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Education

- Ph.D. **University of Virginia** 2021
United States History, 4.0 GPA
Dissertation: “From Segregation Academies to School Choice: The Post-*Brown* History of School Privatization”
- M.A. **University of Georgia** 2015
History, 3.96 GPA
Master’s Thesis: “A Private History of School Segregation in Georgia”
- B.A. **University of Florida** 2013
Major in History, minor in Anthropology, 3.9 GPA, *summa cum laude*
Honors Thesis: “With All Deliberate Delay: School Desegregation in Alachua County, Florida”

Professional Appointments

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 2021-2023

Research Interests

Twentieth-Century United States, Political History, Public and Digital Humanities, History of Capitalism, Race and Gender in US History

Exam Fields: Twentieth-Century United States History, the U.S. South from Reconstruction to the Present, and Race and American Education Since the Civil War. Passed with distinction.

Digital Humanities and Public History

- Writer and Lead Researcher, BackStory, a podcast produced by Virginia Humanities, Charlottesville, Virginia 2018-2019
- Mobile Application Development, Researcher and Writer, UVA Reveal, Digital Scholars’ Lab, University of Virginia 2017-2018
- A/V Digitization and Special Events Coordination, Participatory Media, a National Endowment for the Humanities funded project 2017
- Database Creation and Historical Research, Institute for Public History Internship for the President’s Commission on Slavery at the University of Virginia and Jefferson’s University—the Early Life Project, University of Virginia 2016
- Exhibit Curation and Archival Processing, George A. Smathers Special Collections Library, University of Florida 2012-2013

- Docent, Historic Haile Homestead at Kanapaha Plantation, Gainesville, Florida 2012-2013
- Oral History Internship, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, University of Florida 2011

Teaching Positions

- Instructor of Record, University of Virginia 2019
US History Since WWII: People, Politics, Power
- Head Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia 2021
Whiteness: History of a Racial Category
Co-wrote the course syllabus, designed discussion section lesson plans for six other TAs, crafted writing assignments based on learning goals
- Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia 2016-2017
Intro to American Studies
U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1914
- Instructor, Duke Talent Identification Program 2015
Civil and Environmental Law
- Graduate Teaching Asst., University of Georgia 2013-2015
U.S. History to 1865
U.S. History Since 1865
- Teaching Asst., Duke Talent Identification Program 2014
Government and Public Policy
- Asst. Program Director, Girl Scouts Community Development Program, Gainesville, Fla. 2011-2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Learn, Incorporated: School Privatization and Conservative Movement Building in the 1980s,” *Modern American History*. The paper has gone through the initial review process and I have been offered a revise and resubmit for potential publication.

Public Writing and Media Appearances

- “A Primer on School Privatization,” VoicEd Radio’s *In Conversation with Stephen Hurley*, interview, Feb. 19, 2020 2020
- “What the Supreme Court Missed about Wednesday’s religious-schools case,” *Washington Post*, Jan. 23, 2019 2020
- “How To: Research a History Podcast,” Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association (ANZASA) Online 2019

- “Don’t Let the Sun Go Down on You,” BackStory Blog, BackStory 2019
- “The BackStory Prize: Our Choice for the Best Public History Project in America,” interview, aired Jan. 11, 2019 2019
- “Old Cabell Hall Mural,” co-author, UVA Reveal 2018
- “Cemetery,” co-author, UVA Reveal 2018
- “Albemarle’s Black Classrooms,” interview, documentary film directed by Lorenzo Dickerson 2016
- Curator, Exhibit on the Civil Rights Movement in Florida, Smathers Special Collections Library, University of Florida 2013

Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

- “Whiteness in American Education” guest lecture, University of Virginia 2021
- “Segregation Academies and the Origins of School Privatization,” guest lecture, University of South Carolina 2020
- “Power in the Classroom,” led a workshop for new teaching assistants on using critical pedagogy in the classroom, University of Virginia 2019
- “Academics and Social Media,” Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue, Jefferson Scholars Foundation, Charlottesville, Virginia 2019
- “Podcasts and Public History in the Classroom” workshop leader for BackStory’s “How to Podcast” boot camp for 9-12 teachers, Virginia Institute for the Humanities, Charlottesville, Virginia 2018
- “Using Community Digital Archives in Historical Research,” invited talk, Washington and Lee University 2018
- “The Korean War in Global Perspective,” guest lecture, University of Virginia 2017
- “Civil Religion in the American South,” guest lecture, University of Virginia 2016

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- “Privatization Two Ways: School Vouchers and Charters in the 1990s,” Society for United States Intellectual History, Nashville, TN 2021
- Panel Organizer and Presenter, “Segrenomics in 20th-Century American Schools,” Organization of American Historians (OAH), Chicago, IL 2021
- “Parochialid’: Race, Religion, and the Michigan School Voucher Debate of 1970,” History of Education Society annual conference, Columbus, Ohio 2019
- Panel Organizer and Presenter, “An Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Private School Choice and Racial Inequality in American Education,” Remaking American Political History Conference, Purdue University 2019
- “Learn, Incorporated: Reagan’s Coalition for Privatized Education,” paper presentation, Transnational Twentieth Century History Workshop, UVA 2019

- “Reagan’s Choice: Tuition Vouchers and Tax Credits in the 1980s,” 2019
Raven Networking and Fellowship Symposium, University of Virginia
- “Segregated School Choice: Vouchers and Tax Credits in the Reagan Era,” 2018
History of Education Society annual conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- “Digitizing Whiteness: Systemic Inequality in Community Digital Archives,” 2018
Digital Humanities 2018, Mexico City
- “Augmenting the University: Using Augmented Reality to Excavate 2018
University Spaces,” co-author, Digital Humanities 2018, Mexico City
- “AR at UVA: Augmented Reality Explorations of Educational Inequality 2018
on Grounds,” co-author, Alderman Library, University of Virginia
- “UVA Reveal: Augmenting the University,” co-author, Husky Research 2018
Symposium, University of Virginia
- “Private Schools and Public Money: Massive Resistance and the Foundation 2016
of Modern Conservatism,” paper presentation, Twentieth Century United
States History Workshop, University of Virginia
- “Desegregation at a Southern Segregation Academy,” Triangle African 2014
American History Colloquium Conference, UNC – Chapel Hill

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist 2021-2023
University, Dallas, Texas
- National Fellowship, Jefferson Scholars Foundation 2020-2021
- Richard G. and Alice C. Tilghman Fellowship, Jefferson Scholars Foundation 2018-2020
- Remaking American Political History Conference Travel Stipend 2019
- Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grant 2018
- Bordin-Gillette Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library 2018
- Raven Fellowship, University of Virginia 2018
- Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, 2018
University of Virginia
- First Prize, Husky Research Exhibition, co-author, University of Virginia 2018
- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council Research Grant, 2018
University of Virginia
- Praxis Program in the Digital Humanities Fellowship, Digital Scholars’ Lab, 2017-2018
University of Virginia
- Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, 2017
University of Virginia
- Gregory Travel Grant, University of Georgia 2014
- Gregory Grant for Civil War and Southern Studies, University of Georgia 2013-2015
- Graduate Fellowship, University of Georgia 2013-2015
- Florida Academic Scholars Award 2010 to 2013

- National Merit Scholarship 2010 to 2013
- Metta Heathcote Grant 2012

Academic Service and Leadership

- Naming of Facilities Committee Member, Charlottesville City Schools, Va 2020-2021
- Member, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, History Department, UVA 2020
- Researcher, Committee on Renaming, University of Virginia 2019
- Book Review Editor, *Essays in History*, University of Virginia 2017-2018
- Manuscript Reviewer, *Essays in History*, University of Virginia 2017
- Organizer, Twentieth-Century United States Workshop, University of Virginia 2017
- Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate History Student Association, University of Virginia 2016-present
- Vice President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Georgia 2014-2015
- Judge, National History Day, Athens, Ga. 2014
- Tutor, Athens Tutorial Program, Athens, Ga. 2013-2014
- Vice President, Phi Alpha Theta, Gamma Eta Chapter, University of Florida 2012-2013