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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Missouri Western State University, Department of History and Geography, Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

Graduate

Ph.D. in History (2012), University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
Major Field: United States History through 1877
Concentration: United States Legal and Constitutional History
Dissertation: "Yankee Jurisprudence: The Court and Legal Culture of Colonial New
London County, Connecticut"
Advisor: Cornelia Hughes Dayton
Associate Advisors: Richard D. Brown, R. Kent Newmyer

M.A. in History (2000), Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
Major Field: United States History
Concentration: United States Legal and Constitutional History

Professional

J.D. (2000), Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan

Baccalaureate

B.A., with Distinction and Honors (1996), University of Michigan–Dearborn, Dearborn,
Michigan
Majors: History, Political Science
University of Michigan–Dearborn Honors Program

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Missouri Western State University, Department of History and Geography, Assistant Professor (2015—)

- American History to 1865 (Face-to-Face and Online)
- American History since 1865 (Face-to-Face and Online)
- American Colonial History
- The American Revolution
- Early National Period, 1783-1840
- U.S. Constitutional History
- Military History (Online)
- The Historian's Craft
- Honors Colloquium: Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century

Eastern Connecticut State University, Department of History, Visiting Assistant Professor (2013-2015, 2007-2009); Adjunct Professor (2009-2012, 2003-2007)

- Early American Experience, 1607-1877
- Recent American Experience, 1877-Present
- Revolution and Early Republic
- Cross-Cultural Encounters in Early America
- Great Issues: Survey of American History (Theme: Constitutional History)
- Women's Legal History in America
- Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century
- Women, Minorities, and the Law
- Law and Body in American History
- Constitutional History of the United States
- American Legal History
- Landmark Legal Cases in American History
- Legal History of Connecticut
- Introduction to Modern World History

Southern Connecticut State University, History Department, Visiting Assistant Professor (2011-2013)

- United States History I
- United States History II
- Critical Thinking through Historical Biography
- History of U.S. Criminal Justice
- American Roots
- Great American Trials of the Twentieth Century
- Modern Western Traditions

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont.)

University of Connecticut, Department of History, Graduate Assistant/Lecturer (2000-2012)

United States History to 1877 (also as Writing Intensive)

United States History since 1877

The Historian's Craft

Senior Seminar: Legal History of the Underrepresented in America

Constitutional History of the United States

Topics in American Legal History (also as Writing Intensive)

University of Connecticut, Department of English, Graduate Assistant/Lecturer (2000-2003)

English Composition

Basic Composition

United States Coast Guard Academy, Humanities Department, Visiting Lecturer (2009)

Leaders in United States History

Manchester Community College, Social Sciences & Hospitality Division, Adjunct Lecturer (2003)

United States History through 1877

United States History since 1877

PUBLICATIONS

As Author

"Imperial Claims, Local Justice: A Spanish Shipwreck in a Colonial Connecticut Court" (Under Revise-and-Resubmit with *Early American Studies*).

"Boo-Boo's Big Day Out: A Boy's Bear as a Fictional Future Artifact" (Accepted, forthcoming, in *Detours: Social Science Education Research Journal*).

"'All Dregs of the said Distemper': Containing Smallpox and Religious Dissent in Colonial Connecticut," *Connecticut History Review* 58 (Fall 2019): 3-35.

"Yes, No, Wait, What?: The Benefits of Student Mistakes in the Classroom," *The History Teacher* 49 (November 2015): 9-34.

"Lift, Sift, Peel, and Tunnel: Empowering Undergraduates to Embrace Judicial Opinions," *Teaching History: A Journal of Methods* 40 (Spring 2015): 13-27.

"Discolored Justice: Blacks in New London County Courts, 1710-1750," *Connecticut History* 44 (Fall 2005): 183-204.

As Author (In Progress)

Manuscript: *A Common Bond: The County Court and Legal Culture in Colonial Connecticut*

PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

As Contributing Writer or Editor

- CourseReader: U.S. History*, Cengage Learning (2013-2014). Selected primary source entries as Subject Matter Expert.
- Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties, 4 vols., ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Routledge (2006). Selected entries.
- Court Rules of Michigan Annotated*, 4 vols., ed. Daniel D. Kopka. Ann Arbor, Michigan: Institute of Continuing Legal Education (Printed and Online). Various annotations published 1998-2005.

Book Reviews

- Paul DeForest Hicks, *The Litchfield Law School: Guiding the New Nation* (Westport, Conn.: Prospecta Press, 2019), forthcoming in *Connecticut History Review*.
- Richard Rabinowitz, *Curating America: Journeys through Storyscapes of the American Past* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016), in *Connecticut History Review* 57 (Fall 2018): 183-185.
- Michael J. Klarman, *The Framers' Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), for H-Teach, H-Net Reviews. August, 2017.
- Lea VanderVelde, *Redemption Songs: Swing for Freedom before Dred Scott* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), for H-Teach, H-Net Reviews. March, 2017 (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=47384>).
- Margaret Ellen Newell, *Brethren by Nature: New England Indians, Colonists, and the Origins of American Slavery* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015), in *Connecticut History Review* 55 (Fall 2016): 229-230.
- Catherine Armstrong, *Using Non-Textual Sources: A Historian's Guide* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2016), *The History Teacher* 49 (August 2016): 607-608.
- Justin Buckley Dyer, *Natural Law and the Antislavery Constitutional Tradition* (Cambridge, Mass.: Cambridge University Press, 2012), for H-Law, H-Net Reviews. February, 2014 (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=40040>).
- Francis J. Bremer, *First Founders: American Puritans and Puritanism in an Atlantic World* (Durham: University of New Hampshire Press, 2012), in *Connecticut History* 52 (Spring 2013): 118-120.
- John Phillip Reid, *Legislating the Courts: Judicial Dependence in Early National New Hampshire* (DeKalb: Northern Illinois Univ. Press, 2008), for H-Law, H-Net Reviews. October, 2011 (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=31501>).

General Contributions

- "Take Note!: A Guide to Studying Court Opinions," in *Dimensions*, newsletter for the British Columbia Social Studies Teachers' Association (August 2016).

HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

Most Influential Professor Award, Alpha Chi National Honor and Scholarship Society, Missouri Lambda Chapter, Missouri Western State University (2019 2x)
Faculty Mentor Award, Student-Athlete Advisory Council, Missouri Western State Univ. (2017)
Compass Award, Alpha Chi National Honor and Scholarship Society, Missouri Lambda Chapter, Missouri Western State University (2016)
Outstanding Faculty Service, Eastern Connecticut State University History Department (2015)
J. Phillip Smith Award for Outstanding Teaching, Southern Conn. State Univ. (Nominee 2013)
Educator of the Year, Univ. of Connecticut Undergraduate Student Government (Nominee 2006)
Graduate Excellence Award for Teaching, Univ. of Connecticut History Department (2005)
Littleton-Griswold Legal Research Grant, American Historical Association (2005)
Albert E. & Wilda E. Van Dusen Scholarship, Univ. of Connecticut History Department (2003)
Alfred Kelly History Research Award, Wayne State University History Department (1999)
Wayne State University Graduate/Professional Scholarship (1998, 1999)
David Adamany Constitutional Writing Award (Nominee 1998)
Detroit Diesel Academic Scholarship (1994, 1997)
Wayne-Westland Builders' Association Academic Scholarship (1992)

CONFERENCE OR INVITED PAPERS/PARTICIPATION

“A Pox on Their Blasphemous Houses: Isolating Disease and Religious Dissent in Colonial New London.” Presented at New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Roger Williams University, Bristol, Rhode Island, October 26, 2019).

“A Homecoming of Sorts: One UConn Cohort Discusses Graduate School, the Marketplace, and Employment.” Coordinator and Participant at New England Historical Association Fall Conference (University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, October 27, 2018).

“Selling and Saving Spirits: Regulating Strong Drink in Colonial New England.” Presented at New England Historical Association Spring Conference (Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH, April 14, 2018).

“The Qualities for Common Sense: County Court Judges in Colonial Connecticut.” Presented at New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, October 28, 2017).

“Learning Right from Wrongs: Benefitting from the History Student’s Errors.” Presented at New England Historical Association Spring Conference (Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH, April 14, 2018).
Presented at 2017 Teaching History Conference at UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA, May 5-6, 2017).

“Imperial Claims, Local Justice: The Spanish Ship Affair in a Colonial Connecticut Court.” Invited presentation for University of Missouri Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy’s History Colloquium Series (University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, January 29, 2016).

CONFERENCE OR INVITED PAPERS/PARTICIPATION (cont.)

- “The Body of Law: Adjudicating Physical Assaults in Eighteenth-Century New England.” Presented at New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, October 24, 2015).
- “Wrecking Ambivalence: The *St. Joseph and St. Helena* Crisis in 1750s Connecticut.” Presented at “Making History: A Connecticut State University Conference” (Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT, March 27, 2015).
- “Staying Afloat: Colonial Connecticut and the Litigated Maritime Economy.” Presented at New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, NH, October 18, 2014).
- “Dirty Deeds and Filthy Words: Sex, Punishment, and Character in Colonial Connecticut.” Presented at New England Historical Association Spring Conference (Westfield State University, Westfield, MA, April 20, 2013).
- “Discolored Justice: Blacks in New London County Courts, 1710-1750.” Presented at “African American Experience in Connecticut,” annual conference of the Association for the Study of Connecticut History (Manchester, CT, November 6, 2004).

INVITED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR COMMENTS

- “Teaching and Writing History in the Modern World: Challenges and Opportunities,” Panel Chair and Commentator, New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI, October 26, 2019)
- “Perceptions of War and Terror from Habsburg Austria to the United States in the Twentieth Century.” Panel Chair and Commentator, New England Historical Association Fall Conference (Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT, October 28, 2017).
- “The Five Pound Act and Its Enemies,” by Dr. Sung Yup Kim. Paper Commentator and Interlocutor, Missouri Regional Seminar on Early American History (University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, October 7, 2016).
- “Eighteenth-Century Political Economy.” Panel Chair and Commentator, New England Historical Association Spring Conference (Westfield State University, Westfield, MA, April 20, 2013).

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- “100 Years of Women’s Suffrage: A Discussion of the 19th Amendment,” Presenter with Dr. Evan E. Hart, Constitution Day, MWSU (2019)
- “Family and Medical Leave Act Panel: A History of Balancing Work and Family,” Panelist, MWSU Women’s History Month (2017)
- “Presidential ‘Greatness’: An MWSU on the American Presidency,” Panelist, Departments of History & Geography and Political Science (2016)

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS (cont.)

- “Women in the Workplace: National Women’s History Month Panel,” Panelist, ECSU NOW and History Club (2015)
- “Is There Life with a History Major? How to Make it Work for You at School, at Home, and in the Marketplace.” Presented at ECSU (2014)
- “Careers in History,” Panelist on Law, SCSU History Club (2013)
- “Keys to Successfully Managing Your History Graduate Career,” Panelist, UConn Department of History (2010)
- “So You Think You Want to Go to Grad School or Law School?” Panelist, ECSU (2009)
- “Paternalizing Peace: Indians in Colonial Connecticut Courts.” Presented at HiGSA Box Lunch Series, UConn Department of History (2008)
- “The Graduate School Experience,” Panelist, ECSU Department of History (2007)
- “The Value of Studying History as a Pre-Law Major.” Presented at UConn History Career Workshop (2004)

INVITED PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “A Doubtful but Expedient Policy: The Living Presidents and the Missouri Question.” Invited presentation for the Harris-Kemper Historic District Neighborhood Association Presidents’ Day Meeting (St. Joseph, MO, February 12, 2019).
- “The Accidental Model: The Importance of John Tyler, His Presidency, and His National Vision.” Invited presentation for the St. Joseph Historical Society’s Annual Presidents’ Day Dinner (St. Joseph, MO, April 28, 2018).
- “Managing Trainees’ Classroom Mistakes.” Invited presentation for Blue Care Network of Michigan’s Training and Quality Review Departments (Southfield, MI, December 22, 2016).

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- “Teaching History to Undergraduates: A Regional Conversation,” University Representative, sponsored by American Historical Association Tuning Project, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York (May 20, 2014)
- ECSU Title III Faculty Development Course, Fellow, sponsored by Center for Educational Excellence (Summer 2013)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Courts, Judicial Discretion, and Legal Culture in Colonial Connecticut
The Legal Life of JP Isaac Huntington
History of Early American Lawyers

PAST RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

African Americans in New England Court Cases through 1861 (Case analysis for Cornelia Hughes Dayton on grant from UConn Institute for Teaching & Learning)
Rights Consciousness in the Ratification of the United States Constitution in Virginia, 1788 (M.A. Capstone Essay, Wayne State University)
History of American Suffrage (18th- and 19th-century statutory analysis for Marc W. Kruman, Wayne State University)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate and Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Coordinator, New England Historical Association (2018-)
National Advisory Council Member, Law School Transparency (2015-)
Book Review Editor, *American Journal of Legal History* (2005-2009)
Victim's Advocate, Wayne County Clerk's Office, Detroit, Michigan (1997)

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Coordinator (2019-), Missouri Secretary of State Local Records Project, Missouri Western State University
Chair (2019-)/Secretary (2018-2019), Fringe Benefits Committee, Faculty Senate, Missouri Western State Univ.
Member (2018-), DART (Disrupted Attendance Response Team), Missouri Western State Univ.
Faculty Mentor (2018-), FYE Griffon Edge Program, Missouri Western State University
Chair (2017-), Recruitment and Retention Committee, History and Geography Department, Missouri Western State University
Coordinator (2017-), Annual HGPR Scholars' Day, History and Geography Department/Philosophy and Religion Departments, Missouri Western State University
Early College Academy Liaison (2015-), Western Institute and Department of History and Geography, Missouri Western State University
Member (2015-), Syllabi/Peer Review Committee, History and Geography Department, Missouri Western State University

UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (cont.)

Chair (2018-2019), Best Practices Subcommittee, Center for Teaching and Learning Planning Committee, Missouri Western State University
Member (2018), General Studies Assessment Academy, Missouri Western State University
Chair (2017-2018)/Member (2016-2017), Academic Regulations and Standards and Honesty, Faculty Senate, Missouri Western State University
Member (2017-2018), 20th-Century Snapshots Film Series Committee, Missouri Western State University
Member (2018), Strategic Planning Workgroup on “People,” Missouri Western State University
Chair (2016-2017)/Member (2015-2016), Online Teaching Committee, History and Geography Department, Missouri Western State University
Coordinator (2016, 2017), Mary Boder History Speaker Series, History and Geography Department, Missouri Western State University
Member (2014-2015), Legal Studies Advisory Committee, Eastern Connecticut State University
Member (2014-2015), *Germina Veris* Editorial Board, Eastern Connecticut State University
Mentor (2014-2015), LEAP into Leadership Program, Eastern Connecticut State University
Faculty Advisor (2013-2015), Pre-Law Society, Eastern Connecticut State University
President (2001-2003)/Member (2000-2013), University of Connecticut History Graduate Student Association
Member, Faculty-Graduate Planning Committee (2003-2006), Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate, University of Connecticut Department of History
Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee (2003), James L. and Shirley A. Draper Professor of Early American History Search, University of Connecticut Department of History
Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee (2001), Nineteenth-Century American History Faculty Search, University of Connecticut Department of History
Student Representative (1995-1996), University of Michigan–Dearborn College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters Executive Committee
Speaker of the Senate (1995-1996)/Representative (1994-1995), University of Michigan–Dearborn Student Government

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE

Oral Interpreter (2015-), Harris-Kemper Haunted Tour, Harris-Kemper Historic Neighborhood Association, St. Joseph, MO
University Liaison (2018), National Trails Project, St. Joseph City Planning & Community Department and Parks, Recreation, & Civic Facilities Department, St. Joseph, MO

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES/COVERAGE

Interviewed on Abraham Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation, *St. Joseph Post*/KFEQ 680 AM
(St. Joseph, MO, November 27-28, 2019)

The History Show, Special Guest on "Trials of the Century," WECS 90.1 FM (Willimantic, CT,
June 2, 2010)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Attorney at Law, Connecticut State Bar (Juris Number 430448)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hire Counsel (Legal Research Assistant, 2011, 2013, 2014)

Institute of Continuing Legal Education (Assistant Legal Editor, 1997-2005)

Kelly Law Registry (Legal Research Assistant, 2001)

Michael A. Bell & Associates (Legal Assistant, 1994-1995)

Detroit Diesel Corporation (Assembly Worker, 1993, 1994)

Central States Sales (Sales Manager, 1992-1994)

ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

American Bar Association

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

Association for the Study of Connecticut History

Connecticut Bar Association

New England Historical Association

New London County Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Society of Historians for the Early Republic

Virginia Historical Association

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