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### ***Education***

Ph.D., Columbia University, 1998. Awarded with distinction. Dissertation title: "From Yeoman to Redneck in Upstate South Carolina, 1850-1915." Adviser: Barbara J. Fields.

B.A., Columbia University, 1988. Phi Beta Kappa. Summa cum laude.

### ***Professional Employment***

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Assistant professor, 1999-2006. Associate professor, 2006-present.

Freedmen and Southern Society Project, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Assistant Editor, 1997-99.

University of Maryland, College Park, MD. Lecturer, 1999.

Columbia University, New York, NY. Preceptor in Contemporary Civilization, 1994-96.

### ***Manuscript in Progress***

*A Constitutional Lost Cause: The Fifteenth Amendment in American Memory and Political Culture, 1870-1920.*

### ***Books***

Co-editor, *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867*, series 3, volume 2, *Land and Labor, 1866-67*. University of North Carolina Press, 2013. Awarded the 2015 Thomas Jefferson Prize for documentary editing by the Society for History in the Federal Government.

*From Yeoman to Redneck in the South Carolina Upcountry, 1850-1915*. University of Virginia Press, 2008.

### ***Articles and Book Chapters***

"Remembering Reconstruction in Its Twilight: Ulysses S. Grant and James G. Blaine on the Origins of Black Suffrage." *Journal of the Civil War Era* 10 (December 2020): 495-523.

"'A Hot Municipal Contest': Prohibition and Black Politics in Greenville, South Carolina, after Reconstruction." *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 11 (October 2012): 519-51.

"'A General Remodeling of Every Thing': Economy and Race in the Post-Emancipation South." In Thomas J. Brown, ed., *Reconstructions: New Perspectives on the Postbellum United States*. Oxford University Press, 2006. Paperback, 2008.

"Minute Men, Yeomen, and the Mobilization for Secession in Upcountry South Carolina." *Journal of*

*Southern History* 71 (February 2005): 75-104.

### ***Additional Publications***

“What History Says about the Jan. 6 Committee Investigation,” *Washington Post*, March 13, 2022.

“‘It Is No Part of Our Duty to Confound Right with Wrong’: Frederick Douglass And Ulysses S. Grant On Reconciliation And Its Pitfalls.” Muster, blog of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, Jan. 2021. Republished on billmoyers.com.

### ***Conference Papers***

“Another ‘Forgotten’ Section of the Fourteenth Amendment: The Failed Campaign to Reduce Southern Representation at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” Biennial meeting of the American Political History Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn, June 2024.

“Roundtable: Emancipation and the Freedmen and Southern Society Project.” Annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Memphis, TN, Nov. 2020 (held on-line due to COVID).

“Section Two and the Retreat from Reconstruction.” Paper delivered at “The Many Fourteenth Amendments” conference. University of Miami. Miami, FL. March 2018.

“‘Bitter Memories’ and ‘Disagreeable History’: Remembering Reconstruction in the Lodge Election Bill Debates of 1890.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association. San Diego, CA. April 2017.

“A Constitutional Lost Cause: The Fifteenth Amendment in American Memory and Political Culture, 1870-1920.” Brown Bag Luncheon Presentation at the Massachusetts Historical Society. Boston, Mass. March 2017.

“‘Rendered Absolutely Necessary ... by the Truculence of the Southern States’: Republican Memoirists Explain the Origins of Black Suffrage, 1879-95.” Paper delivered at “Reconciliation after Civil Wars: Global Perspectives,” sponsored by the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention at Virginia Tech. Arlington, VA. October 2016.

“Second-Guessing Reconstruction: Americans Debate the ‘Mistake’ of the Fifteenth Amendment, 1870-1920.” Paper delivered at “The Fifteenth Amendment: From U.S. Grant to Lyndon B. Johnson's Voting Rights Act.” Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. September 2015.

“Making History, Making the Constitution: The Fifteenth Amendment in American Political Culture, 1870-1920.” Paper delivered at “Slavery, Freedom, and the Remaking of American History: A Conference in Honor of Ira Berlin.” University of Maryland, College Park, MD. April 2015.

“Reconstruction and the Rough Rider: Teddy Roosevelt on the History and Lessons of the Post-Civil War Years.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association. Washington, DC. March 2013.

“Debating the Civil War’s Constitutional Legacy: The ‘War Amendments’ in American Politics and Public Memory, 1890-1920.” Paper delivered at “The Legacy of the Civil War” conference. Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA. November 2011.

- “ ‘The Stupendous Folly of the Fifteenth Amendment’: Agitating the Repeal of a Reconstruction Amendment in Virginia and the Nation, 1890-1910.” Paper delivered at the Virginia Forum. Washington and Lee University and the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA. March 2011.
- “ ‘A Hot Municipal Contest’: Prohibition and Politics in Greenville, South Carolina, 1868-1895.” Paper presented to the Wiles Colloquium, "Rethinking Reconstruction Race, Labor & Politics after the American Civil War." Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. October 2008.
- “Reconstruction Remembered: Historical Memory and Constitutional Rights during the Jim Crow Era.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC. March 2007.
- “Origins of a New South Stereotype: The South Carolina Upcountry and the Birth of the Redneck, 1890-1915.” Paper delivered at "Our Past Before Us: The Search for the South Carolina Upcountry" conference. Clemson and Furman universities. Clemson and Greenville, SC. March 2007.
- “ ‘A General Remodeling of Every Thing’: Reconstructing Economy and Race in the Post-Emancipation South.” Paper presented at "Reconstructions," a conference organized by the Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina. Beaufort, SC. April 2004.
- “ ‘A Complete Landsturm’?: Minute Men and the Mobilization for Secession in Upcountry South Carolina.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association. Baltimore, MD. November 2003.
- “Overbearing Rebels, Impudent Freedpeople, and the Struggle over Labor in Post-Emancipation South Carolina.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. Baltimore, MD. November 2002.

### ***Invited Presentations and Public History***

- “The Peaceful Transfer of Power in the U.S. Presidency.” Panel discussion for the 2025 Presidential Fellows Leadership Conference, Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Washington, DC. March 2025.
- “The Rise and Fall of the Second American Republic.” Draper Workshop on American History, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. October 2024.
- “Roundtable: Teaching the Black Freedom Struggle: A Discussion on Reconstruction Education in K-12 Schools.” Council of Chief State School Officers’ Social Studies Collaborative. Jacksonville, FL, May 2022.
- “Elections & American Democracy.” *This is America and the World* (PBS-syndicated news and information program), October 2021.
- “Two Amendments, One Fraught History: Race, Sex, and the Right to Vote in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments, 1870-1920.” Invited lecture, U.S. Capitol Historical Society, August 2020.
- “US Grant History Chat.” Webinar with National Park Service’s U.S. Grant National Historic Site, June 2020.
- “Reconstruction in the Carolinas in the Eyes of the Nation.” Invited lecture. Symposium on Reconstruction in the Carolinas. North Carolina Maritime Museum. Southport, NC. April 2020 (cancelled due to COVID).

“The Fifteenth Amendment.” Webinar with the National Park Service’s Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, April 2020.

“The Road (Back) to Home Rule: Washington, DC, and the Second Reconstruction, 1963-75.”  
Invited Lecture. Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC. June 2016.

### ***Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries***

Review of *The Journey to Separate but Equal: Madame Decuir’s Quest for Racial Justice in the Reconstruction Era*, by Jack Beermann. *Journal of Southern History* (Aug. 2022): 572-73.

Review of *After Appomattox: Military Occupation and the Ends of War*, by Gregory P. Downs. *Civil War Book Review* (on-line at cwbr.com). Fall 2015.

Review of *Washington Brotherhood: Politics, Social Life, and the Coming of the Civil War*, by Rachel A. Sheldon. *Washington History* 26 (Fall 2014): 71-72.

Review of *Confederate Slave Impressment in the Upper South*, by Jaime A. Martinez. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 45 (Autumn 2014): 244-45.

Review of *Atlanta, Cradle of the New South: Race and Remembering in the Civil War’s Aftermath*, by William A. Link. *Journal of Southern History* 80 (August 2014): 738-39.

Review of *The Long Shadow of the Civil War: Southern Dissent and Its Legacies*, by Victoria E. Bynum. *Journal of the Civil War Era* 1 (March 2011): 129-31.

Review of *Hunting and Fishing in the New South: Black Labor and White Leisure After the Civil War*, by Scott E Giltner. *Journal of Southern History* 76 (August 2010): 752-53.

Review of *Artisan Workers in the Upper South: Petersburg, Virginia, 1820-1865*, by L. Diane Barnes. *Business History Review* 83 (Autumn 2009): 612-14.

Review of *Race Relations at the Margins: Slaves and Poor Whites in the Antebellum Southern Countryside*, by Jeff Forret. *Arkansas Historical Quarterly* 66 (Autumn 2007): 382-84.

Review of *South Carolina Scalawags*, by Hyman Rubin III. *Journal of Southern History* 73 (August 2007): 717-18.

Review of *Planting a Capitalist South: Masters, Merchants, and Manufacturers in the Southern Interior, 1790-1860*, by Tom Downey. *Business History Review* 81 (Spring 2007): 147-49.

Review of *Global Perspectives on Industrial Transformation in the American South*, eds. Susanna Delfino and Michele Gillespie. *Business History Review* 80 (Summer 2006): 358-59.

Review of *James Hamilton of South Carolina*, by Robert Tinkler. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 90 (Summer 2006): 285-87.

Review of *Never Surrender: Confederate Memory and Conservatism in the South Carolina Upcountry*, by W. Scott Poole. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 106 (January 2005): 59-60.

Review of *Urban Emancipation: Popular Politics in Reconstruction Mobile, 1860–1890*, by Michael W. Fitzgerald. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 35 (Summer 2004): 158-59.

Review of *South Carolina and the New Deal* by Jack Irby Hayes, Jr. *Business History Review* 76 (Autumn 2002): 606-8.

“Jim Garrison,” “Narciso G. Gonzales,” “John A. McCone,” “Benjamin F. Perry,” and “Hugh S.

Thompson.” In John A. Garraty and Mark Carnes, eds., *American National Biography*, 24 volumes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

### ***Grants and Awards***

Mellon Short-Term Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2016-17.

Faculty Grant-in-Aid, Catholic University of America, 2000, 2003, 2014, 2016.

Walter Metzger Travel Grant, Columbia University, 1993.

Richard Hofstadter Fellowship, Columbia University, 1989-1994.

### ***Membership and professional service***

- **Membership:** American Historical Association; DC History Center; Organization of American Historians; Society of Civil War Historians; Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era; Southern Historical Association
- **Manuscript and article reviews:** *American Nineteenth Century History*; *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*; *Journal of Social History*; *Journal of Southern History*; Southern Illinois University Press; University of Florida Press
- **Service to Professional and Educational Organizations:** DC History Center (member, University Advisory Group, 2023-present); Society for the History of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (H. Wayne Morgan Prize committee, 2023); Smithsonian Institution (reviewer, Secretary’s Research Prize, 2023); Southern Historical Association (chair, C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Prize Committee, 2015; member, Membership Committee, 2017-18); Zinn Education Project (advisor, Teach Reconstruction project, 2019-present)