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EDUCATION

2013. Ph.D. (with Honors) in Early American History, University of Kansas
Subfields: British History and Global History
Dissertation: "Imperial Pubs: British American Taverns as Spaces of Empire, 1700-1783"
2008. B.A. in History, Kansas State University
Magna Cum Laude with Phi Beta Kappa Honors

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-Present. Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2016-2020. Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2013-2016. Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

2020. *Merpeople: A Human History* (London: Reaktion Books, Forthcoming August 2020).
2019. *Inn Civility: Urban Taverns and Early American Civil Society* (New York: New York University Press, 2019).

Articles

2020. "Mermaid Iconography and Anglo-American Maritime Culture." Forthcoming in *Shima: The International Journal of Research into Island Cultures*.
2020. "A Royal in Revolutionary America: Prince William Henry and the Fall of the British Empire in Colonial America." Forthcoming in *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.
2018. "'The Devil Was in the Englishman That He Makes Everything Work': Implementing the Concept of 'Work' to Reevaluate Sugar Production and Consumption in the Early Modern British Atlantic World" (with Neil Oatsvall, Ph.D.). *Agricultural History* 92:4 (Fall 2018): 461-490.
2018. "Cultivating 'Cities in the Wilderness': New York City's Commercial Pleasure Gardens and the British American Pursuit of Rural Urbanism." *Urban History* 45:2 (May 2018): 275-305.

2017. “‘Such monsters do exist in nature’: Mermaids, Tritons, and the Science of Wonder in Eighteenth-Century Europe.” *Itinerario* 41:3 (December 2017): 507-538.
2016. “Transatlantic Actors: The Intertwining Stages of George Whitefield and Lewis Hallam Sr., 1739-1756.” *Journal of Social History* 50:1 (Fall 2016): 1-27.
2016. “‘The happy effects of these waters’: Colonial American Mineral Spas and the British Civilizing Mission.” *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 14:3 (Summer 2016): 409-449.
2015. “‘Quite a genteel and extreamly commodious House’: Southern Taverns, Anxious Elites, and the British American Quest for Social Differentiation.” *Journal of Early American History* 5:1 (April 2015): 30-67.
2013. “Cosmopolitan Colonists: Gentlemen’s Pursuit of Cosmopolitanism and Hierarchy in Colonial American Taverns.” *Atlantic Studies: Global Currents* 10:4 (December 2013): 467-496.

Book Chapters

2020. “Drowning in Health: Murky Perceptions of Mineral Water and Alcohol in Eighteenth-Century Medical Literature and Social Mores.” In *Baths and Spa Waters in the Culture of Early Modern England*, edited by Sophie Chiari and Samuel Cuisinier-Delorme (invited chapter, forthcoming with Palgrave-Macmillan, 2021).
2020. “The World of Nature.” In *A Cultural History of Leisure in the Enlightenment*, edited by Peter Borsay and Jan Hein Furnee (invited chapter, forthcoming with Bloomsbury Press, 2021).
2014. “‘A Genteel and Sensible Servant’: The Commodification of African Slaves in Tidewater Virginia, 1700-1774.” In *Order and Civility in the Early Modern Chesapeake*, edited by Debra Meyers and Melanie Perreault, 173-192. Lanham, MD: Lexington Publishers, 2014.

Under Consideration & In Progress

“‘A King’s Governor has little or no business here’: The Flight of the Colonial Governors in British North America, 1773-76” (with John Parrack, Ph.D.). Manuscript under revision with the *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*.

Under Alien Skies: The Climate of War in Revolutionary America. Manuscript under review with a university press.

“‘The cause of this desperate act’: Suicide in the American Revolution.” Manuscript under revision.

Other Publications (Non-Peer Review)

2020. “‘Disorderly Houses’: Taverns and the Complicated Birth of Early American Civil Society .” Forthcoming in *Aeon Magazine*.
2020. “The ‘Tavern on the Green’: How a Central Park Landmark Epitomizes Colonial New York City’s Urban Development.” *Gotham: A Blog for Scholars of New York City History* (March 19, 2020). <https://www.gothamcenter.org/blog/colonial-new-york-citys-urban-development>
2020. *The University of Central Arkansas: A History of UCA’s Campus Through Images*, with Marcus Witcher, Ph.D. and Phi Alpha Theta, Mu Chapter (Charleston, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2020).
2019. “Beer and Humanities in Arkansas.” *Arkansas Humanities Council Magazine* 1:1 (Summer 2019): 8-9.
2018. “Diving into Mysterious Waters: Why Some of the Smartest Men in Early Modern Europe Believed in Merpeople.” Cover Story in *History Today* 68:5 (May 2018), 50-59.
* One of *History Today*’s “Best Articles of 2018.”
2017. “Growing Your Wolf Pack: Why Collaboration is ‘Worth It’ in Historical Scholarship.” Guest Article for *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History*. With Neil Oatsvall. February 20.
2015. “Fabricating History Part Two: The Curious Case Continues.” Guest Article for *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History*. July 2.
2015. “Fabricating History: The Curious Case of John Smith, a Green-Haired Mermaid, and Alexander Dumas.” Guest Article for *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History*. June 16.
2013. “Style for the Ages.” *Lawrence Journal World*. Lawrence, KS (a monthly column on the cultural history of men’s fashion). July 2012 to August 2013.
2013. “Young Designers Refashion Quantrill’s Raid.” *Lawrence Journal World*. Lawrence, KS, July 25.
2011. “Companion Website” for *Converging Worlds: Communities and Cultures in Colonial America*, edited by Louise A. Breen. New York: Routledge, 2011.

Book Reviews

2019. Review of *Daniel Morgan: A Revolutionary Life*. By Albert Louis Zambone. Yardley, Penn.: Westholme Publishing, 2018. In the *Journal of Southern History* 85:4 (Nov. 2019): 893-895.
2017. Review of *Charleston and the Emergence of Middle-Class Culture in the Revolutionary Era*. By Jennifer Goloboy. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2016. In the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 115:4 (Autumn 2017): 670-672.
2017. Review of *Planters, Merchants, and Slaves: Plantation Societies in British America, 1650-1820*. By Trevor Burnard. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015. In *Agricultural History* (Winter 2017): 134-36.
2016. Review of *The Curious Mister Catesby: A "Truly Ingenious" Naturalist Explores New Worlds*. Edited for the Catesby Commemorative Trust by E. Charles Nelson and David J. Elliott. Foreword by Jane O. Waring. Athens and London: The University of Georgia Press, 2015. In the *Journal of Southern History* 82:3 (August 2016): 654-55.

Conference Presentations

2019. "Drowning in Health: Mineral Spring Water and Alcohol in Eighteenth-Century England." Baths and Spa Waters in the Culture of Early Modern England. October 9-11. Vichy, France.
2016. "Buzzed Britons: How Colonists Imbibed Empire in British American Taverns." North American Conference on British Studies. November 11-13. Washington, D.C.
2014. "Landscapes of Consumption: How Rum Punch Integrated Slavery and Caribbean Environments into Colonial American Taverns." Presented by Neil Oatsvall. Paper co-written by Neil Oatsvall and Vaughn Scribner. Agricultural History Conference. June 21. Provo, UT.
2013. "'The Rabble filled the House': British American Taverns as Class-Contested Spaces of Imperial Connection." British Group in Early American History Conference. September 7. Norwich, Norfolk, UK.
2010. "'Mixed Company': Colonial American Taverns' Connections to the Atlantic World, 1620-1775." Nineteenth Annual Bluegrass Regional Graduate Student Conference, February 20. Lexington, KY.
2008. "'We Had Borne as Long as Human Nature Could Endure': Continental Soldiers' Experiences of Suffering in the American Revolutionary War." Thirtieth Mid-America Conference on History, September 25. Springfield, MO.
2008. "'We Had Borne as Long as Human Nature Could Endure': Continental Soldiers' Experiences of Suffering in the American Revolutionary War." Kansas Association of Historians Annual Conference. April 11. Independence, KS.

Invited Professional Lectures

2020. "Selections from *Merpeople: A Human History*." Oceans Working Group: Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine. August 18. Philadelphia, PA (Zoom Lecture with International Audience).
2020. "Founders, Foils, and Fuelers: The Dutch in Colonial New York." The Holland Society of New York Meeting. June 20. New York, NY (Zoom Lecture with International Audience).
2019. "Inn Civility: Reflecting Upon Taverns, Politics, and Our Tumultuous Present." Arkansas Literary Festival. Central Arkansas Library System. April 27. Little Rock, AR.
2019. "Inn Civility: A Brief Lecture on a Long Tradition." Arkansas Humanities Council Board Dinner. April 5. Little Rock, AR.
2018. "Nature's Elixir: How Beer and Mineral Spring Water Made America 'Healthy.'" Beer and Humanities Lecture Series, Arkansas Humanities Council. November 29. Superior Bathhouse Brewery, Hot Springs, AR.
2018. "Buzzed Britons: How Taverns and Drinking Made America Revolutionary." Beer and Humanities Lecture Series, Arkansas Humanities Council. October 18. Arkansas Ale House, Little Rock, AR.
2017. "A Climate of War, an Environment of Suffering: How New York City's Occupants Weathered the American Revolution." Kane Allen Memorial Lectureship, "Environmental Issues." March 27. Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts, Hot Springs, AR.
2014. "'The Terrors of the First Night': Taverns as Spaces of Violent Protest During the Stamp Act Crisis." Kinder Forum on Constitutional Democracy History Colloquium Series, December 5. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Guest (Casual/Classroom) Lectures

2018. "Drunken Liberty: Taverns, Riots, and the American Revolution." Humanities and Social Sciences Fair, University of Central Arkansas. November 1.
2017. "Grad School 101: Hard Realities, Real Hopes." Phi Alpha Theta Meeting, University of Central Arkansas. November 7.
2017. "'They will begin to think their united power irresistible': Urban Taverns and the Stamp Act Crisis." Conway Lions Club, Conway, Arkansas. July 11.

2017. "Riots and Taxes in America's Past and Present." Sunday Forum Class, First United Methodist Church. May 21
2017. "'Such monsters do exist in nature': Mermaids, Tritons, and the Science of Wonder in Eighteenth-Century Europe." Phi Alpha Theta Meeting, University of Central Arkansas. February 8.
2015. "George Washington: The Carefully-Cultivated Development of a Southern Gentleman, Patriot General, and American President." College Square Retirement Community, Conway, Arkansas. February 16.
2014. "Slave Women in the British Empire." HIST 6323, "Graduate Seminar on American Colonial and Revolutionary History." Professor Wendy Lucas. Department of History, University of Central Arkansas. September 30.
2012. "The Global West." HIST 129, "US History after the Civil War." Professor Sheyda Jahanbani. Department of History, University of Kansas. February 15.
2011. "The British Atlantic World." HIST 964, "Graduate Seminar in American Colonial History." Professor Paul Kelton. Department of History, University of Kansas. October 6.

Webinars

2018. "From Skeptic to Advocate: Digital Text and Student Engagement." Macmillan Webinars on Demand. October 18. <https://community.macmillan.com/videos/2316-from-skeptic-to-advocate>
2018. "Integrating 'Read and Practice' in the Collegiate History Class." Macmillan Webinars on Demand. March 1. <https://community.macmillan.com/videos/2230-webinar-recording-achieve-read-practice>

Podcast

2018. "Mermaids and Taverns: Talking with Vaughn Scribner." The Vortex Podcast. November 19.

Media

2019. "Ten Questions with Vaughn Scribner." From the Desk of Kurt Manwaring, August 6, <https://www.fromthedesk.org/10-questions-with-vaughn-scribner/>.
2019. "The Academic Minute: *Inn Civility: Urban Taverns and Early American Civil Society*." Two-minute radio spot (WAMC: Northeast Public Radio) hosted by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. May 13. <https://academicminute.org/2019/08/vaughn-scribner-central-arkansas-university-taverns/>

2019. “The Author’s Corner with Vaughn Scribner.” *The Way of Improvement Leads Home: Reflections at the Intersection of American History, Religion, Politics, and Academic Life* (John Fea), April 25, <https://thewayofimprovement.com/2019/04/25/the-authors-corner-with-vaughn-scribner/>
2019. “The Page 99 Test: *Inn Civility: Urban Taverns and Early American Civil Society*.” *The Page 99 Test*, April 23, <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2019/04/vaughn-scribners-inn-civility.html>
2017. “Why Are Mythical Creatures So Popular?” Interviewed by Kay Burley on Sky News. London, UK. October 12. <https://www.facebook.com/kayburleysky/videos/844043032423936/>

Professional Consulting

2019. Desk Reviewer, “The Great Spas of Europe (Austria, Belgium, Czechia, France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom.” *International Council on Monuments and Sites: UNESCO World Heritage List*. Paris, France. October 15-November 15.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, August 2016-Present

- U.S. History through Reconstruction
- U.S. History through Reconstruction (University Scholars Edition)
- U.S. History since Reconstruction
- Introduction to Historical Research
- Reading and Writing History: The Enlightenment
- American Revolution(s): First Year Seminar in Early American History
- Colonial and Revolutionary American History
- The Atlantic Slave Trade (Online Course)
- England as Center and Periphery (Study Abroad Honors Course)
- The Atlantic Slave Trade (Graduate Course)
- Senior Seminar (Capstone Course)
- The Early Modern Atlantic World in a Global Perspective (Graduate Course)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, August 2013-August 2016

- U.S. History through Reconstruction
- U.S. History since Reconstruction
- Introduction to Historical Research
- Colonial and Revolutionary American History

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Assistant Instructor, Department, of History University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, August 2008-May 2013

Assistant Instructor

- Atlantic Societies, 1450-1800
- U.S. History before the Civil War

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- U.S. History since the Civil War
- Comparative English and American Legal History (Cambridge, UK)
- The American Civil War

Reading Instructor, Institute of Reading Development, Redding, CA, Summers 2009 and 2011
-Reading Skills Courses, Students Ages Four to Adult

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020. Career Champion (Nominee), Career Services, University of Central Arkansas
- 2019. CLA Dean's Office Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas
- 2019. Arkansas Humanities Council "Generation Y" Professional Development Opportunity Grant, presented by the Arkansas Humanities Council
- 2019. University Research Council Summer Research Stipend, presented by the University of Central Arkansas
- 2017. Faculty Development Summer Stipend, presented by the University of Central Arkansas
- 2017. University Research Council Summer Research Stipend, presented by the University of Central Arkansas
- 2016. University Research Council Travel Grant, presented by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Central Arkansas
- 2013. Argersinger Prize for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation (Finalist), presented by the Department of Graduate Studies, University of Kansas
- 2013. George L. Anderson Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, presented by the Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2011. Jim Martin Travel Award in the Humanities, presented by the Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas
- 2010. Donald R. McCoy Dissertation Research Award, presented by the Department of History, University of Kansas

2009. Systematic Improvement of Undergraduate Education in Research Universities, funded by the Teagle and Spencer Foundation (selected by Dr. Sheyda Jahanbani as Graduate Teaching Assistant for this project)

HONORS

2008. Phi Beta Kappa
2007. Phi Alpha Theta
2005. Phi Eta Sigma

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

- William and Mary Quarterly* (Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture)
- Environmental History* (Oxford University Press)
- Oxford Bibliographies* (Oxford University Press)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2020. Co-Organizer and Panel Chair, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Conway, AR
2019. Finalist Judge, Senior Websites, Arkansas History Day, Conway, AR
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2016. Finalist Judge, Junior Group Performance, Senior Paper, and Junior Individual Website, National History Day, College Park, MD
2016. Finalist Judge, Senior Websites, Arkansas History Day, Conway, AR
2016. Teacher Trainer and Student Mentor, Arkansas History Day Outreach Program, Spradling Elementary School, Fort Smith, AR
2015. Teacher Trainer, National History Day Workshop, Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock, AR
2015. Leader and Organizer, Student Trip to Butler Center for Arkansas Studies and Arkansas History Commission Archives, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
2015. Participant, Deep Learning Workshop, Instructional Development Office, University of Central Arkansas

- 2015. Instructor, National History Day Preparatory Workshop, Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock, AR
- 2015. Finalist Judge, Junior Documentaries, Arkansas History Day
- 2015. Finalist Judge, Phi Alpha Theta, Mu Chapter Annual Student Conference, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2014. Finalist Judge, High School Documentaries and Essays, Arkansas History Day
- 2011. Co-Organizer, University of Kansas and University of Missouri Joint History Graduate Student Conference, University of Kansas

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2020. Member, Online Learning Advisory Committee, University of Central Arkansas (since 2017)
- 2020. Member, CLA Curriculum and Assessment Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Central Arkansas (since 2018)
- 2020. Member, CLA Research Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas (since 2017)
- 2020. Member, Liberal Arts Advocacy Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas
- 2020. Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, Mu Chapter, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas (since 2014)
- 2020. Member, Events Committee, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas (since 2014)
- 2018. Panel Moderator, CLA Student Research Symposium (April 19). College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Central Arkansas
- 2017. Member, Curriculum/CORE Committee, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2017. Classroom Visitor/Speaker at Greenbrier Junior High School (Feb. 7), CLA Promotion of the Liberal Arts Committee, University of Central Arkansas
- 2016. Classroom Visitor/Speaker at Conway Junior High School (Oct. 26), CLA Promotion of the Liberal Arts Committee, University of Central Arkansas

- 2016. Discussion Facilitator, Faculty Teach-In (Sept. 20), University of Central Arkansas
- 2016. Panel Moderator, College of Liberal Arts Fourth Annual Student Research Symposium (April 21), College of Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas
- 2016. Member, Preparing for the Workplace Course Development Program, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2015. Guest Speaker on the Transition from High School to College (Nov. 10), Morrilton High School, Morrilton, AR
- 2015. Chair, Historical Methods Course Re-Development Program, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2014. Co-Organizer, Dressing and Preparing for a Job Interview Seminar, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2014. Panelist, Graduate School Roundtable Discussion for Undergraduate Students, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2014. Member, Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2013. Member, Faculty Affairs, Department of History, University of Central Arkansas
- 2011. Vice President, History Graduate Student Organization, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2010. Secretary, History Graduate Student Organization, Department of History, University of Kansas
- 2010. Member, U.S. Standing Field Committee, Department of History, University of Kansas

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2020. Member, Humanities Generation Y Committee, Arkansas Humanities Council, Little Rock, Arkansas (since 2018)
- 2020. Member, Evaluation Committee, Six Bridges Book Festival, Little Rock, AR

MASTER'S THESIS ADVISED

- 2019. Stephen Tabor. "Seeking the Horizon: An Analysis of Early Modern English Epistemology, Terrestrial and Celestial" (Completed). Department of History, University of Central Arkansas

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES ADVISED

2020. Lana Thurman, “Demystifying Venus Figurines” (In Progress). Schedler Honors College, University of Central Arkansas
2019. Aidan Crum. “Divine Entities: Religion and Video Games” (Completed Fall 2019). Schedler Honors College, University of Central Arkansas
2017. Joseph Barnello. “Is the Bill of Rights ‘Necessary and Proper?’: An Analysis of the Effects of the ‘Necessary and Proper’ Clause and the Supremacy Clause on the Formation of the Bill of Rights” (Completed Fall 2017). Department of History, University of Central Arkansas (Awarded the Ophelia Fisher Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper in the UCA Department of History, 2017-2018)