

Curriculum Vitae

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**Current**

**Position:** **Associate Professor of History**, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Fall 2009–Present.

**Education:**

**2003 Ph.D. in American History**, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

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."

Committee: James P. Whittenburg (Chair), James Axtell, Philip Daileader, John Shy (Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan–Outside Reader)

**1993 M.A. in American History**, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

**1990 B.A. in History and Political Science with High Distinction**, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

**Publications:**

**Monograph:**

*A Rabble in Arms: Massachusetts Towns and Militiamen during King Philip's War.* (Warfare and Culture). New York: New York University Press, 2009.

[http://www.nyupress.org/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=11020](http://www.nyupress.org/product_info.php?products_id=11020)

**Refereed Journal Article:**

"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. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/366829>

**Other Academic Publications:**

"The Importance of Early American Military History" *Footnotes: The Newsletter of FPRI's Wachman Center for International Education*. Vol. 13 no. 20 (August 2008) Philadelphia: Foreign Policy Research Institute. Available at: <http://www.fpri.org/footnotes/1320.200808.zelner.earlyamericanmilitaryhistory.html>

"Samuel Appleton," "Bloody Brook Massacre," "Committee of Militia," "Fort Michilimackinac," "Great Swamp Fight," "Hungry March," "King Philip's War," and "Sudbury

Fight” in *The Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775: A Political, Social, and Military History*, edited by Spencer Tucker, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Press, 2008).

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

“Benjamin Church,” “Battle of the Great Swamp,” “King Philip,” “Role and Organization of the Militia 1607–1815,” “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, (New York: 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 (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2000).

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of *Long, Obstinate, and Bloody: The Battle of Guilford Courthouse* by Lawrence E. Babits and Joshua B. Howard. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009) in *The Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.

Review of *Abraham in Arms: War and Gender in Colonial New England* by Ann M. Little (Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006) in *The New England Quarterly* 81 no. 4 (December 2008), 719-722.

<http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdf/10.1162/tneq.2008.81.4.719>

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. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/366806>

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): 803–804.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/2954096>

### **Invited**

#### **Presentations:**

“African Americans in the American Revolution” for the introductory film of the African-American Military History Museum, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 2009.

“A Tale of Three Cities: Benjamin Franklin’s Boston, Philadelphia, and London” at the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal, and Forrest County’s American Library Association Exhibit on “Benjamin Franklin: Building a Better World.” February 16, 2009.

“Early American Military History and the American Revolution” at the Foreign Policy Research Center’s Watchman Center forum on “What Students Need to Know about America’s Wars, Part

I: 1622–1919: A History Institute for Teachers.” Co-sponsored by the Cantigny First Division Foundation. July 26–27, 2008. Lecture available at: <http://www.fpri.org/multimedia/20080726.zelner.revolutionarywar.html>

“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.

### *Conference*

#### *Presentations:*

"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, April 20, 2007.

“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.

“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.

"For the best ordering of the militia': The Advent of Committees of Militia in Massachusetts Bay, 1652–1676" at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History in Charleston, South Carolina, February 26, 2005.

“Militiamen Unmasked: The Soldiers of Massachusetts Bay during King Philip's War, 1675–1676” at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington, D.C., January 11, 2004.

“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, May 4, 2003.

“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 in Boston, Massachusetts, April 15, 1999.

"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 in Montgomery, Alabama, April 12, 1997.

### *Professional Activities:*

**State Membership Chair (Mississippi)**, the Organization of American Historians, 2006–Present.

**Member, Advisory Council of Historians and Scholars**, The American Institute for History Education, 2006–Present.

**Manuscript Reviewer**, Scholastic Publishers, 2009.

**Manuscript Reviewer**, New York University Press, 2008.

**Book Review Editor**, *The Southern Quarterly*, 2005–2008.

**Member of Editorial Board** of *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial American Warfare to 1775*, 3 Volumes, edited by Spencer Tucker, ABC-CLIO Press, 2004–2008.

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

**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).

**Research Assistant** to the Christ's Hospital Project, an internet electronic database at the College of William & Mary. See <http://cfdev.wm.edu/wsgrahtest>. 1999–2001.

***Courses Taught:***

- Graduate Seminar: “City, Town, Village, and Plantation: Community Study as a Window into the History of Colonial America.”
- 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.”
- Graduate Directed Readings: “War & Society during the Era of American Independence.”
- Grad/Undergraduate Lecture: “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.”
- Grad/Undergraduate Lecture: “The History of the Colonial South, 1580–1760.”

- Capstone Undergraduate Seminar: “The Historiography of Salem Village Witchcraft.”
- Capstone Undergraduate Seminar: “American Communities at War, 1600–2000.”
- Undergraduate Seminar: “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: 1640–1980.”
- Undergraduate Survey: “World Societies in Flux: Major Themes in World History, 1500–2000.”

***Teaching  
American History  
Grant Activities:***

**Principal Instructor** for “Conflict and Resolution Fellowship” (The American Institute for History Education) Teaching American History Grant for Lafayette Parish, Louisiana Public Schools, April 25 and May 9, 2009.

**Online Lecturer** for “Talking History: The Wars of Early America, 1607-1783” National Online Lecture for Teachers. (The American Institute for History Education).  
[http://www.americaninstituteforhistory.org/page/talking\\_history.php](http://www.americaninstituteforhistory.org/page/talking_history.php). April, 21, 2009.

**Presenter** on “The History of Jamestown and Colonial Virginia” for the Teaching American History Grant for Mississippi Elementary Teachers, The University of Southern Mississippi, January 24, 2009.

**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; June 22 and 23, 2008.

**Web Chat Presenter** for “Talking History: War & Society in the American Revolution” National Web Chat for Teachers. (The American Institute for History Education).  
[http://www.americaninstituteforhistory.org/page/talking\\_history.php](http://www.americaninstituteforhistory.org/page/talking_history.php). April, 15, 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), <http://cicerohistory.com/teachers.php> November 15, 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; 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.

**Speaker** on “The Establishment of a National Military” for a professional development class for Mississippi History Teachers, “History Connections,” a Teaching American History Grant videoconference, Newton County, Mississippi, October 11, 2006.

***University  
Service:***

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

**Senior Fellow** of the Center for the Study of War & Society, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2009–Present.

**Member** of the College Council, The College of Arts and Letters, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2008–Present.

**Member** of the Planning & Assessment Committee. Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005–Present.

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

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

**Member**, College Advisory Council Ad Hoc Committee for nominating a University Distinguished Professorship, The College of Arts and Letters, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2009.

**Acting Chair of the History Department**, The University of Southern Mississippi: July 2009; July 2007.

**Chair of Search Committee** for an Early American Historian, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2008–2009.

**Fellow** of the Center for the Study of War & Society, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2004–2009.

**Chair of Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee** on Upper-Division History Classes, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2006–2008.

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

**Participant in the Campus-Community Core Dialogues** “Celebrating our Past, Designing our Future Together, Office of the President, The University of Southern Mississippi, September 2007.

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

**Chair of Search Committee** for three Visiting Assistant Professors of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005.

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

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

**Member of the Search Committee** for a Senior Military Historian, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2004–2005.

**Community Service:**

**Moderator for a War & Society Roundtable** community book group “A Year of War Fiction” on Kenneth Robert’s *Rabble in Arms*, January 13, 2009.

**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.

**Member of the Steering Committee**, The Library of Hattiesburg, Laurel, and Forrest County, hosting the American Library Association’s traveling exhibit “Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World,” 2009.

**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 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 2007.

**Judge**, Group and Individual Presentations and Documentaries, Mississippi History Day. The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005–2008.

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

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

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

Ciccarelli Research Fund Award, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (declined).

Travel Award, Lyon Gardiner Tyler Graduate Student Conference Grant, 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, 1999-2001.

Society of Colonial Wars of Massachusetts Fellowship, The Center for the Study of New England History, The Massachusetts Historical Society, 1998 (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, 1993–1997.

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

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

***Professional  
Affiliations:***

Associate, Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture.

Member, The McNeil Center for Early American Studies.

Member and State Membership Chair (Mississippi), 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 in History.

***Previous  
Academic  
Employment:***

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Southern Mississippi,  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Fall 2004–Fall 2009.

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 in the 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, Fall 1996, Summer 2000.