 April 2006, *Southwestern Social Science Association/Southwestern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Session Commentator, "Conflict, Crisis, and Currency in Early America," San Antonio, TX
- 7 January 2006, *American Society of Church History Winter Meeting*, "May God Preserve Our [Churches] Amidst All Attacks': Sandemanianism and Calvinism in Pre-Revolutionary New England," Philadelphia, PA
- 16 September 2005, *East Texas Historical Association Fall Meeting*, Phi Alpha Theta Session Chair, Nacogdoches, TX
- 17 April 2002, *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Spring Colloquia Series*, "A Salvation from Heaven': The Fate of Dissenting Protestantism in British North America, 1745-1775," Williamsburg, VA
- 10 July 2001, *Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Seventh Annual Conference*, Session Commentator, "Rethinking Religion in a Commercial World: Contexts, Contest, and the Meaning of Revolutionary Community," Glasgow, Scotland
- 4 January 2001, *British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference*, "A Principle of Duty': American Anglicanism in the Crucible of Revolution, 1760-1783," Oxford, England
- 30 October 2000, *Center for Millennial Studies Fifth Annual Conference*, "The Promised Day of the Lord': American Millennialism and Apocalypticism, 1755-1783," Boston, MA.
- 29 April 2000, *Joint Meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Catholic Historical Association*, "Patriots of Necessity: The Baptist Commitment to the American Revolution Reconsidered," Santa Fe, N.M. (Session/Panel Co-Organizer)
- 16 October, 1999, *New England Historical Association Fall Conference*, "Sober Dissenters': The Sandemanians and the American Revolution, 1765-1781," Boston, MA.

- 29 June 1999, *Brunel-Cambridge Conference on Early American History and Culture*, "The Pretense of Agreement: A Reevaluation of the Baptist Commitment to the American Revolution, 1765-1783," London, England
- 4 March 1999, *Society of Early Americanists First Biennial Meeting*, "'Spirited Conduct': The Sandemanians of Boston, 1766-1778," Charleston, S.C.

<b>GRANTS &amp; AWARDS</b>
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- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2013  
*"To Hear News from Heaven": A History of the First Great Awakening in America*
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Faculty Research Enhancement Grant, AY 2012-2013  
*"To Hear News from Heaven": A History of the First Great Awakening in America*
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, April 2011
- Texas A&M University-Commerce, Research Mini-Grant, June 2006  
*"The Perfect Rule of the Christian Religion": A History of Sandemanianism in the Eighteenth Century*
- The David Library of the American Revolution, Residential Fellowship, July-August 2001  
*"They Suffer Only for Righteousness' Sake': The Glasite-Sandemanian Movement in the British-American Atlantic World, 1720-1790"*
- University of Glasgow, Early American Studies Fellowship, June 2001
- University at Albany Graduate Student Organization, Research Grant, March 2000  
*"They Suffer Only for Righteousness' Sake': The Glasite-Sandemanian Movement in the British-American Atlantic World, 1720-1790"*
- University at Albany Benevolent Association, Research Grant, December 1999  
*"They Suffer Only for Righteousness' Sake': The Glasite-Sandemanian Movement in the British-American Atlantic World, 1720-1790"*