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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of History: 2005-Present. Auburn University Montgomery
Chair: 2018-2020, Department of History and World Languages and Cultures
HIST 1080 & 1090 (U.S. Survey Courses), including online versions
HIST 2000 (History Workshop)
HIST 2210 (History of the Presidents of the United States)
HIST 2220 [3040] (Civil War and Reconstruction), including an online version
HIST 3030 (New American Nation)
HIST 3100 [4160/6160] (American Military History)
HIST 3110 [4520/6520] (The Western Way of War), including an online version
HIST 4050 (The World Wars, combined)
HIST 4060/6060 [3170] (World War One)
HIST 4070/6070 [3180] (World War Two)
HIST 4190/6190 (American Historiography)
HIST 4330/6330 (Great Commanders of Military History)—online
HIST 4930/6930 [3940/6940] (Historical Methods)
HIST 4972/6972 (Independent Study)
HIST 6962 (Readings in World War Two)
HIST 6972 (Confederate States of America)—online
UNIV 1000 (Introduction to College)

EDUCATION

University of Tennessee (Knoxville). Doctor of Philosophy Degree (History, 2002)
Dissertation: “Tennessee’s Radical Army: The State Guard and Its Role in Reconstruction” (Director: Dr. Stephen V. Ash)
Primary Field: Nineteenth-Century U.S. History (Specialization: Civil War and Reconstruction)
Secondary Fields: Military History; Modern Europe

Clemson University (South Carolina). Master of Arts Degree (History, 1995)
Thesis: “Legitimizing A Usurpation: The Campaign of 1876 and the End of Reconstruction in South Carolina”

University of Washington (Seattle). Bachelor of Arts Degree (History, 1988)

PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: 2003-2005. University of Tennessee, Knoxville
HIST 221 and 222 (U.S. Surveys)
HIST 353 (Civil War and Reconstruction)

Instructor: 2002-2005. Department of Distance Education and Independent Study, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
HIST 221K, 222K, 241K, 242K, 353K, 449K (correspondence courses in U.S. history, Western Civilization, Civil War history, and Tennessee history)

Instructor: 2000-2002. Pellissippi State Technical Community College, Knoxville
HIST 2010 and 2020 (Western Civilization Surveys)

Teaching Associate: 1998-2000. University of Tennessee, Knoxville
HIST 241 (Western Civilization survey)

Teaching Assistant: 1996-1998. University of Tennessee, Knoxville
U.S. Survey, Western Civilization, and World Civilization

Grading Assistant: 1993-1995. Clemson University, South Carolina
Graded exams for courses in Western Civilization

DOCUMENTARY EDITING EXPERIENCE

Assistant/Associate Editor: 2002-2005
Correspondence of James K. Polk, Tennessee Presidents Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Researched, transcribed, annotated, and indexed selected letters for vols. X and XI of the series

PUBLICATIONS

- (Books) *A War State All Over: Alabama Politics and the Confederate Cause*, **University of Alabama Press** (2020)
- Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Alabama in the Civil War*, **University of Arkansas Press** (2012)
- Correspondence of James K. Polk*, v. XI, 1846, **University of Tennessee Press** (2009). Associate Editor under Dr. Wayne Cutler.
- Tennessee's Radical Army: The State Guard and its Role in Reconstruction, 1867-1869*, **University of Tennessee Press** (2005)

- (Articles)
- “To Fight and Die for Dixie: Alabama’s Manpower Contribution to the Confederate War Effort, 1861-1865,” *The Alabama Review* (Vol. 75/4, 2022): 283-303.
- “Confederate Alabama’s Finest Hour: The Battle of Salem Church, 3 May 1863,” in *The Yellowhammer War: Alabama during the Civil War and Reconstruction*, **University of Alabama Press** (2014): 55-70.
- “Reconstruction Power Play: The 1867 Mayoral Election in Nashville, Tennessee,” in *Sister States, Enemy States: The Civil War in Kentucky and Tennessee*, **University of Kentucky Press** (2009): 320-337.
- “Tennessee’s Fighting Joe: The Civil War Experience of General Joseph A. Cooper,” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (Vol. 64/3, 2005): 196-215.
- “Loyalty’s Political Vanguard: The Union League of Maryville, Tennessee, 1867-1869,” *The Journal of East Tennessee History* (Vol. 71, 1999): 25-46.
- (Reviews)
- Congress of States: Proceedings of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America*, by R. David Carlson, in *The Journal of Southern History* (Vol. 90/3, 2024).
- Alabamians in Blue: Freedmen, Unionist, and the Civil War in the Cotton State*, by Christopher M. Rein, in *The Alabama Review* (Vol. 74/2, 2021).
- Reconstruction in Alabama: From Civil War to Redemption in the Cotton South*, by Michael W. Fitzgerald, in *The American Historical Review* (Vol. 123/1, 2018).
- Searching for Freedom after the Civil War: Klansman, Carpetbagger, Scalawag, and Freedman*, by G. Ward Hubbs, in *The Alabama Review* (Vol. 71/2, 2018).
- The Tennessee Campaign of 1864*, edited by Steven E. Woodworth and Charles D. Gear, in *The Civil War Monitor* (posted August 2016).
- Gateway to the Confederacy: New Perspectives on the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Campaigns, 1862-1863*, edited by Evans C. Jones and Wiley Sword, in *The Journal of Military History* (Vol. 79/3, 2015).
- Civil War Eufaula*, by Mike Bunn, in *The Alabama Review* (Vol. 68/1, 2014).
- Lincoln and McClellan at War*, by Chester G. Hearn, in *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter* (Vol. 26/4, 2013).

George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel, by Brian Steel Wills, in ***Civil War History*** (Vol. 59/4, 2013).

Yankee Warhorse: A Biography of Major General Peter Osterhaus, by Mary Bobbitt Townsend, in ***Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter*** (Vol. 25/1, 2012).

Reluctant Rebels: The Confederates who Joined the Army after 1861, by Kenneth W. Noe, in ***The American Historical Review*** (Vol. 115/5, 2010).

From Conciliation to Conquest: The Sack of Athens & the Court-Martial of Colonel John B. Turchin, by George C. Bradley and Richard L. Dahlen, in ***Military History of the West*** (Vol. 37, 2007).

William Lowndes Yancey and the Coming of the Civil War, by Eric H. Walther, in ***Civil War Book Review*** (posted Summer 2007).

Gracie's Alabama Volunteers: The History of the Fifty-ninth Alabama Volunteer Regiment, by John Michael Burton, in ***The Alabama Review*** (Vol. 59/4, 2006).

Nashville: The Western Confederacy's Final Gamble, by James Lee McDonough, in ***H-Tennessee/H-Net Reviews*** (posted July 2006).

More Damning than Slaughter: Desertion in the Confederate Army, by Mark A. Weitz, in ***Civil War Book Review*** (posted Spring 2006).

Sanctified Trial: The Diary of Eliza Rhea Anderson Fain, a Confederate Woman in East Tennessee, edited by John N. Fain, in ***Tennessee Historical Quarterly*** (Vol. 64/3, 2005).

Texas After the Civil War: The Struggle of Reconstruction, by Carl H. Moneyhon, in ***American Nineteenth Century History*** (Vol. 6, June 2005).

Commander of All Lincoln's Armies: A Life of General Henry W. Halleck, by John F. Marszalek, in ***H-CivWar/H-Net Reviews*** (posted May 2005).

Manifest Destiny's Underworld: Filibustering in Antebellum America, by Robert E. May, in ***The Journal of Mississippi History*** (Vol. 65/1, 2003).

(Entries)

"Militias" and "Tennessee" in ***The Greenwood Encyclopedia of the Reconstruction Era*** (Greenwood Press, 2006).

"Fusionism" in ***The South Carolina Encyclopedia*** (University of South Carolina, 2005).

“Reconstruction” in *Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2005).

(Other Works) “Emancipation Proclamation Turns 150 This Week,” for www.alabamahumanities.org (September 2012).

“Alabama and the Civil War,” in *Mosaic, The Magazine of the Alabama Humanities Foundation* (Winter/Spring 2012).

“Union League of Maryville Membership Roster and Personal Data” in *Tennessee Ancestors* (Vol. 23/1, 2007).

“Wars and Military,” an informational essay in the digital library for *Tennessee Documentary History* (posted May 2004)

“Fort Jefferson of the Dry Tortugas” in *The Legacy: Tennessee Presidents Trust Newsletter* (Vol. 13/1, 2003).

“Knoxville and the Civil War in Tennessee” in *Headquarters Gazette: Society for Military History* (Vol. 13/4, 2002).

PRESENTATIONS—Professional and Community Service

Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting (April 2025)

Opelika, AL

Paper: “Alabama’s All-American Know Nothing: The Congressional Career of William Russell Smith, 1851-1857”

Mobile Area Civil War Roundtable (February 2025)

Iron Hand Brewery, Mobile

Guest Speaker: “The Antebellum Political Career of William R. Smith of Tuscaloosa”

H-CivWar Podcast, Episode 23 (December 2024)

Author Interview with Niels Eichhorn

Topic: *Tennessee’s Radical Army*, the importance of the book after twenty years

Southern Studies Conference (April 2023)

Auburn University at Montgomery

Panel Chair: “Alabama History”

Lowcountry Social Studies Workshop (March 2023)

Charleston Southern University

Plenary Speaker: “Reconstruction as Revolution: The Promise and Reality of the Postbellum South”

Annual Conference of the Alabama Chapters of Phi Alpha Theta (Feb 2023)

Auburn University at Montgomery

Panel Chair: “Finding History in Medieval Texts”

Mobile Area Civil War Roundtable (January 2023)

Iron Hand Brewery, Mobile

Guest Speaker: “Electing a Senator: Alabama’s Multi-Ballot Showdown in November 1863”

Rethinking Alabama Politics: A History Symposium (October 2022)

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

Presentation: “The Rosetta Stone of Confederate Politics in Alabama: Legislative Voting Patterns in the 1863 Election of Senator”

Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting (April 2022)

Florence, AL

Presidential Address: “To Fight and Die for Dixie: Alabama’s Manpower Contribution to the Confederate War Effort, 1861-1865”

Alabama Bicentennial Workshop (June 2021)

Pebble Hill, Auburn

Guest Speaker: *A War State All Over* book talk

Annual Veteran’s Day Weekend Program (November 2020)

Historic Blakeley State Park

Featured Lecturer: *A War State All Over* book talk

Draughton Center for the Arts and Humanities

Sponsored book talks via ZOOM on *A War State All Over*

- Prestwick Preservation Society (August 2020)
- OLLI of Auburn (September 2020)
- Pintala Historical Society (October 2020)
- OLLI of Tuscaloosa (October 2020)
- OLLI of Montgomery (October 2020)
- Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society (April 2021)

OLLI Program (February 2020)

Auburn University at Montgomery

Featured Speaker: “The Christmas Truce of 1914”

The Alabama Veteran’s Experience Reading Group (Sept-Dec 2019)

Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery

Facilitator: “What My Eyes Saw, What My Heart Remembered.” Eight classroom sessions discussing America’s rise to world power and the limits of that power.

Alabama Shakespeare Festival Insight Series (December 2019)

Montgomery, AL. A scholarly introduction to the play *All is Calm*.

Presentation: “A Fleeting Moment of Humanity: The Christmas Truce of 1914”

Autauga Genealogical Society (April 2019)

Prattville, AL

Presentation: “Alabama Soldiers’ Views on the Civil War and on their Political Leaders”

Conference Finale to the Polk Project (April 2019)

University of Tennessee and East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville

Panel Chair and Discussant: “Polk, War, and the Army”

Food for Thought Program (March 2019)

Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

Presentation: “Voting on the War: The 1863 Alabama Election”

The Alabama Veteran’s Experience Reading Group (Sept-Dec 2018)

Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery

Facilitator: “What My Eyes Saw, What My Heart Remembered.” Eight classroom sessions discussing American generalship and foreign policy in the Middle East.

Living History Day (March 2018)

Historic Blakeley State Park

Featured Speaker: “The Mobile Campaign of 1865” from *Portraits of Conflict*

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Conference (March 2016)

Columbia, SC

Presentation: “Practitioners of Total War: Alabama’s Congressional Leadership and the Election of 1863”

B. B. Comer Memorial Library Adult Lecture Series (February 2016)

Sylacauga, AL

Featured Speaker: “Orators of States Rights, Practitioners of Total War: Alabama’s Congressional Leadership in 1863”

Society for Military History Annual Meeting (April 2015)

Montgomery, AL

Panel Chair: “Shaping the Memory of War: The Roles of Commemoration, Pilgrimage and Narrative”

Pensacola Civil War Round Table (December 2014)

Pensacola, FL

Featured Speaker: “Orators of States Rights, Practitioners of Total War: Alabama’s Political Leadership in 1863”

The Yellowhammer War: A Civil War Symposium (September 2014)

Auburn University

Presentation: “Confederate Alabama’s Finest Hour: The Battle of Salem Church”

Jack Friend Lecture and Symposium (May 2014)

Museum of Mobile, AL

Presentation: “Confederate Alabama’s Finest Hour: The Battle of Salem Church”

Coosa County Historical Society (April 2014)

Rockford, AL

Featured Speaker: “The Mindset of Alabama’s Confederate Soldiers at the Midpoint of the Civil War”

Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting (April 2014)

Scottsboro, AL

Paper: “Bullets without Ballots: Alabama Soldiers and the State Election of 1863”

Museum of Alabama, Grand Opening (February 2014)

Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

Special Presenter: “Images of the Civil War”

St. Jude Educational Institute (October 2013)

Montgomery, AL

Scholars Without Walls Speaker: “Gettysburg: The Battle and The Address”

Military Officers Association of America (August 2013)

Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL

Guest Speaker: “Gettysburg: The Battle and The Address”

Auburn Civil War Society (March 2013)

Department of History, Auburn University

Featured Speaker: “A War State All Over: Alabama and the Election of 1863”

ArchiTreats: Food For Thought Lecture Series (December 2012)

Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

Lecture: “Portraits of Conflict”

B.B. Comer Memorial Library Adult Lecture Series (October 2012)

Sylacauga, AL

Featured Speaker: “Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Alabama in the Civil War”

Coosa County Historical Society (July 2012)

Equality, AL

Featured Speaker: “Coosa County and the Civil War in 1863”

“Making Sense of the Civil War” Sesquicentennial Series (Feb-May 2012)

Alabama Humanities Foundation in partnership with Alabama Public Libraries

Lead Scholar: responsible for coordinating multiple presentations by selected historians in the state's four main cities—Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Montgomery; personally conducted the sessions in Montgomery.

Social Studies Teachers Summer Institute (June 2011)

Mississippi State University, Starkville

Guest Speaker: “Exploring Printed Civil War Resources”

East Montgomery County Historical Society (April 2011)

Oaks Plantation, Montgomery

Featured Speaker: “The Alabama Secession Debates, January 1861”

Alabama Association of Historians (February 2011)

Faulkner State Community College, Gulf Shores, AL

Commentator: “Loyalty and Nationalism in Civil War Alabama”

Auburn University Montgomery Liberal Arts Conference—Southern Studies

(February 2011), Auburn University Montgomery

Panel Chair and Presenter: “From a Southern Mindset to a Rebel Mindset”

Paper: “Confederate Alabama's Finest Hour: The Battle of Salem Church”

2010 Super Teacher Institute (July 2010)

Auburn University Montgomery in association with Alabama Humanities Foundation

Panel Chair: “The Impact of War on Humanities and Human Rights”

Lecture: “Union Occupation Policy in the South during the Civil War”

Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting (April 2009)

Tuscaloosa, AL

Paper: “Hood's Yellowhammers: Alabamians in the Battles for Atlanta”

Auburn University Montgomery Liberal Arts Conference (February 2009)

Auburn University Montgomery

Panel Chair and Presenter: “Alabamians and the Civil War”

Paper: “The First Crimson Tide: Alabamians at the Battle of Seven Pines”

Sons of Confederate Veterans—Henry Semple Camp (January 2009)

Montgomery Country Club

Featured Speaker: “Lee and Jackson at Chancellorsville”

ArchiTreats: Food For Thought Lecture Series (July 2008) Alabama

Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

Lecture: “Lee's Alabama Boys at the Battle of Chancellorsville”

Autauga Genealogical Society (October 2006) Prattville, Ala.

Lecture: “The Alabama Brigades in the Army of Northern Virginia”

Southern Historical Association Conference (November 2005) Atlanta

Paper: “Beyond Brownlow: The Radical Party Leadership of Tennessee Congressman Horace Maynard”

Tennessee Presidents Trust Symposium, sponsored in conjunction with the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy (May 2005)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Paper: “Volunteers versus Professionals in the Mexican War”

Battle of Nashville 140th Anniversary Symposium (December 2004)

Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville

Paper: “Fighting Joe Cooper at the Battle of Nashville”

Seniors for Creative Learning Lecture Series (September 2004)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Lecture: “Andrew Johnson and the Challenges of Reconstruction”

Humanities Summer Institute for Teachers on Cultural Diversity in the

American South (June 2004), sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Geographic Society Geography Dept., University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Lecture One: “Decision in the South: The Patriot Militia in the Carolinas during the American Revolution”

Lecture Two: “A Civil War within the Civil War: Tennessee, 1860-1870”

Society for Military History Conference (May 2003) Knoxville, Tennessee

Paper: “The Tennessee State Guard and its Role in Reconstruction, 1867-1869”

Tennessee Conference of Historians (October 2002) Johnson City, Tennessee

Paper: “Reconstruction Power Play: The 1867 Mayoral Election in Nashville, Tennessee”

Appalachian Studies Association Conference (March 2000) Knoxville,

Tennessee

Paper: “Loyalty’s Political Vanguard”

Phi Alpha Theta Conference (February 1998) East Tennessee State University

Paper: “Loyalty’s Political Vanguard: The Union League of Maryville, Tennessee” (This paper won an award for the Best Presentation in Nineteenth-Century U.S. History)

CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

Alabama Bicentennial Master Teacher Symposium (June 2018). Served as the “Content Specialist” for the Civil War portion of the event on day three of a week-long program held at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery

History Channel. Served as a guest historian on the televised Reconstruction documentary, *Aftershock: Beyond the Civil War* (Limulus Productions, 2006)

Research Assistant: 1999. Worked with Von Spaeth Productions on a new visitors’ film for the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, Greeneville, TN

AWARDS

Honorable Mention for *A War State All Over* by the Summersell Deep South Book Prize Committee at the University of Alabama (2022)

Distinguished Research Professor Award in recognition of multiple scholarly publications, Auburn University Montgomery Research Council (2015)

Professional Improvement Leave to conduct research on a book project, Office of the Provost, Auburn University Montgomery (2011)

Grant-in-Aid Award to facilitate research on a photographic history of Alabama during the Civil War, Auburn University Montgomery (2005; renewed in 2007)

Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area Subvention for publication of the manuscript “Tennessee Radical Army: The State Guard and its Role in Reconstruction, 1867-1869,” National Park Service (2004)

Richard H. King Award for Best Dissertation in Southern History, University of Tennessee (2002)

Lee Verstandig Scholarship for the History Department’s Leading Researcher in Nineteenth-Century U.S. History, University of Tennessee (2001)

Bernadotte Schmitt Graduate Research Grants, University of Tennessee (1999 and 2000)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Alabama Historical Association

- Chair—Sarah Woolfolk Wiggins Award Committee (2023-2025)
- President—Alabama Historical Association (2021-2022)
 - Fall Pilgrimage at Historic Blakeley State Park (October 2021)

- Annual Meeting at Florence, AL (April 2022)
- Vice-President (2019-2021)
- Officer (at large)—Board of Directors (2017-2019)
- Member—Clinton Jackson Coley Book Award Committee (2017-2018)
- Program Chair—Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting (2016-2017, 2025-2026)

Member—Board of Directors for the “Friends of the Alabama Archives” (2013-2016)

Scholarly Referee: submitted Reader’s Reports on manuscripts for Louisiana State University Press (2023 and 2024), University of Georgia Press (2023), Routledge (2019), the University of Alabama Press (2013, 2016, 2018, and 2020), the *Journal of East Tennessee History* (November 2009), the University of Tennessee Press (May 2005 and May 2006), and *Civil War History* (June 2003).

External Reviewer for a History professor’s tenure and promotion application at the University of South Carolina, Lancaster (November 2016).

Member—Alabama Historical Association [see various roles above]

Member—Phi Alpha Theta (Alpha Zeta Kappa Chapter Vice-President, 1999)

Member—Society of Civil War Historians

Member—Southern Historical Association (Membership Committee, 2011-2012)

COLLEGIATE SERVICE at Auburn University Montgomery

Faculty Advisor—*AUM Historical Review* (2022-Present; Issues 12-14)

Member—Weil Committee (2005-Present)

Member—University Tenure and Promotion Committee (2023-Present)

Chair—University Hearing Panel for Faculty Grievance (Spring 2023)

Chair—Spanish Lecturer Search Committee (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Chair—Tenure and Promotion Committee (Fall 2022)

Member—Southern Studies Conference Committee (2008-2021, 2025)

Director from 2012 to 2017

<http://www.liberalarts.aum.edu/southern-studies-conference>

Member—Porter Scholarship Selection Committee (May 2022)

Chair—for two Tenure and Promotion Committees (Fall 2021)

Chair—Department of History and World Languages & Cultures (2018-2020)

Member—Faculty Evaluation Working Group (2019-2020)

Member—Search Committee for Dean of CLASS (Autumn 2018)

Member—AUM Connected Committee (2013-2018)

Member—Faculty Executive Committee (2015-2018, 2024-2025)

Parliamentarian—Faculty Senate (2015-2017)

Co-Chair—Faculty Senate ad hoc Committee on Recruitment (2016-2017)

Chair—University Hearing Panel for Faculty Grievance (Summer 2017)

Member—Scholars without Walls Speakers' Bureau (2011-2016)

Member—Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (2014-2017)

Member—AUM Library Search Committee (2015)

Member—Faculty Senate Council (2011-2013)

Member—Credit Hour Production Committee (2006-2007)

Completed Accessibility Training for online instruction (Spring 2025)

Completed Canvas training for online instruction (Summer 2024)

Completed "Green Zone" training, a class sponsored by AUM Veterans Services (September 2019)

Completed FDI course, "Developing and Delivering Online Instruction" (Spring 2017)

AUM Honors Thesis Committee

(Summer 2020): served as the director of Elizabeth Mead's Honor's Thesis in History. Thesis title: "In the Kitchen or with a Knife: The Developing Role of Women in the US Military during the Mid-20th Century"

(Spring 2015): served as the director for Kelhi D. DePace's Honor's Thesis in History. Thesis title: "A Novel Look at Confederate Women"

(Spring 2013): served as the director for Graydon Rust's Honor's Thesis in History. Thesis title: "Alabama's Confederate Pension System"

Served as the Second Reader for the following students:

- Kasey Badger, "War Crimes: A Case of Bad Apples or Bad Barrels? As Study of My Lai and Abu Ghraib" (Spring 2021)

MLA Thesis Program—served as the Thesis Director for the following students:

- Ethan James, "America's Introduction to the Great War: The Battles of Cantigny and Belleau Wood," (completed Summer 2023)
- Barry Lee Buford, "The 1864 Presidential Election" (completed Spring 2019)
- Jonathan Collett, "The Role of Airpower during the Battle of the Bulge" (completed Spring 2017)

Served as the Second Reader for the following students:

- Michael J. Stoehr, "Noncompliance or Tactical Adaptability? General Jean-Erdmann De Dieskau and the Defeat at Lake George, 8 September 1755" (completed Spring 2020)
- Chelsea Hepburn, "Patterns of Religious-Ethnic Discrimination in the United States: Anti-Catholicism, Anti-Semitism, and Islamophobia" (completed Spring 2017)
- Martha L. Waller-Trupp, "Women's Attitudes Regarding Indian Removal" (completed Fall 2013)

- Steve P. Wheat, “American Harbor Defenses as Viewed through the Popular Press, 1817-1917” (completed Fall 2006)

Auburn Dissertation Committee—served as the University Reader for Edin Mujkic’s Ph.D. dissertation in Political Science (December 2012).
Dissertation title: “International Military Education and Training Program as a Toll of Smart Power”

Guest Speaker for Department Promotional Event
(March 2025)—Technology and the Civil War
Faculty Supervisor for History Majors’ Field Trip to the Wright Brothers Park in downtown Montgomery
(September 2024)—Short Lecture on Pioneers in Flight
Guest Scholar for AUM History League Movie Night
(November 2023)—Film: *Paths of Glory*
Guest Scholar for AUM History League Movie Night
(April 2023)—Film: *Gettysburg*
Guest Speaker for HWC Recruitment Activity
(February 2023)—Topic: “Naval Heroes and the Streets of Montgomery”
Guest Scholar for AUM History Club Movie Night
(August 2022)—Film: *Top Gun*
Guest Speaker for CLASS Forum sponsored by Dean Andrew McMichael
(March 2022)—Topic: “Understanding Events: Ukraine and Russia”
Guest Speaker for History Department Annual Themed Program
(April 2020)—Topic: “Disease and the American Civil War”
Guest Speaker for CLASS Forum sponsored by Dean Andrew McMichael
(October 2019)—Topic: “Impeachment: The Essentials”
Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored Dr. Pia Knigge
(February 2019)—Film: *Miracle at St. Anna*
Guest Speaker for an Honors Program course taught by Dr. Mark Benson
(February 2019)—Topic: The Meuse-Argonne Offensive, 1918
Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored Dr. Pia Knigge
(November 2017)—Film: *When Trumpets Fade*
Guest Speaker for Faculty Development Institute sponsored by Carolyn Rawl
(November 2017)—Presentation on the Value of On-line Instruction
Guest Speaker for AUM Connected Program
(November 2016)—Presentation: “Formalizing the Final Solution over Lunch: The Wannsee Conference of 1942”
Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored Dr. Pia Knigge
(November 2016)—Film: *We Were Soldiers*
Guest Scholar for the College of Arts and Sciences Mini-College
(June 2016)—Topic: Alabama’s Role in the Civil War
Guest Speaker for Master of Liberal Arts Course taught by Dr. John Havard
(March 2016)—Topic: Slavery and Secession
Co-guest Speaker (Tara Beziat) for CELT Session
(February 2016)—Topic: The Lectures Debate

- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(July 2015)—Film: *Flags of Our Fathers*
- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(January 2015)—Film: *Fury*
- Guest Speaker for Zombie Fest 2014 organized by Dr. Tim Kroft
(October 2014)—Presentation: “The Zombification of the Confederate
Army of Tennessee”
- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(October 2014)—Film: *Paths of Glory*
- Guest Scholar for “Created Equal” Film Series sponsored by Dr. Silvia Giagnoni
(April 2014)—Film: *Slavery by Another Name*
- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(September 2013)—Film: *Lincoln*
- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(July 2013)—Film: *Glory*
- Guest Scholar for Lambda Chi Alpha (campus fraternity) at the invitation of
Joshua Dominguez (March 2013)—Topic: Civil War Turning Points
- Guest Scholar for Political Film Series sponsored by Dr. Pia Knigge
(December 2012)—Film: *Joyeux Noel* [Merry Christmas]
- Guest Speaker for Master of Liberal Arts Course taught by Dr. Joyce Kelley
(February 2012)—Topic: Patriotism and the Civil War
- Guest Speaker for Honors Colloquium Lecture Series organized by Linda
House (October 2008)—Topic: The Atlanta Campaign of 1864
- Guest Speaker for College Prep Summer Program sponsored in part by Center for
Disability Services (July 2008)—Topic: Plagiarism
- Guest Speaker for English as a Second Language class taught by William R.
Hodges (October 2007)—Topic: Civil War Causation
- Guest Speaker for Phi Alpha Theta Lunch Talk sponsored by the History
Department (April 2006)—Topic: The Election of 1864
- Judge for Alabama History Day—Regional Event held at AUM (2006-2009,
2014-2016, 2018-2020, 2024)
- Evaluator for WAC-Oriented Freshman Composition Portfolio Reading—Taylor
Center (May 2009)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher, Junior High and High School, 1995-1996. Fairfax County,
Virginia

Museum Technician: 1992-1993. Department of Social and Cultural History,
National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.

Responsible for Inventory, Storage, and Preservation of various donated
collections

Lieutenant, U.S. Army Chemical Corps: 1988-1992
Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm (1990-1991)