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Distinguished Research Professor, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Honors Professor
Auburn University at Montgomery
Department of History and World Languages and Cultures

Education

University of South Carolina
Ph. D., American History, 1998

Baylor University
M. A., History, 1989

University of Texas at San Antonio
B. A., History, 1986 (Specialty in Russian-Soviet History)

Teaching Experience

Auburn University at Montgomery
Professor 2013-Present
Associate Professor 2005-2013
Assistant Professor 2000-2005

University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, 1999-2000 (Adjunct)
North Lake College, Irving, Texas, 1998-2000 (Adjunct)
University of South Carolina–Aiken, 1995-1997 (Adjunct)

Courses I Teach at AUM

United States History to 1865	African American History Since 1865
United States History Since 1865	American Historiography
Colonial America	Historical Methods
Daily Life in Colonial America	American Labor History
American Revolution	Alabama History
American Slavery (undergraduate)	Citizenship and Leadership (Honors Course)
American Slavery (graduate-only)	Justice (Honors Course)
History Workshop	Theory and Methods of Oral History

Publications

Books

Daily Life in the Colonial City. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2013.

History in Dispute: The American Revolution. Detroit: St. James Press, 2003.

William Henry Drayton: South Carolina Revolutionary Patriot. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2001.

A Historic Context for the African American Military Experience, co-author. Washington, D.C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1998.

Articles

“A Heritage of Heroes: Alabama Recipients of the Carnegie Hero Medal” *Alabama Heritage* (Spring 2025).

“Operation Needle: The 1953 Polio Epidemic in Montgomery County, Alabama,” *Alabama Heritage* 149 (Summer 2023): 20-33.

“Tending to Their Flocks?: Examining the Lives and Legacies of Three Protestant Clergymen in Colonial South Carolina,” A Review Essay of *Order & Ardor: The Spirituality of Oliver Hart & the Regular Baptists in Eighteenth-Century South Carolina*, by Eric C. Smith; *Sanctifying Slavery & Politics in South Carolina: The Life of the Reverend Alexander Garden, 1685-1756*, by Fred E. Witzig; *Archibald Simpson’s Unpeaceable Kingdom: The Ordeal of Evangelicalism in the Colonial South*, by Peter N. Moore. *The South Carolina Historical Magazine* 119 (October 2018): 250-258.

“Political Biography and the Recent Resurrection of the Founding Fathers,” *Historacle*, The Historical Society (Summer 2003).

“William Henry Drayton: Apostle of Revolution,” *Carologue* 18, Spring 2002.

“Was Racism a Causal Factor in the Development of American Slavery?” *History in Dispute: American Slavery*, edited by Mark Malvasi. Detroit: St. James Press, 2003.

“William Drayton’s Journal of a 1784 Tour of the South Carolina Backcountry,” *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 97 (July 1996): 182-205.

“Accidental Death in Colonial New Jersey, 1730-1770: A Research Note,” *New Jersey History* 110 (Winter/Fall 1992): 62-70.

Encyclopedia Entries

Twenty-Six entries totaling nearly **100 pages** on “Religion During the American Revolution,” for *The Encyclopedia of Daily Life During the American Revolution*, ed. by Merrill Smith. Westport, CT: ABC-Clio, 2015.

“William Henry Drayton” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Enlightenment*, ed by Mark G. Spencer. Thoemmes Press, 2012.

John Rutledge" in *The Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law*, ed. by Roger Newman. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009.

"William Henry Drayton," "Arthur Middleton," "Christopher Gadsden," "Charles Cotesworth Pinckney," "John Drayton," and "Loyalists," in *The Encyclopedia of South Carolina*. Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 2004.

"William Hill," "John Moultrie," and "William Henry Drayton," in *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Seventy-seven biographical sketches in *The Saga of the Confederate Ram Arkansas: The Mississippi Valley Campaign, 1862*, by Tom Z. Parrish. Hillsboro, Tx: Hill College Press, 1987.

Book Reviews

From Revolution to Reunion: The Reintegration of South Carolina Loyalists, by Rebecca Brannon. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (2018).

Crescent Moon Over Carolina: William Moultrie and American Liberty, by C. L. Bragg. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Autumn 2014).

The Origins of Southern Evangelicalism: Religious Revivals in the South Carolina Lowcountry, 1679-1760, by Thomas J. Little. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (October 2014).

General Nathanael Greene and the American Revolution in the South, edited by Greg Massey and Jim Piecuch. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (April 2013).

Building Charleston: Town and Society in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic World, by Emma Hart. *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (January 2012).

The Early American Table: Food and Society in the New World, by Trudy Eden. *Journal of Southern History* (November 2009).

Rebels Rising: Cities and the American Revolution, by Benjamin Carp. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Summer 2008).

"Who Should Rule at Home?" *The Evolution of South Carolina Political Culture, 1748-1776*, by Jonathan Mercantini. *Journal of Southern History* (August 2008).

Forgotten Founder: The Life and Time of Charles Pinckney, by Marty Matthews. *Georgia Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2005).

Christopher Gadsden and Henry Laurens, by Donald McDonough. *Journal of American History* (Spring 2002).

The Court Martial of Lieutenant Henry Flipper, by Charles M. Robinson. *Southern Historian* (Spring 1996).

Travels in the Colonies in 1773-1775: Described in the Letters of William Mylne, by Ted Ruddock. *Southern Historian* (Spring 1994).

Awards

Distinguished Research Award, Auburn University at Montgomery, 2003.

Distinguished Teaching Award, Auburn University at Montgomery 2018.

Teacher Workshop

In 2008 I conducted a two day teacher workshop for Elmore County history and social study teachers.

Manuscript Reviews

Daniel Bullen, “Shays’s Honorable Rebellion: An American Story,” for Westholme Publishing, 2019)

Rebecca Brannon, “Burying the Hatchet in South Carolina: Healing the Wounds of Revolutionary Civil War, 1775-1860,” for the University of South Carolina Press, 2009.

Professional Presentation

“Teaching Leadership for Change,” National Collegiate Honors Society Annual Convention,” Orlando, Florida, October 31, 2021.

Public Speeches

“Travel Accounts of Alabama, 1820-1840,” Autaugaville Genealogical Society, Prattville, Alabama, May 19, 2019.

“The U.S. Constitution: Creating a Government By and For the Rich.” Alabama Association of Retired Federal Workers, Crum Center, Montgomery (November 6, 2017).

“The War on Thanksgiving.” Alabama Association of Retired Federal Workers, Crump Center, Montgomery (November 3, 2016).

“Selfishness or Service.” AUM Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, AUM Taylor Center (April 30, 2015).

“Springing Into Action: Alabama’s Response to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic. AUM Spring Fever Event, March 8, 2015.

“The Importance of a High School Education.” Daphne High School (January 30, 2013).

“Citizenship” to High School Students at the Morgan Library, Montgomery (July 27, 2012).

“The Founding Fathers and Leadership” to the Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution,” Montgomery Country Club (March 21 2012).

“Origins of Racism in the United States,” to One Montgomery, Goode Medical Center (February 28, 2012).

“Martin Luther King: Revolutionary Socialist,” at the Morgan Library, Montgomery (January 18, 2012).

“Causes of the American Revolution” at Alabama Christian Academy (September 28, 2011).

“Character in the Workplace.” Virginia College, Montgomery (September 15, 2007).

“Founding Fathers and Leadership.” Montgomery Rotary Club (June 15, 2006).

“Crime and Punishment in Colonial America,” AUM Liberal Arts Brown bag Lunch Seris (October 2005).

“African American Education in the South: History and Importance.” Greenville High School (April 10, 2005).

“Women in the American Revolution.” Montgomery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Montgomery Country Club (March 16, 2005).

“Historical Research Methods,” AUM Phi Alpha Theta, AUM Library (October 2004).

“Eliza Lucas Pinckney: Founding Mother.” Montgomery Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonies, A Member’s Home (March 18, 2004).

“Researching the Lynch Mob In Alabama,: AUM Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, AUM Library (September 4, 2003).

“Mourning, Memorialization, and Confederate Women,” Ladies memorial Association of Montgomery, Oakwood Cemetery (April 26, 2003).

“Continental Soldier,” Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Montgomery Country Club (January 15, 2003).

“The Making of a Revolutionary: William Henry Drayton.” Drayton Hall,Charleston, South Carolina (March 21, 2002).

“The Proposed South Carolina-Georgia Merger During the Revolution.” Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Montgomery Country Club (September 12, 2001).

“William Henry Drayton: South Carolina Revolutionary Patriot.” Montgomery Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Montgomery Country Club (March 21, 2001).

Book Award Judge

In 2012 I served as a judge for the annual **George C. Rogers Award** given by the South Carolina Historical Society for the best book on South Carolina history published the previous year.