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Academic Position

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tx., 2024-present

Education

Ph.D. in History, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., 2024

M.A. in History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok., 2015

B.A. in History and Political Science, summa cum laude, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok., 2013

Publications

Current Project

Negotiating Peace and Power: Amnesty in the Early American Republic

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Mourning a Murder: The Death of John Pierce, Local Politics, and British-American Relations,” *Journal of the Early Republic*, 43:1 (Spring 2023), 29-57.

Public Writing

“Congress should resist the urge to implement the 25th Amendment for partisan gain,” *The Washington Post*, October 19, 2020

Book Reviews

Liulevicius, Kathleen Zebley. *Rebel Salvation: Pardon and Amnesty of Confederates in Tennessee* (Louisiana State University Press, 2021), *Civil War History*, 69:2 (June 2023), 99-101.

Icenhauer-Ramirez, Robert. *Treason on Trial: The United States v. Jefferson Davis* (Louisiana State University Press, 2019), *H-Nationalism*. March 29, 2021.

Curran, Thomas F. *Women Making War: Female Confederate Prisoners and Union Military Justice* (Southern Illinois University Press, 2020). *The Civil War Monitor*. January 6, 2021.

Grants and Fellowships

Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship, Institute for Citizens and Scholars, 2023-2024 (alternate)

Friends Research Grant, Friends of the J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, 2021

Louis Leonard Tucker Alumni Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2021

Norton Strange Townshend Week-long Fellowship, Clements Library, 2021

Alfred M. Landon Research Grant, Kansas Historical Society, 2020

Clarence Dixon Taylor Research Award, Charles Redd Center, 2020

Richardson Dilworth Fellowship for Law, Politics, and Reform, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 2020-2021

National Humanities Center Summer Residency Program, 2019 (declined)

Association of Centers for the Study of Congress Grant for Research in Congressional Collection, 2018

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Hill Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University, 2023-2024

Lawrence J. and Gretchen McCabe Graduate Scholarship, Pennsylvania State University, 2002, 2023

Edwin Erle Sparks Fellowship in the Humanities for Dissertation Research, Pennsylvania State University, 2021

Warren W. Hassler Graduate Fellowship in the Civil War Era, Pennsylvania State University, 2020, 2021

Doctoral Fellow in the Center for Democratic Deliberation, Pennsylvania State University, 2020-2021

McCourtney Family Graduate Scholarship in American History, Pennsylvania State University, 2020

Lafferty History Scholarship for the Transition to Remote Teaching and Learning, Pennsylvania State University, 2020

RGSO Dissertation Support Grant, Pennsylvania State University, 2020

James Landing Graduate Fellowship in History, Pennsylvania State University, 2019

Robberson Research Travel Grant, University of Oklahoma, 2015

Awards and Honors

E-Tu Zen Sun Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Pennsylvania State University, 2021

A.K. Christian Graduate Award in History for best seminar paper by a graduate student, University of Oklahoma, 2018, 2015

Oklahoma Phi Alpha Theta Top Paper-Graduate Division, U.S. History, 2015

Oklahoma Phi Alpha Theta Top Paper-Graduate Division, Non-U.S. History, 2014

Teaching Experience

American Civilization to 1877, Pennsylvania State University, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2021 (Jacob Lee)

American Civilization 1877-Present, Pennsylvania State University, Teaching Assistant
Fall 2020 (Gregory Peek)

United States History, 1491-1865, University of Oklahoma, Teaching Assistant
Spring 2019 (Adam Malka)

Congress: Politics, Policy and the Constitution, University of Oklahoma. Teaching Assistant
Fall 2014 (Cindy Simon-Rosenthal and Ronald M. Peters)
Spring 2015 (Joshua Zingher)
Fall 2017 (Cindy Simon-Rosenthal)
Fall 2018 (Charles J. Finocchiaro)

Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 2022 – 2024

Research Assistant to Professor Rachel Shelden, Pennsylvania State University History Department, 2022

Research Assistant to Professor Benjamin Johnson, Penn State Law, 2021

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of the Civil War Era* Book Reviews, 2019 – 2020

Public History Experience

Curator, Public Exhibits, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center 2016-2017
“I Do Solemnly Swear: The Fragility and Strength of the American Presidency,” Fall 2017
“The Cartwright Family Wanderchart,” Spring 2017
“Oklahomans and World War I,” Spring 2016

Processing Archivist, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center 2015-2017
Ronald M. Peters Papers, 2017
Verneil S. English Collection, 2015
Michael S. Synar Collection, 2015-2016

Senior Digitization Team Member, Digital Community Archive, Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center, 2016-2017

“Local Digital History Lab: The Creation of Lake Thunderbird,” Spring 2017

“Local Digital History Lab: The Flooding of Mingo Creek,” Fall 2016

Conference Presentations

“Freer from unnecessary legal restraints:’ Jurisdiction and Amnesty in Utah Territory,” New History of Federalism Conference, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Columbia, Mo., September 2024

“Federalism, Jurisdiction, and Mobility in the 19th-Century United States,” American Political History Conference, Nashville, Tn., June 2024

“Clemency and Electoral Politics: The Dorr Rebellion and the 1845 Liberation Ticket,” Conference on Electocracy in America and the Atlantic World, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Columbia, Mo., March 2024

“‘No further lenity’: The Utah Expedition, Amnesty, and the Limits of Local Sovereignty,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, New Orleans, La., July 2022

“Advising Amnesty: Republican Governance, State Sovereignty, and the Dorr Rebellion,” American Political History Conference, Purdue, In., June 2022

“‘Kansas Troubles are at an End’: The Local Politics of Peace, Amnesty, and Loyalty in Bleeding Kansas,” Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., June 2022

“John Ritchie and Common Consent: The Local Politics of Peace and Amnesty in Bleeding Kansas,” Penn State Graduate Student Exhibition, Virtual due to Covid-19, March 2021

“Common Consent and the Unfortunate Death of Leonard Arms: The Local Politics of Peace and Amnesty in Bleeding Kansas,” American Society for Legal History Student Research Colloquium, Virtual due to Covid-19, November 2020

“Mourning Mothers and Memory-Keeping Daughters: Women, Politics, and the Memory of the American Revolution,” Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Conference, Baton Rouge, La., March 2015

“Mourning a Murder: The Death of John Pierce and Early American Political Symbolism,” Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians and Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Oklahoma City, Ok., February 2015

“Enemy to Ally: Changing Perceptions in the United States and Berlin, 1945-1963,” Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians and Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Tahlequah, Ok., March 2014

Invited Lectures

“The Bill of Rights?” in Constitutional History of the United States to 1877, Pennsylvania State University, 2021

“The Seventies” in American Civilization 1877-Present, Pennsylvania State University, 2020

“The 25th Amendment and Presidential Succession,” in Congress: Politics, Policy, and the Constitution, University of Oklahoma, 2018

“Understanding Archival Research,” in Congress: Politics, Policy, and the Constitution, University of Oklahoma, 2018

“Curating Archival Exhibits,” in Congress: Politics, Policy, and the Constitution, University of Oklahoma, 2017

“Understanding Archival Research,” in Congress: Politics, Policy, and the Constitution, University of Oklahoma, 2017

Affiliations

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

Organization of American Historians

Phi Beta Kappa

Society of Civil War Historians

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Southern Historical Association

References

Dr. Rachel A. Shelden

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George Winfree Professor of American History at Pennsylvania State University

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