**Laurie Miriam Drake**

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**EDUCATION**

PhD Candidate, History, ABD

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Dissertation Titled “Beyond the Doorpost: A Jewish Family in the Anglo-Protestant World”

 Dissertation Advisor: Judith Ridner, Professor, MSU

MA in English 2009

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

BA in Anthropology with a minor in English 2007

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

**TEACHING AND ADVISING**

Director of Continued Enrollment 2024-present

Center for Academic Excellence, Mississippi State University

* Oversees university retention programs housed in the CAE
* Works closely with the Bulldog Bounce Back Coordinator
* Created program and course materials.
* Works closely with the Dean of Students, Registrar’s Office, Student Financial Aid, Housing, deans, departmental advisors, and Office of the Provost.
* Supervises the Bulldog Rebound Student Guides program.
* Supervises the Bulldog Rebound Graduate Assistant.

Bulldog Rebound Instructor/Coordinator 2009-present

Center for Academic Excellence, Mississippi State University

* Facilitator and lecturer for LSK 1033 and LSK 1131
* Managed Bulldog Rebound, an academic program for suspended students.
* Created course materials and syllabi. Led discussions and workshops on student success.
* Work closely with the Dean of Students, Registrar’s Office, Student Financial Aid, Housing, college deans, departmental advisors, Office of the Provost, and various organizations on campus.
* Responsible for all students in Bulldog Rebound each semester.

Adjunct English Instructor 2008-present

Department of English, Mississippi State University

* Facilitator and lecturer for one to two sections of Basic English
* Facilitator and lecturer for one to two sections of English Comp I
* Facilitator and lecturer for one to two sections of English Comp II
* Created course materials and syllabi
* Used pedagogical techniques and various strategies to engage non-traditional students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research areas include:

* Gender and Race in Early American history
* Religious History
* Jewish History
* Material Culture
* Colonial and Revolutionary America
* Civil War America
* 18th Century Studies
* 19th Century Studies
* Early U.S. History

**PUBLICATIONS**

Dill, Anna L, Cheryl A Justice, Sue S Minchew, Laurie M Drake (nee Pate), Chih-hsuan Wang, and Candace B Weed. “The Use of the LASSI (The Learning and Study Strategies Inventory) to Predict and Evaluate the Study Habits and Academic Performance of Students in a Learning Assistance Program.” *Journal of College Reading and Learning* 45.1 (2014): 20-34. Print.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS**

“‘Death in Its Power Reduces’: The Chatham Street Cemetery of Congregation Shearith Israel.” Panel: Object Lessons from the Eighteenth Century at the 50th Meeting of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Greenville, SC. February 29-March 2, 2024.

“Religious Publications for Jewish Children: A Close Study of a Jewish Catechism Published in 1856 New York,” American Antiquarian Society 2023 Week-Long Summer Seminar, *Material Religion: Objects, Images, Books*. Jointly offered by the Program in the History of the Book in American Culture and the Center for Historic American Visual Culture. Worcester, MA. June 25-30, 2023.

“Inscribed on Doorposts and Gates: Constructing Spaces of Jewish Identity and Community in Protestant Colonial America.” Panel: Making Religion in America at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Consortium of the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850. Fort Worth, TX. February 3, 2023.

“she distinguished her pious Care in imprinting on the tender Minds of her Children”: Resisting her Children’s Intermarriages by a Jewish Matriarch. Panel: Gender, Family, Ethnicity, and Material Culture in the Long Eighteenth-Century at the 47th Annual Meeting of The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, February 27, 2021.

“Retaining the Academically Distressed Student at Mississippi State University through the Learning Skills Support Program (LSSP).” National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA), Tampa, FL. September 2016.

**AWARDS**

 2024 Graduate Student Essay Prize

“‘Death in Its Power Reduces’: The Chatham Street Cemetery of Congregation Shearith Israel.”

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

2024 Graduate Student Travel Grant

The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Advisor February 2024-present

Hillel, Jewish Student Association at Mississippi State University

* Works with Hillel International
* Works with the Executive Board
* Oversees student organization meetings, campus engagement, participation.
* Facilitates campus activities and events

English/Science/Writing Presenter 2015-present

ACT Workshop

Center for Academic Excellence, Mississippi State University

Analytical Writing Presenter 2010-present

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Workshop

Center for Academic Excellence, Mississippi State University

**PROFESSIOAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 2020-present

National College Learning Center Association 2010-present

Lambda Alpha National Anthropological Society 2006-present