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Academic Appointments

Graduate Assistant for the Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana.

Mississippi State University, Summer 2023-Summer 2024. –Under the Direction of Dr. Susannah Ural, The Frank and Virginia Williams Chair for Abraham Lincoln and Civil War Studies.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mississippi State University, 2020-2023

Summer 2023 – HI 4273 Women in American History

Spring 2023 – HI 1073 Modern American History

Fall 2022 – HI 1063 Early American History

Summer 2022 – HI 4533 History of the Cold War

Spring 2022 – HI 1223 Modern Western World

Fall 2021 – HI 1063 Early American History

Summer 2021 – HI 4533 History of the Cold War

Spring 2021 – HI 1223 Modern Western World

Fall 2020 – HI 1073 Modern American History

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2017-2019

Spring 2019 – HI 201 American Identity

Fall 2018 – HI 201 Medieval Medicine

Spring 2018 – HI 300 The American Civil War

Fall 2017 – HI 201 American Identity

Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Mississippi State University, 2020-Present – *Under the direction of Dr. Andrew Lang.*

M.A., History, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2019

B.A., History, Virginia Commonwealth University, Cum Laude, 2017

Relevant Work Experience

Graduate Student Practicum with the U.S. Grant Presidential Library.

Mississippi State University, Fall 2021-Spring 2022

- Created metadata for uncatalogued ephemera in the Collections and Papers of Ulysses S. Grant.
- Learned and refined archival best practices and became proficient with managing the databases used at the Grant Library.
- Created finding aids for the collection.
- Learned the principles of documentary editing.
- Conducted research and drafted annotations for The Grant Library's forthcoming annotated edition of the memoirs of William Tecumseh Sherman.

Archival Intern at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Richmond, Virginia, Spring 2018-Summer 2018

Accessioned collections from the American Civil War Museum under the direction of the archival staff of the VMHC. I used the museum's primary cataloging system and created basic finding aids for some of the accessioned material.

Intern and Educational Assistant at the American Civil War Museum

Richmond, Virginia, Fall 2018

Contributed research and exhibit writing for the Museum's flagship exhibit "A People's Contest" prior to its opening in 2018.

Publications

Master's Thesis: "Architect of the New South: The Life and Legacy of General William Mahone" – Advisor, Dr. Kathryn Shively.

<https://scholarscompass.vcu.edu/etd/5887/>

Grants and Scholarships

Mississippi State: Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Travel Support Program (2024).

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Dr. John Douglas and Elizabeth Forrest Graduate Student Fund for Excellence (2023).

Schilling Fund Travel Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018.

John Hope Franklin Research Grant, Duke University, 2018-2019.

Craig Kennedy Scholarship, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2018.

Honors and Awards

William E. Parrish Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award (2021).

Conference Presentations and Public Lectures

“The Verdict of the War: Ex-Rebels, Black Petitioners, and Reconstruction’s Contested Promise.” Presented at The Society for Civil War Historians’ Eighth Biennial Conference on June 21, 2024. Raleigh, NC.

“From Emancipation to Desegregation.” Panel presentation for The Society of Mississippi Archivists’ Annual Meeting. April 17, 2024. Jackson, MS.

“The Most Damnable Outrage: The Chisholm Massacre and the End of Reconstruction.” Presented at Texas A&M’s History Graduate Student Conference on February 10, 2024.

“Confederate Delusions: The Hubris of Mastery During the American Civil War.” Presented at The University of Mississippi’s “The Passage of the Armies: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Enslaved in the Civil War and Reconstruction” Biennial Conference on October 13, 2023. Oxford, MS.

“The Fragmented Lost Cause: William Mahone and the Readjuster Party in Historical Memory,” Presented at The University of Mississippi’s “Crossroads of Memory,” Biennial Conference on October 30, 2021.

“Architect of the New South,” Emerging Scholars’ Presentations, The American Civil War Museum, May 4, 2019. Richmond, VA.

“William Mahone and the Readjuster Party: Race and Politics in Postwar Virginia,” Virginia Forum, Longwood University, March 15, 2019. Farmville, VA.

“Emancipation During the American Civil War,” Guest Lecture, History 201 “American Identity,” Virginia Commonwealth University, March 11, 2019. Richmond, VA.

“General William Mahone and the Readjuster Party,” Three-minute Thesis Competition, Virginia Commonwealth University, October 18, 2018. Richmond, VA.

Book Reviews

Review, *Fighting Means Killing: Civil War Soldiers and the Nature of Combat*, by Jonathan Steplyk, for *The West Tennessee Historical Society Papers*, (2023).

Review, *The Cassville Affairs: Johnson, Hood, and the Failed Confederate Strategy in the Atlanta Campaign, 19 May 1864*, by Robert D. Jenkins Sr, GA: Mercer University Press. for *The Journal of Military History* (2024).

Public History Contributions

“Glorifying War? Reflections on Hollywood’s 1951 Adaptation of The Red Badge of Courage.” For the *Emerging Civil War Blog*, October 25, 2023.

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2023/10/25/glorifying-war-reflections-on-hollywoods-1951-adaptation-of-the-red-badge-of-courage/>

“The Nashville Petition of 1865 and the Promise of Reconstruction.” For the *Emerging Civil War Blog*, December 16, 2022.

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2022/12/16/the-nashville-petition-of-1865-and-the-promise-of-reconstruction-part-ii/>

“Selectively Remembered: William Mahone and the Readjuster Party.” For the *Emerging Civil War Blog*, April 11, 2019.

<https://emergingcivilwar.com/2019/04/11/emerging-scholar-heath-anderson/>

Professional Affiliations

Society of Civil War Historians, *Member*