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Education

2017 – PhD, History - University of Georgia

- Dissertation: “Root Diggers and Herb Gatherers: The Rise and Fall of the Botanical Drug Industry in Southern Appalachia.”
- Areas of expertise: environmental history, agricultural history, Appalachian South, New South, African history.
- Committee members: John Inscoe (advisor), Shame Hamilton, Timothy Cleaveland, and Kathryn Newfont (University of Kentucky).

2012 – M.A., History - Western Carolina University

- Master’s Thesis: “Hugh MacRae and the Idea of Farm City: Race, Class, and Conservation in the New South, 1905-1934.” Advisor: Dr. Richard Starnes.

2003 – B.S., History, Technology, and Society - Georgia Institute of Technology

Teaching Experience

2022-present – Instructor of American Studies and Humanities, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Morganton, NC.

- Courses taught: AM4301: American Studies I and II

2018-2022 – Assistant Professor of History, Dalton State College.

- Courses taught: HIST 2111 (American History to 1877), and HIST 2112 (American History since 1877), HIST 3920 (Appalachian History), HIST 4930 (Senior Research Seminar), HIST 3760 (Gilded Age and Progressive Era), HIST 3960 (Introduction to Environmental History), HIST 3930 (Georgia History), HIST 3000 (The Study of History).
- Served as Site Supervisor for the student teachers in the history education program.

2017-2018 – Lecturer, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

- Courses taught: HIST 2100 (Research and Writing in History), HIST 2020 (American History Since 1865), and HIST 3910 (Appalachian History), HIST 2030 (Tennessee History).

March-June, 2017 – Teacher (Interim), Buncombe County Early College, Asheville, NC

- Courses taught: “American History II”

2015 – Instructor, University of Georgia

- Courses taught: HIST 2112 (American History Since 1865).

2012-2017 – Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia

- Courses taught: HIST 2111 (American History to 1865) and HIST 2112 (American History since 1865).
- 2017 - Outstanding Teaching Award, awarded to the university's top 10% of graduate teachers.

2010-2012 – Teaching Assistant, Western Carolina University

- Courses taught: HIST 220 (U.S. History to 1865) and HIST 210 (U.S. History since 1865).

2005-2010 – Teacher, Murphy High School, Murphy, North Carolina

- Courses taught: Civics and World History, U.S. History, honors U.S. History, and Advanced Placement U.S. History.
 - Obtained Standard Professional II license in 2009 through the lateral-entry program (current)
- Social Studies Department Head (January 2008-June 2010), and head varsity soccer coach (2005-2010).

Publications

Books

- *Ginseng Diggers: A History of Root and Herb Gathering in Appalachia* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2022).
 - Winner of the 2023 Weatherford Award for Non-fiction (Appalachian Studies Association) and the James A. Duke Award for Excellence in Botanical Literature (American Botanical Council).

Book Chapters

- “Community and the Commons: Fence Laws, Land, and Identity in Postbellum Appalachia,” in Steven E. Nash and Bruce E. Stewart, eds., *Southern Communities: Identity, Conflict, and Memory in the Nineteenth-Century American South* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2019).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- “Ginseng, China, and the Transformation of the Ohio Valley, 1783-1840,” *Ohio Valley History*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (Fall 2017), 3-23.
- “Nature’s Emporium: The Botanical Drug Trade and the Commons Tradition in Southern Appalachia,” *Environmental History*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (October 2016).

- “Singing in the Mountains: The Ginseng Economy in the Southern Appalachians, 1865-1900,” *Appalachian Journal*, Vol. 40, Nos. 1-2 (Fall 2012/Winter 2013).

Non-Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Reviews

- Roundtable Discussion on Environmental History in the South and the West (exact title TBA) Co-published by *Journal of Arizona History* and *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (forthcoming, spring 2023).
- “Ginseng and Big Pharma: How Appalachia Built an Industry that Would Later Exploit it,” *100 Days in Appalachia* (March 2022).
- “Ginseng Conservation and the Fate of the Commons: A Lesson from History,” *Journal of Medicinal Plant Conservation* (December 2019).
- “Backcountry Loyalty: How a Forged Letter Turned the Tide of the American Revolution in the South,” *Tuckasee Valley Historical Review*, Vol. 23 (Spring 2012), 78-101.
- Book Reviews
 - *American Chestnut: An Environmental History* by Donald Davis, in *Agricultural History* (forthcoming).
 - *The Terra Incognita Reader: Early Writings from the Great Smoky Mountains*, edited by Anne Bridges, Russell Clement, and Ken White, in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Forthcoming - Winter 2021-22).
 - *Feral Animals in the American South: An Evolutionary History*, by Abraham Gibson, in *Agricultural History*, Vol. 92, No. 1 (Winter 2018).
 - *Nature’s Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia*, by Kathryn Shively Meier, in *Ohio Valley History*, Spring 2015.
 - *The Coal River Valley in the Civil War*, by Michael B. Graham, in *Civil War Monitor* (published online April, 2015).
 - *The Spirit of the Appalachian Trail: Community, Environment, and Belief on a Long-Distance Hiking Path*, by Susan Power Bratton, in *West Virginia History*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Fall 2014).

Selected Talks, Conference Presentations, and Invited Lectures

- “Morris Mitchell and the Search for an Alternative America,” invited plenary talk,
- “Dividing the Mountains: *North Carolina v. Tennessee* and the State Line Border Dispute of 1893-1914,” Society of Appalachian Historians Annual Conference, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, May 23-24, 2022.
- “The Ginseng Commons: The Past, Present, and Future of Root Digging and Herb Gathering,” Roundtable Participant and Organizer, Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting, March 12-15, 2021.

- “Utopia Yet Beckons: Intentional Communities in Southern Appalachia, Then and Now,” Roundtable Participant, Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting, Asheville, NC, March 14-17, 2019.
- “The Great War in Southern Appalachia,” invited lecture to the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, Dalton, Ga., Nov. 11, 2018.
- “Using Digital History in the Classroom: Cades Cove Museum of Environmental History,” Instructional Excellence Conference, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, May 9, 2018.
- “The Political Ecology of Root Digging in Southern Appalachia,” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY, Feb. 22-23, 2018.
- “Hunting Lady’s Slipper: The Origins of the Botanical Drug Trade in Southern Appalachia,” invited lecture, Lady’s Slipper Speaker Series, Brevard College, September 20, 2017.
- “Who Owns the Earth? Land, Ownership, and the Idea of a Commons,” Roundtable Participant, University of Virginia’s College at Wise, August 31, 2017.
- “Galax and the Commodification of Appalachianness,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids Michigan, June 8-10, 2017.
- “An Uncommon Commodity: The Triumph of Ginseng Cultivation in the United States, 1890-1920,” American Society of Environmental Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 29-April 2, 2017.
- “Beasts in the Garden: Class, Conservation, and Ginseng in post-Civil War Appalachia,” Dirty History: An Interdisciplinary Workshop in Agriculture, Environment, and Capitalism, University of Georgia, Athens, November 18, 2018.
- “Of Humans and Mountains: Commons and Conservation in Southern Appalachia,” Invited talk to the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership, Amicalola State Park, Georgia, Nov. 2, 2016.
- “Taming Ginseng: Exploring the Meanings of Plant Domestication,” Southern Forum for Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, April 2016.
- “Environmental History: Possibilities and New Directions,” Roundtable participant, Appalachian Studies Association, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, March, 2016.

- “Root Diggers and Herb Gatherers: How Wild Plants Shaped post-Civil War Appalachian Society,” invited lecture, Liston B. Ramsey Center for Regional Studies, Mars Hill University, September 15, 2015.
- “Nature’s Emporium: The Botanical Drug Trade and the Commons Tradition in Southern Appalachia,” Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science, University of Colorado-Boulder, October 2-4, 2015.
- “The Gathering Commons and Enclosure in Nineteenth-Century Appalachia,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Lexington, Ky, June 2015.
- “Marketing the Mountain Commons: Environment, Globalization, and Culture in Southern Appalachia, 1850-1917,” Society of Appalachian Historians, Berea, Kentucky, May 2014.
- “Singing in the Mountains: the Ginseng Economy in the Southern Appalachians,” Society of Appalachian Historians, Wise, Virginia, May 2013.
- “Hugh MacRae and the Idea of Farm City: Race, Class, and Conservation in the New South, 1905-1934,” Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. , April 2013.

Professional Media Appearances

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2017-2018 – Recipient, High-Impact Practices Grant, Walker Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.
- 2017 – Outstanding Teaching Award. Awarded annually by the University of Georgia Graduate School to the top 10% of graduate teachers.
- 2015-2016 - Fellow, Winterthur Museum, Gardens, and Library, Winterthur, DE. One month residential fellowship to conduct research in the library’s collections.
- 2015-2016 - Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum, Wilmington, DE. One-week residential fellowship to conduct research into special collections.
- 2016-2017 – Dooley Award, University of Georgia History Department. Research grant awarded to graduate students to conduct research related to dissertation.
- 2015-2016 –Graduate Research Award, Willson Center. Research grant awarded annually by the Willson Center at UGA to four graduate students in any department at UGA.

- 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017 - Amanda and Greg Gregory Fellow. Research grants awarded annually to UGA history graduate students.
- 2014 - Archie K. Davis Fellow. Research grant awarded annually by the North Caroliniana Society to 8-12 researchers to conduct research related to North Carolina history and culture.
- 2014 - Elected to the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame (for football career, 1999-2002)
- 2013-2014 - William Jennings Bryan Award, University of Georgia History Department. Voted on by faculty annually for best paper written by a graduate student.
- 2010-2011, 2011-2012 - Earned tuition waver/scholarship from Western Carolina University History Department.
- 2005 – Media Award, Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition
- 2001-2003 - Dean’s list, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech
- 2002 –Academic All-Atlantic Coast Conference Football Team

Related Academic Service and Experience

- Peer reviewer for academic journals, including *Environmental History*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *The Appalachian Journal*, and *Ohio Valley History*.
- Trained in Applying the Quality Matters Rubric
- 2017 and 2019 – Volunteer Judge, National History Day Regional Competition, Athens, GA, and Kennesaw, GA.
- 2016, 2018-2021 - Advanced Placement U.S. History exam reader.
- 2014-present – Administrator and primary contributor to the website, *The Southern Highlander* (thesouthernhighlander.org), which explores the history and environment of Southern Appalachia.
- June-July, 2015 – Intern, T.R.R. Cobb House, an antebellum museum in Athens, Ga. Wrote lesson plans for elementary students and developed programs on antebellum southern gardens.
- May 2015 – Member, Steering Committee for the planning and organization of the annual Society of Appalachian Historians Conference.
- 2014-2015 – Organizer and member, Appalachian Reading Group at the University of Georgia.
- 2004-2005 – Staff Writer, *Cherokee Scout* newspaper, Murphy, NC.

