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Education

Ph.D. in History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1983
M.A. in History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1974
B.A. in History, Gettysburg College, 1970

Fields

U. S. Civil War and Reconstruction; Southern History; Tennessee History

Publications, papers, etc.

Books

The Black Experience in the Civil War South (Westport: Praeger Publishers, forthcoming, 2010)

Firebrand of Liberty: The Story of Two Black Regiments that Changed the Course of the Civil War (New York: W. W. Norton & Co., 2008; a selection of the History Book Club and the Military Book Club)

Nineteenth-Century America: Essays in Honor of Paul H. Bergeron [co-editor, with W. Todd Groce] (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2005)

A Year in the South: Four Lives in 1865 (New York: Palgrave Macmillan/St. Martin's Press, 2002; paperback, New York: Perennial/HarperCollins Publishers, 2004)

Tennesseans and Their History [with Paul H. Bergeron and Jeanette Keith] (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1999)

Secessionists and Other Scoundrels: Selections from Parson Brownlow's Book (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1999)

When the Yankees Came: Conflict and Chaos in the Occupied South, 1861-1865 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995; paperback, 1999)

Messages of the Governors of Tennessee: Vol. IX, 1907-1921; and Vol. X, 1921-1933 (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Commission, 1990)

Middle Tennessee Society Transformed, 1860-1870: War and Peace in the Upper South (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1988; paperback with new preface, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2006)

Journal articles

"Poor Whites in the Occupied South, 1861-1865," Journal of Southern History, 57 (1991): 39-62

"White Virginians Under Federal Occupation, 1861-1865," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 98 (1990): 169-92

"Sharks in an Angry Sea: Civilian Resistance and Guerrilla Warfare in Occupied Middle Tennessee, 1862-1865," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 45 (1986): 217-29

"Conscience and Christianity: A Middle Tennessee Unionist Renounces His Church, 1867," East Tennessee Historical Society's Publications, 54/55 (1982/1983): 111-15

"Middle Tennessee Society in Transition, 1860-1870," Maryland Historian, 13 (1982): 18-38

"Civil War Exodus: The Jews and Grant's General Orders No. 11," The Historian, 44 (1982): 505-23

"The Sam Houston Schoolhouse: A Mirror of the Changing Past," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 37 (1978): 375-92

"Postwar Recovery: Montgomery County, 1865-1870," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 36 (1977): 208-21

"A Community at War: Montgomery County, 1861-1865," Tennessee Historical Quarterly, 36 (1977): 30-43

Essays in anthologies

"A Wall Around Slavery: Safeguarding the Peculiar Institution on the Confederate Periphery, 1861-1865," in W. Todd Groce and Stephen V. Ash, eds., Nineteenth-Century America: Essays in Honor of Paul H. Bergeron (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2005), 55-73.

"White Virginians Under Federal Occupation, 1861-1865," in Kevin R. Hardwick and Warren R. Hofstra, eds., Virginia Reconsidered: New Histories of the Old Dominion (Charlottesville and London: University of Virginia Press, 2003), 274-95. (Originally published in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography.)

"When the Yankees Came: The Realities of Living in the Occupied South," in Robert A. Wheeler, Thomas L. Hartshorne, and Mark T. Tebeau, eds., The Social Fabric: American Life from 1607 to 1877 (11th edition, New York and other cities:

Longman/Prentice Hall, 2009, and earlier editions). (Originally published as chapter 6 of When the Yankees Came: Conflict and Chaos in the Occupied South, 1861-1865.)

"Civil War Exodus: The Jews and Grant's General Orders No. 11," in Jeffrey S. Gurock, ed., Anti-Semitism in America (New York and London: Routledge, 1998), 135-54; and in Jonathan D. Sarna and Adam Mendelsohn, eds., Jewish Sides of the Civil War (New York: New York University Press, forthcoming). (Originally published in The Historian.)

"The Sam Houston Schoolhouse: A Mirror of the Changing Past," in Herbert L. Harper, ed., Houston and Crockett, Heroes of Tennessee and Texas: An Anthology (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Commission, 1986), 24-39. (Originally published in the Tennessee Historical Quarterly.)

Encyclopedia articles and other short pieces

"Brownlow, William G.," in Richard Zuzcek, ed., Encyclopedia of the Reconstruction Era (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2006)

"Reconstruction" and "Tennessee," in The World Book Encyclopedia (Chicago: World Book Publishing, 2005)

"Occupation of the South," in John P. Resch, ed., Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront (New York: Macmillan Library Reference, 2004)

"Tennessee's Civil War and the University Libraries" [with Aaron D. Purcell], UTK Library Development Review (2003-2004): 3-5

"Introduction," in E. Merton Coulter, William G. Brownlow, Fighting Parson of the Southern Highlands (reprint, Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1999)

"Mightier than the Sword: An Introduction," Atlanta History 42 (1998) [special issue on Civil War journalism]: 5-6

"Occupation, Civil War," in Carroll Van West, ed., The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture (Nashville: Rutledge Hill Press, 1998)

"Tennessee" and "Union Occupation," in Richard N. Current, ed., Encyclopedia of the Confederacy (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1993)

Dissertation

"Civil War, Black Freedom, and Social Change in the Upper South: Middle Tennessee, 1860-1870" (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1983)

Publications for general audiences

Past Times: A Daybook of Knoxville History (Knoxville: Knoxville News-Sentinel Company, 1991)

Tennessee's Iron Industry Revisited: The Stewart County Story (Golden Pond, Kentucky: Land Between the Lakes Association, 1986)

The Knoxville News-Sentinel: A Century of Front Pages (Knoxville: Knoxville News-Sentinel Company, 1986)

Meet Me at the Fair! A Pictorial History of the Tennessee Valley Agricultural and Industrial Fair (Knoxville: Tennessee Valley Fair, 1985)

Video documentary (scriptwriter and historical advisor)

"Beyond Their Dreams" (history of technology in East Tennessee, produced by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1986)

Papers

"When the Yankees Came to Tennessee," Stones River Civil War Symposium, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 2005 (invited presentation)

"A Year in the South: Four Lives in 1865," John Fox Literary Festival, Mountain Empire Community College, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, 2005 (invited presentation)

"The Aftermath: Middle Tennessee, December 1864 to May 1865," Battle of Nashville 140th Anniversary Symposium, Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville, 2004 (invited presentation)

"Deliverance and Disillusion: Southern Unionists, Yankee Invaders, and Wartime Reconstruction," Deep Delta Civil War Symposium, Southeastern Louisiana University, 2004 (invited presentation)

"A Year in the South: Four Lives in 1865," Tennessee Conference of Historians, Nashville, 2003 (invited presentation)

"Not Yet Freedom: Slaves versus Rebels on the Confederate Periphery, 1861-1865," Conference on Society and Conflict, University of Genoa, Italy, 1999

"War and Society," Virginia Historical Society Conference on New Directions in Virginia History, Richmond, 1990

"The Other Jubilee: Poor Whites in the Occupied South, 1861-1865," Southern Historical Association, Norfolk, 1988

"Military Occupation and Social Anarchy in Middle Tennessee, 1862-1865," Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, San Antonio, 1986

"Town, Village, and Countryside in Middle Tennessee, 1850-1870," Milan Group in Early United States History, Milan, Italy, 1984

"Sources for the Social History of Nineteenth-Century Tennessee," Tennessee Conference of Historians, Johnson City, 1984

"Civil War and Social Change in the Upper South: Middle Tennessee Society in Transition, 1860-1870," Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, 1982

Book reviews

Agricultural History, Fall 1996

American Historical Review, June 1999; October 2001; October 2005

American Nineteenth Century History, Summer 2003

Business History Review, Autumn 1999

Civil War History, March 1998

East Tennessee Historical Society's Publications, 1989

Georgia Historical Quarterly, Fall 1993; Fall 1998; Winter, 2001

Historian, Winter 2000

Journal of American History, September 1991; March 1992; December 1997; March 1999; March 2000

Journal of Southern History, November 1986; November 1991; February 1998; May 2001; August 2003

Reviews in American History, December 1999; June 2006

Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter, Spring 1994; Summer 1996

Tennessee Historical Quarterly, Winter 1977; Spring 1980; Winter 1985; Summer 1988

Tennessee Librarian, Spring 1990

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, April 1990; July 1990; July 1992; April 1994; Spring 1996; No. 4, 2002

West Tennessee Historical Society Papers, 1983

Teaching appointments

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of History: Professor, 2003-present; Associate Professor, 1998-2003; Assistant Professor, 1995-1998; Visiting Assistant Professor, 1990, 1994, 1995; Teaching Assistant, 1975-1978

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Department of Independent Study: Instructor in American History, 1989-1996

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Department of History: Adjunct Instructor, 1994

Other professional appointments

Advisory Board, Virginia in the Civil War exhibit, Virginia Historical Society, 2008-
Advisory Board, Center for the Study of the Civil War Era, 2007-9
Simkins Award Selection Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2007
Advisory Board, Atlanta History, 2001-2003
Advisory Council, Lincoln Prize of Gettysburg College, 1999-present
Editorial Board, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 1999-2001
Editorial Board, University of Tennessee Press, 1997-2000
Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 1999
Managing Editor, Journal of East Tennessee History, 1993-1999

Honors, awards, fellowships

Distinguished Professorship in Humanities, UTK College of Arts and Sciences, 2008-
Lindsay Young Professorship, UTK College of Arts and Sciences, 2002-2008
Alexander Prize for Distinguished Research and Teaching, UTK, 2005
Professional Development Leave, UTK, 2005
UTK Chancellor's Award for Research and Creative Achievement, 2004
LeRoy P. Graf Faculty Excellence Award, UTK History Department, 2000
Pi Beta Phi Sorority Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Teaching, UTK, 2000
UT National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, 1999
History in the Media Award of the East Tennessee Historical Society, 1991 (for "Past Times" newspaper series)
Virginia Historical Society/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship, 1989
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1988
Tennessee History Book Award of the Tennessee Historical Commission and Tennessee Library Association, 1988 (for Middle Tennessee Society Transformed)
Choice magazine Outstanding Academic Book citation, 1988 (for Middle Tennessee Society Transformed)
Colonial Dames of America scholarship award for outstanding American History

graduate student in Tennessee, 1980

Chancellor's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, UTK, 1979

Hilton A. Smith Graduate Fellowship, UTK, 1978-79

Member, Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (inducted 1978)

John T. Moore Memorial Award of the Tennessee Historical Society, 1977 (for best article in the Tennessee Historical Quarterly)

Professional activities

Affiliations

Organization of American Historians
Southern Historical Association
East Tennessee Historical Society
Society of Civil War Historians

Symposium moderator

Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Knoxville, 2001
Atlanta History Center symposium on the Press and the Civil War, 1998

Session chair

Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, 2005
UTK/Univ. of Genoa International Conference on Aftermath of War, Knoxville, 2002
Veteran and American Society Conference, Knoxville, 2000
Appalachian Studies Association, Knoxville, 2000
Tennessee Conference of Historians, Knoxville, 1996

Session discussant/commentator

U. S. Military Academy Summer Seminar in Military History, West Point, 2006
University of Toronto Conference on the Civil War, 2005
Filson Institute Academic Conference on Ohio Valley History, Louisville, 2003
Society for Military History, Knoxville, 2003
Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, 2002
Virginia's Civil War and Aftermath Conference, Richmond, 2002
Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, 1987
Citadel Conference on the South, Charleston, 1985

Referee, essay manuscripts

Agricultural History
Journal of Military History
Locus
East Tennessee Historical Society's Publications
Virginia Magazine of History (five times)
Journal of Southern History (six times)
Southern Cultures
Civil War History (twice)
Journal of East Tennessee History (three times)
Journal of Urban History

Journal of American History
Military History of the West

Referee, book manuscripts and proposals

University Press of Florida (twice)
Louisiana State University Press (four times)
Peter Lang Publishing House
Rutgers University Press
University of Tennessee Press (seven times)
Vanderbilt University Press
University of Alabama Press
University of North Carolina Press (twice)
University Press of Kentucky
Fordham University Press

Referee, grant proposals

American Council of Learned Societies
Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
National Endowment for the Humanities

Teaching

Undergraduate courses taught

U.S. survey, origins to 1877
U.S. survey, 1877 to present
History of Tennessee
Civil War and Reconstruction

Graduate courses taught

Civil War and Reconstruction readings seminar
Civil War and Reconstruction research seminar

Undergraduate mentoring

Director, seven completed History/University Honors theses

Graduate mentoring

Director, ten completed M.A. theses:

Kevin Mason, "Black Sabbath: The Battle of Mill Springs" (1997)
Colin Babb, "A Long Way from Home: The West Gulf Blockading Squadron and Union Naval Logistics in the Civil War" (1998)

Kathryn St. Clair, "'Untold Pains and Aches': The Long-Term Effects of Wounding on Tennessee Confederate Veterans" (1998)

William Strasser, "'Our Women Played Well Their Parts': East Tennessee Women in the Civil War Era, 1860-1870" (1999)

Walter Bailey, "An Uncertain Shepherd: Ideology and Doctrine of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States, 1861-1865" (1999)

Steven Davis, "From Death, Life: An Economic and Demographic History of Civil War Era Knoxville and East Tennessee" (2006)

Amanda Ledford, "Educating Boys, Graduating Men: Student Masculinity at Centre College, 1865-1885" (2007)

D. Jeannine Cole, "Public Women in Public Spaces: Prostitution and Union Military Experience, 1861-1865" (2007)

David S. Leventhal, "Freedom to Work, Nothing More nor Less: The Freedmen's Bureau, White Planters, and Black Contract Laborers in Postwar Tennessee, 1865-1868" (2007)

G. Scott Hicks, "Rebuilding a Community: Prosperity and Peace in Post-Civil War Knoxville, Tennessee, 1865-1870" (2008)

Director, seven completed Ph.D. dissertations:

John D. Fowler, "Mountaineers in Gray: The Story of the 19th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment, CSA" (2000)

Kent Dollar, "'Soldiers of the Cross': Confederate Soldier-Christians and the Impact of the War on Their Faith" (2001)

Benjamin Severance, "Tennessee's Radical Army: The State Guard and Its Role in Reconstruction, 1866-1869" (2002)

Victoria Ott, "When the Flower Blooms in Winter: Young Women Coming of Age in the Confederacy" (2003)

Trevor Smith, "Pioneers, Patriots, and Politicians: The Tennessee Militia System, 1772-1857" (2003)

Nancy Schurr, "Inside the Confederate Hospital: Community and Conflict during the Civil War" (2004)

Troy Kickler, "Black Children and Northern Missionaries, Freedmen's Bureau Agents, and Southern Whites in Reconstruction Tennessee, 1865-1869" (2005)

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