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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor of History, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	August 2024-Present
Associate Professor of History, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	August 2016-July 2024
Assistant Professor of History, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia	August 2010-July 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, University of Virginia	May 2008
M.A. History, University of Virginia	August 2002
B.A. History and Philosophy, Taylor University	May 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Here and Everywhere Else: Small-Town Maine and the World (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, published in hardcover, paperback, and electronic editions on June 24, 2022)

* Winner of the 2023 New England Society Book Award (Historical Nonfiction category) * Winner of the 2023 Award of Excellence for Publications (large press category), American Association for State and Local History

Peer-Reviewed Essays

"Notes Toward a Values-Driven Framework for Digital Humanities Pedagogy" (with Seán McCarthy), *Hybrid Pedagogy: A Digital Journal of Learning, Teaching, and Technology* (March 2016), 2901 words; chosen as an Editors' Choice article by the editors of Digital Humanities Now.

"Agency, Race, and Christianity in the Strange Career of Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce," *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Vol. 83, No. 4 (December 2014): 884-923.

"Auguste Comte's Theory of History Crosses the Atlantic," in Charles T. Mathewes and Christopher McKnight Nichols, eds., *Prophesies of Godlessness: Predictions of America's Imminent Secularization from the Puritans to the Present Day* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008): 95-112.

"Race, Religion, and Rebellion: Black and White Baptists in Albemarle County, Virginia during the Civil War," in Edward L. Ayers, Gary W. Gallagher, and Andrew J. Torget, eds., *Crucible of the American Civil War: Virginia from Secession to Commemoration* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2006): 136-64.

Selected Essays and Reviews

Review of *A Potter's Progress: Emanuel Suter and the Business of Craft* (The University of Tennessee Press, 2020) in *The Mennonite Quarterly Review*, Vol. XCIX, No. 3 (July 2020): 409-11.

"Objects of Faith: 3D Modeling and Printing U.S. Religious History," *Material Religion* 15 (February 2019), 1510 words, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17432200.2018.1534973>.

Review of *The Civil War as Global Conflict: Transnational Meanings of the American Civil War* (The University of South Carolina Press, 2014) in *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 102, No. 1 (June 2015): 254-55.

William G. Thomas III, Patrick D. Jones, and Andrew Witmer, "History Harvests: What Happens When Students Collect and Digitize the People's History?" *Perspectives on History* (January 2013): 21-23.

Review of Clifford Putney and Paul T. Berlin, eds., *The Role of the American Board in the World* (Wipf and Stock, 2012) in the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (October 2012): 218.

Review of *Competing Kingdoms: Women, Mission, Nation, and the American Protestant Empire, 1812-1960* (Duke University Press, 2010) in *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 98, No. 1 (June 2011): 164-65.

"The Book Mechanic," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Vol. LVI, No. 16 (December 11, 2009): B16-B18.

"Scanned, Measured, Weighed: On the Science of Quantifying Human Persons," *Culture*, 3, 1 (Spring 2009): 10-12.

"Samuel Morris" and "Daniel F. Wilberforce" in Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, eds., *African American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008): Vol. 6, 31-32; Vol. 8, 277-78.

Review of *Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy* (Metropolitan Books, 2007) in *Material Religion: the Journal of Objects, Art and Belief*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (2008): 236-37.

"Criticism" and "Exploration" in Jonathan J. Bonk, ed., *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries*, Routledge Encyclopedias of Religion and Society, Vol. 9 (New York and London: Routledge, 2007): 109-11, 150-53.

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

College of Arts and Letters Educational Leave, James Madison University (2024)

Award of Excellence for Publications (large press), American Association for State and Local History (2023)

New England Society Book Award for Historical Nonfiction (2023)

College of Arts and Letters Mini-Grant, James Madison University (2021)

Edna T. Shaeffer Humanist Award, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison University (2018)

Carl Harter Distinguished Teaching Award, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison University (2017)

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania (2009-2010)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (2008-2009)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

"President Lincoln and Locality: National Commitments and Local Involvements in the Civil War Era." Panelist and coorganizer: "Zooming In, Zooming Out: Working Across Scales in Studying the Early United States." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 13, 2024.

Member, Lincoln Reimagined Working Group, convened by the National Council on Public History. Spring 2023.

"Performing Local, National, and Global Ties in the Farewell Services of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions." American Society of Church History Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. January 8, 2023.

Roundtable Participant, "Building Productive Academic-Community Collaborations in Public History." American Association for State and Local History Virtual Conference. November 1, 2022.

Invited Book Talk for *Here and Everywhere Else: Small-Town Maine and the World*. Webinar hosted by the Maine Historical Society, August 18, 2022.

"Small-Town Maine and the World." Lecture for C-SPAN's series "Lectures in History." Aired February 23, 2020; permanently available on the C-SPAN website (<https://www.c-span.org/video/?465807-1/rural-america-civil-war>)

Roundtable Participant, "New Approaches to Teaching Early America." Virginia Consortium of Early Americanists Annual Meeting. Richmond, Virginia. January 26, 2019.

Lightning Round Participant, "Academic History, Local History, and Community Engagement." Engagement for the Public Good Conference. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. November 8, 2018.

"Why Digital History?" Institute for Visual Studies, colloquium presentation with Professor Evan Friss. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. November 15, 2017.

"'You Must Love the Heathen in Spite of Their Hatefulness': Foreign Missions and Hierarchies of Benevolence in the Early American Republic." Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland. March 9, 2017.

"Digital Humanities and Social Sciences: A Progress Report." Center For Faculty Innovation, May Symposium. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. May 13, 2015.

"Religion in Motion: Religious Diversity in Shenandoah Valley History." Presentation at Sunnyside Retirement Community with JMU students Xavier Macy and Jessica Strawn. Harrisonburg, Virginia. February 24, 2014.

"The Rise and Fall of Daniel Flickinger Wilberforce: African Missions and Race-Making in the United States." Lynchburg College History Seminar. Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. March 20, 2013.

"The Shenandoah Valley History Harvest: Collecting and Digitizing Local Religious History." Shenandoah Valley Regional Studies Seminar. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. January 18, 2013.

Guest on *Virginia Insight*, produced by NPR affiliate WMRA. Harrisonburg, Virginia. April 26, 2012.

"Home-Like and Yet So Strange!": American Missionaries and Cultural Transformation in Nineteenth-Century Equatorial Africa." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. January 6, 2012.

Invited Panelist, "New Perspectives on African American Life in Antebellum Central Virginia." John M. Turner Lecture in the Humanities and Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Lynchburg, Virginia. February 24, 2011.

"Tracing the Transnational and Multiracial Origins of American Protestant Foreign Missions." American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. January 8, 2011.

PEER REVIEWER

Oxford University Press, *Journal of American History*, University of Massachusetts Press, Routledge, American Association for State and Local History (Interpreting History Book Series), Milestone Documents

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, American Association for State and Local History (January 2023-Present)
Director of Digital Initiatives, Department of History, James Madison University (September 2020-Present)
CAL Faculty Fellow, Digital Initiatives in Arts and Letters, James Madison University (August 2022-May 2024)
Member, Personnel Advisory Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (Fall 2021-May 2024)
Faculty-Member-in-Residence, Semester in London, James Madison University (Spring 2020 and Summer 2023)
Member, Search Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (August 2022-Spring 2023)
Member, Search Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (November 2020-Spring 2021)
Chair, Wilson Hall Renovation Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (Fall 2016-Fall 2019)
Member, Personnel Advisory Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (Fall 2016-Fall 2019)
Co-Facilitator, Networked Humanities Institute, James Madison University (Spring 2014-December 2018)
Member, Graduate Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (September 2013-May 2018)
Editor-at-Large, *Digital Humanities Now* (August 2016)
Faculty Advisor, *Madison Historical Review*, James Madison University (August 2012-December 2015)
Chair, Technology Committee, Department of History, James Madison University (2011-2015)