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Education

2012 – Present - University of Georgia

- PhD in History – anticipated Spring 2017 (dissertation defended Jan. 30, 2017). 4.0 GPA
- Dissertation: “Root Diggers and Herb Gatherers: The Rise and Fall of the Botanical Drug Industry in Southern Appalachia.”
- Areas of expertise: environmental history, agricultural history, Appalachian South, New South, African history.
- Committee members: John Inscoe (advisor), Shame Hamilton, Timothy Cleveland, and Kathryn Newfont (University of Kentucky).

2010-2012 - Western Carolina University

- M.A. in American History. 4.0 GPA.
- Master’s Thesis: “Hugh MacRae and the Idea of Farm City: Race, Class, and Conservation in the New South, 1905-1934.” Advisor: Dr. Richard Starnes.

1999-2003 - Georgia Institute of Technology

- B.S. in History, Technology, and Society
- Advisor: Helen Rozwadowski

Teaching Experience

2012-present - University of Georgia

- Fall 2015 - Instructor of Record, HIST 2112, American History Since 1865
- Fall 2012- Spring 2013, Fall 2016 - Teaching Assistant (Grader) for classes: American History since 1865 and American History to 1865.
- Fall 2013-Spring 2015 - Teaching Assistant (Break-out session leader) for classes: American History since 1865 and American History to 1865.

2010-2012 - Western Carolina University

- Fall 2010-Spring 2011 – Led weekly break-out sessions as Teaching Assistant for classes: U.S. History to 1865 and U.S. History since 1865.
- Fall 2011-Spring 2012 – Research Assistant.

2005-2010 - Murphy High School, Murphy, North Carolina

- 2005- 2010 - Civics and World History, U.S. History, honors U.S. History and Advanced Placement U.S. History.
 - Obtained Standard Professional II license in 2009 (current)
- Social Studies Department Head (January 2008-June 2010)
- Served as a Social Studies consultant for MHS (2010-2012).

Publications

- “The Panther in the American Mind: Wilderness Sublime and the Historical Roots of the Eastern Cougar Phenomenon,” *American Studies* (under consideration).

- “Ginseng, China, and the Transformation of the Ohio Valley, 1783-1840,” *Ohio Valley History* (under consideration).
- “Community and the Commons: Fence Laws, Land, and Identity in Postbellum Appalachia,” in Steven E. Nash and Bruce E. Stewart, eds., *Southern Communities: Identity, Conflict, and Memory in the Nineteenth-Century American South* (forthcoming, expected spring 2018, UGA Press).
- “Nature’s Emporium: The Botanical Drug Trade and the Commons Tradition in Southern Appalachia,” *Environmental History*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (October 2016).
- “Singing in the Mountains: The Ginseng Economy in the Southern Appalachians, 1865-1900,” *Appalachian Journal*, Vol. 40, Nos. 1-2 (Fall 2012/Winter 2013).
- “Backcountry Loyalty: How a Forged Letter Turned the Tide of the American Revolution in the South,” *Tuckasegee Valley Historical Review*, Vol. 23 (Spring 2012), 78-101.
- Book Reviews
 - *Nature’s Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia*, by Kathryn Shively Meier, in *Ohio Valley History*, Spring 2015.
 - *The Coal River Valley in the Civil War*, by Michael B. Graham, in *Civil War Monitor* (published online April, 2015).
 - *The Spirit of the Appalachian Trail: Community, Environment, and Belief on a Long-Distance Hiking Path*, by Susan Power Bratton, in *West Virginia History*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Fall 2014).
- *The Cherokee Scout* newspaper, Murphy, North Carolina
 - Covered the local government, environment, politics and entertainment beats from March 2004 through August 2005
 - Wrote outdoor column *Into the Wild* from March 2004-April 2009

Conference presentations and invited lectures

- “Galax and the Commodification of Appalachianness,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids Michigan, June 8-10, 2017 (upcoming).
- “An Uncommon Commodity: The Triumph of Ginseng Cultivation in the United States, 1890-1920,” American Society of Environmental Historians Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 29-April 2, 2017 (upcoming).
- “Of Humans and Mountains: Commons and Conservation in Southern Appalachia,” Invited talk to the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership, Amicalola State Park, Georgia, Nov. 2, 2016.
- “Taming Ginseng: Exploring the Meanings of Plant Domestication,” Southern Forum for Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, April 2016.
- “Environmental History: Possibilities and New Directions,” Roundtable participant, Appalachian Studies Association, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, March, 2016.

- “Root Diggers and Herb Gatherers: How Wild Plants Shaped post-Civil War Appalachian Society,” invited lecture, Liston B. Ramsey Center for Regional Studies, Mars Hill University, September 15, 2015.
- “Nature’s Emporium: The Botanical Drug Trade and the Commons Tradition in Southern Appalachia,” Workshop for the History of Environment, Agriculture, Technology, and Science, University of Colorado-Boulder, October 2-4, 2015.
- “The Gathering Commons and Enclosure in Nineteenth-Century Appalachia,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Lexington, Ky, June 2015.
- “Marketing the Mountain Commons: Environment, Globalization, and Culture in Southern Appalachia, 1850-1917,” Society of Appalachian Historians, Berea, Kentucky, May 2014.
- “Singing in the Mountains: the Ginseng Economy in the Southern Appalachians,” Society of Appalachian Historians, Wise, Virginia, May 2013.
- “Hugh MacRae and the Idea of Farm City: Race, Class, and Conservation in the New South, 1905-1934,” Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C. , April 2013.

Honors and Awards

- 2015-2016 - Fellow, Winterthur Museum, Gardens, and Library, Winterthur, DE
- 2015-2016 - Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum, Wilmington, DE
- 2015-2016 –Graduate Research Award, Willson Center, University of Georgia
- 2013, 2014, 2015 - Amanda and Greg Gregory Fellow, University of Georgia History Department
- 2014 - Archie K. Davis Fellow, North Caroliniana Society
- 2014 - Elected to the Georgia Tech Sports Hall of Fame (for football career, 1999-2002)
- 2013-2014 - William Jennings Bryan Award, University of Georgia History Department, (voted on by faculty annually for best paper written by a graduate student)
- 2010-2011, 2011-2012 - Earned tuition waver/scholarship from Western Carolina University History Department.
- 2005 – Media Award, Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition
- 2001-2003 - Dean’s list, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech
- 2002 –Academic All-Atlantic Coast Conference Football Team

Related Academic Service

- Professional memberships: Appalachian Studies Association, Southern Historical Association, Agricultural History Society, Society of Appalachian Historians.
- 2016 - Advanced Placement U.S. History exam grader.

- 2014-present – Administrator and primary contributor to the blog, *Southern Highlander* (thesouthernhighlander.org), which explores the environmental and natural history of Appalachia.
- June-July, 2015 – Intern, T.R.R. Cobb House, an antebellum museum in Athens, Ga. Wrote lesson plans for elementary students and developed programs on antebellum southern gardens.
- May 2015 – Member, Steering Committee for the planning and organization of the annual Society of Appalachian Historians Conference.
- 2014-2015 – Organizer and member, Appalachian Reading Group at the University of Georgia.
- 2014-2016 – Mentor, beginning graduate students at UGA.