

Curriculum Vitae

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**Education:** **Doctor of Philosophy in American History (2003)**  
**The College of William & Mary in Virginia, Williamsburg, Virginia**  
Dissertation: "The Flower and Rabble of Essex County: A Social History of the Massachusetts Bay Militia and Militiamen during King Philip's War, 1675-1676." UMI #AAT 3116187  
Committee: James P. Whittenburg (Advisor); James Axtell; Philip Daileader; John Shy, (Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan--Outside Reader)  
Fields: American History--Colonial, Middle, and Modern Periods, the History of Tudor and Stuart England, Social History, War and Society.

**Master of Arts in American History (1993)**  
**Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan**  
Thesis: "Massachusetts' Two Militias: A Social History of the First Essex Expeditionary Company in King Philip's War, 1675-1676."

**Bachelor of Arts, History & Political Science with High Distinction (1990)**  
**University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, Michigan**  
Minor: English Language and Literature

**Teaching**

**Experience:** **Assistant Professor**, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Fall 2004—Present.

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of History, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, Spring 2004.

**Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, Virginia, 1997 to 2004.

**Instructor--History Writing Resources Center**, Department of History, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1999 to 2001.

**Adjunct Instructor**, Department of History, The College of William & Mary,  
Williamsburg, Virginia, Summer 2000, Fall 1996.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, The College of William & Mary,  
Williamsburg, Virginia, 1993 to 1996.

***Courses Taught:***

- Graduate Seminar: “Colonial Classics: Masterpieces of Early American History.”
- Graduate Seminar: “From Puritans to Witches to Yankees: The Social History and Historiography of Colonial New England, 1600—1750.”
- Graduate Seminar: “U.S. Historiography I: Interpretations of American History, 1600—1865.”
- Graduate Seminar: “Modern Military History” (\*Instructor of record, team taught).
- Graduate Research/Writing Seminar: “Research in American History.”
- Graduate Directed Readings: “Introduction to the British Atlantic World.”
- Graduate Directed Readings: “Salem Village Witchcraft: Historical Perspectives.”
- Graduate Directed Readings: “Slavery and the Founding Fathers in Revolutionary America.”
- Graduate Directed Readings: “War & Society during the Era of American Independence.”
- Grad/Undergraduate Lecture: Topics in U.S. History: “War & Society in the New World: Early American Military History, 1607—1800.”
- Grad/Undergraduate Lecture: “The World Turned Upside Down: The Era of the American Revolution, 1760—1800.”
- Grad/Undergraduate Lecture: “A Brave ‘New’ World: Major Themes in Colonial American History, 1492—1765.”
- Capstone Undergraduate Seminar: “American Communities at War, 1600-2000.”
- Undergraduate Seminar: Topics in U.S. History “Sin, Sex, Spirits, and Scarcity: The Sordid Side of Colonial America.”
- Undergraduate Seminar: “War and Society in the New World: Early American Military History, 1607—1815.”
- Undergraduate Methods: “How Historians Work: Historical Methods and Writing.”
- Undergraduate Survey: “U. S. History I: 1492—1877.”
- Undergraduate Survey: “U.S. History II: 1865—2000.”
- Writing-Intensive Freshman Seminar: "From Puritans to Witches: The World of Colonial New England."
- Honors College Undergraduate Seminar: “Revolutions in World History: 1640—Present.”
- Undergraduate Survey: “World Societies in Flux: Major Themes in World History, 1500—2000.”

***Publications:***

*A Rabble in Arms: Massachusetts Towns and Militiamen during King Philip’s War*, New York University Press, forthcoming 2009.

“Samuel Appleton,” “the Bloody Brook Massacre,” “Committee of Militia,” “Fort Michilimackinac,” “the Great Swamp Fight,” “the Hungry March,” “King Philip’s War,” and “the Sudbury Fight” in *The Encyclopedia of North American Colonial American Warfare to 1775*, edited by Spencer Tucker, ABC-CLIO Press, forthcoming—2008.

“North American Colonial Wars to 1775” ABC-CLIO’s subscription web site *The United States at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, edited by Lee W. Eysturlid, (Circa 20,000 words) Login: <http://www.usatwar.abc-clio.com/Login.aspx> November 2005.

“Benjamin Church,” “the Battle of the Great Swamp,” “King Philip,” “the Role and Organization of the Militia 1607-1815,” “the New England Confederation,” “Francis Nicholson,” “William Pepperell,” “Sir William Phips,” “William Shirley,” “Miles Standish,” and “John Underhill” in *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Military History*, edited by Spencer C. Tucker, Facts on File Press, 2003.

“Increase Mather,” “Benjamin Church,” “Reverend William Hubbard,” “Mary Rowlandson,” “Robert Rogers,” and “Benjamin Thompson” in *An Encyclopedia of American War Literature*, edited by Mark A. Graves and Philip K. Jason, Greenwood Press, 2000.

**Review** of *People of the Wachusett: Greater New England in History and Memory, 1630--1860* by David Jaffee (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press. 1999) in *The New England Quarterly* 73, no. 2 (June 2000): 303-307.

“Essex County’s Two Militias: The Social Composition of Offensive and Defensive Militia during King Philip’s War, 1675-1676” *The New England Quarterly* 72, no. 4 (December 1999): 577-593.

**Review** of *A Well Executed Failure: The Sullivan Campaign Against the Iroquois, July-September 1779* by Joseph R. Fischer (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1997) in *The Journal of Military History* 61, no. 4 (October 1997): 803-4.

### **Professional Activities:**

**Book Review Editor** of *The Southern Quarterly*. April, 2006—Present.

**Membership Chair for Mississippi**, the Organization of American Historians, 2006—Present.

**Member of Editorial Board** of *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial American Warfare to 1775*, 3 Volumes, edited by Spencer Tucker, ABC-CLIO Press, forthcoming, 2008.

**Principal Instructor** for “Mississippi Liberty Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant for Corinth, Mississippi Public Schools, February 21 and 22, 2008.

**Principal Instructor** for “The American Pride Liberty Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant of the Orange County, Florida Public Schools, December 7 and 8, 2007.

**Presenter** for The American Institute for History Education’s CICERO website for history educators. Filmed giving presentations on “The Chesapeake Labor Question: Origins of American Slavery” (40 minutes) and “The American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783: Three Acts to Independence” (55 minutes). November 15, 2007.

**Presented a Paper** entitled "Lords Lieutenant vs. Committees of Militia: A Comparison of Military Recruitment in the Seventeenth-Century British Atlantic World" at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History in Frederick, Maryland on April 20, 2007.

**Principal Instructor** for the “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks Liberty Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant of the Montgomery, Alabama Public School System, November 10 and 11, 2006 and May 28 and 29, 2007.

**Principal Instructor** for “The Thomas Jefferson Liberty Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant of the Jefferson Parish, Louisiana Public Schools, March 2 and 3, 2007.

**Principal Instructor** for “The Indianapolis Public Schools Liberty Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant of the Indianapolis, Indiana Public School System, February 9 and 10, 2007.

**Presented a Paper** “Towns, Troublemakers, and Trainbands: Impressment during King Philip’s War, 1675-1676” at the Great Lakes Historical Conference on “New Perspectives on War and Society,” in Grand Rapids, Michigan. October 21, 2006.

**Presented a Paper** “Towns, Militiamen, and the Powers that Be: Impressment as a Tool for Ordering Political, Religious, and Social Relations in Early New England, 1675-1676” at the Joint Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of Tennessee Center for the Study of War and Society on “Warfare and Society in Colonial North America and the Caribbean” in Knoxville, Tennessee, October 7, 2006.

**Review Reader** for the T.H. Breen and Timothy Hall textbook *Colonial America in an Atlantic World* (2004) for a new edition revision for Pearson Longman Publishers, Summer, 2006.

**Presented a Paper** “Home and Hearth on the Front Line: Civilians at War in Colonial & Revolutionary America” at the first annual University of Southern Mississippi’s War and Society Lecture Series, April 19, 2006.

**Review Reader** for Chapter 2 “American Beginnings, 1607–1650” of the new Seagull edition of Eric Foner’s *Give Me Liberty!* text for W.W. Norton and Company, Summer, 2005.

**Chaired a Panel** entitled “Why Politics is War: Philosophies and Icons” at the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, The University of Southern Mississippi, on April 1, 2005.

**Presented a Paper** entitled "'For the best ordering of the militia:' The Advent of Committees of Militia in Massachusetts Bay, 1652-1676" in session C-3 "War without Professionals in Colonial America" at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History in Charleston, South Carolina on February 26, 2005.

**Presented a Paper** entitled “Militiamen Unmasked: The Soldiers of Massachusetts Bay during King Philip's War, 1675-1676” in session 175 “War on the Fringes of Colonial America: Soldiers and Refugees, Race and Society” of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington, D.C. on January 11, 2004.

**Presented a Paper** entitled “Recruitment in Rowley: The Committee of Militia, Impressment, and the Social Composition of Militiamen during King Philip's War, 1675-1676” at the annual meeting of the Society of Military History in Knoxville, Tennessee on May 4, 2003.

**Research Assistant** to Professor David L. Holmes, Department of Religion, College of William & Mary. Assisted on the book *The Religion of the Founding Fathers* (Charlottesville: Ash-Lawn Highland and the Clements Library of the University of Michigan, 2003) and other projects. 2003.

**Research Assistant** to the Christ’s Hospital Project, an internet electronic database at the College of William & Mary. Tracked the history of students at the school in England to the American colonies, working specifically on the apprentices and masters in New England. See <http://cfdev.wm.edu/wsgrahtest>. 1999-2001.

**Presented Lectures**, “All Honor is Fleeting: The U.S. Army during the Civil War” and “A Ray of Hope in the Darkest of Days: The Post-War Army and Military Education” to the U.S. Army ROTC Military History Seminar, College of William & Mary, January 2000.

**Presented a Paper** entitled “The Research Dilemmas of Social Military History: Massachusetts Militia in King Philip’s War, 1675-76” at the Graduate Student Forum of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, April 15, 1999.

**Presented a Paper**, entitled "Essex County’s Two Militias: The Social Composition of Offensive and Defensive Militia during King Philip's War, 1675-1676." at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History, April 10-13, 1997 in Montgomery, Alabama.

**University Service:**

**Director of Undergraduate Studies** and **Chair** of the Undergraduate Studies Committee. University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005—Present.

**Member** of “The Center for the Study of War & Society.” University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2004—Present.

**Member** of the Planning & Assessment Committee and the Teaching Practicum Committee. University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005—Present.

**Member** of the Professional Education Faculty. University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005—Present.

**Undergraduate Advisor for the History Department.** University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005—Present.

**Chair of Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee** on Upper-Division History Classes, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2006—Present.

**Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Fellow** “*Finding a Voice: Improving Oral and Written Competencies*” The University of Southern Mississippi, Spring 2008.

**Acting Chair of the History Department,** University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, July 2007.

**Co-Authored Graduate Reading Lists** for U.S. History, 1600-1877 and War and Society, 1500—2000, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2006.

**Director** of the History Writing Lab. University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005—2007.

**Chair** of the search committee for three Visiting Assistant Professors of History, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005.

**Chair** of the search committee for a Visiting Professor of U.S. Foreign Relations, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2005.

**Member** of the Graduate Committee, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2004-2005.

**Member** of the search committee for a Senior Military Historian, University of Southern Mississippi, Department of History, 2004-2005.

### ***Community Service:***

**Organizer of the War & Society Roundtable** community book group for the Center for the Study of War and Society, Department of History, University of Southern Mississippi, 2006—Present.

**Moderator for a War & Society Roundtable** community book group on Evan Haefeli and David Sweeney's *Captors and Captives: The 1704 French and Indian Raid on Deerfield*, January 8, 2008.

**Moderator for a War & Society Roundtable** community book group on Stephen Brumwell's *White Devil: A True Story of War, Savagery, and Vengeance in Colonial America*, March 15, 2007.

**Judge**, Group and Individual Presentations and Documentaries, Mississippi History Day. The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005, 2006, 2007.

**Speaker** on "Jamestown: The Legacy at 399 Years" for the First Mississippi Company of the Jamestowne Society, Jackson, Mississippi, November 1, 2006.

**Speaker** on "The Establishment of a National Military" for a professional development class for Mississippi History Teachers, "History Connections," a Teaching American History Grant one-hour videoconference, Newton County, Mississippi October 11, 2006

**Speaker** on "Historic Prosopography: Social History, Genealogy, and the 17th Century New England Militiaman" to the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Jamestown-Williamsburg Chapter in Williamsburg, Virginia on March 24, 2003.

### ***Grants, Honors, & Awards:***

"Junior Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award" Nominee, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2007.

Ciccarelli Research Fund Award, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Travel Award, Lyon Gardiner Tyler Graduate Student Conference Fund, History Department, College of William & Mary, 2003.

Graduate Student Annual Meeting Grant, Society for Military History, 2003.

Summer Research Grant, History Department, College of William & Mary, 1996, 2001.

History Writing Resources Center Fellowship, College of William & Mary,  
1999-2000, 2000-2001.

Society of Colonial Wars of Massachusetts Fellowship, The Center for the Study  
of New England History, The Massachusetts Historical Society, 1998-  
1999, (Declined).

Conference Travel Grant, College of William & Mary, 1997, 2003.

Graduate Scholarship, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, 1996-1997.

Minor Research Grant, College of William & Mary, 1996.

Graduate Fellowship, History Department, College of William & Mary, 1993, 1994,  
1995, 1996, 1997.

Graduate & Professional Scholarship, Wayne State University, 1991, 1992, 1993.

Outstanding History Student Award, Colonial Dames of America, Michigan  
Chapter, 1988, 1989, 1990.

***Professional  
Affiliations:***

Associate, Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture.

Member, Friends of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies.

Member and Mississippi Membership Chair, Organization of American Historians.

Member, American Historical Association.

Member, New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

Member, Society for Military History.

Member, Phi Alpha Theta-History Honor Society.

Charter Member, International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning in  
History.