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Education:

Ph.D., U.S. History, University of California, San Diego, 1996.
M.A., History, University of California, San Diego, 1989.
B.A., History, University of California, Irvine, 1984.

Academic Employment:

Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Calgary, 1997- Present.
Assistant Editor, The Papers of James Madison, University of Virginia, 1994-1997.

Work in Progress:

“The Richmond Theatre Fire of 1811 in History and Memory.” Single-authored book manuscript to be submitted in 2021.
“Continent in Crisis: The Civil War Era in a North American Context.” Co-Edited book manuscript to be submitted to Fordham University Press in 2020.

Selected Publications

Remaking North American Sovereignty: State Transformation in the 1860s. Co-Edited with Frank Towers. New York: Fordham University Press, 2020.

“Slavery’s Archive, Slavery’s Memory: Telling the Story of Gilbert Hunt, Hero of the Richmond Theatre Fire of 1811.” *Journal of the Early Republic* 29, no. 4 (2019): 677-708.

“What’s in a Monument? Part I: Robert E. Lee and Confederate Memory.” *Active History*, 13 August, 2018, <http://activehistory.ca/2018/08/whats-in-a-monument-part-i-robert-e-lee-in-charlottesville/>.

“American Mourning: Catastrophes, Public Grief, and the Making of Civic Identity in Early National Virginia.” In *Death in the American South*, eds. Craig Thompson Friend and Lorri Glover, 86-109. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

“Poison Stories: A Re-Reading of Revolutionary Virginia’s Baptist ‘Revolt.’” In *Storytelling, History, and the Postmodern South*, ed. Jason Kyle Phillips, 105-25. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013.

“Early Protestant Dissenters.” *Journal of Southern Religion* 14 (2012). Online at <http://jsr.fsu.edu/issues/vol14/spangler.html>.

“Democratic Religion Revisited: Early Baptists in the American South.” In *Through a Glass Darkly: Contested Notions of Baptist Identity*, ed. Keith Harper, 30-52. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2012.

Virginians Reborn: Anglican Monopoly, Evangelical Dissent, and the Rise of the Baptists in the Late Eighteenth Century. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2008.

The Papers of James Madison, Presidential Series, Volume 5. Co-Edited with J.C.A. Stagg et al. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2004.

Book Reviews in

The American Historical Review, American Nineteenth Century History, Arkansas Historical Quarterly, Canadian Journal of History, Canadian Review of American Studies, Church History, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of American History, Journal of Southern History, Journal of the Early Republic, Left History, North Carolina Historical Review, Reviews in American History, South Carolina Historical Magazine, History Teacher, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, William and Mary Quarterly.

Selected Fellowships, Grants, and Prizes

Visiting Fellow, University College Dublin Humanities Institute, Dublin, Ireland, 2015-16.

Calgary Institute for the Humanities Fellowship, University of Calgary, 2012-2013.

“American Mourning: Disaster in Early-National Richmond as History and Memory,” Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Standard Research Grant, 2009-2013.

Walker Cowen Memorial Prize, for outstanding work of scholarship in eighteenth- century studies, for *Virginians Reborn: Anglican Monopoly, Evangelical Dissent, and the Rise of the Baptists in the Late Eighteenth Century* (University of Virginia Press, 2008).

Mellon Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 2007.

Conference Presentations and Comments Since 2005

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2012.

Remaking North American Sovereignty Conference, Banff, Alberta, 2015.

British American Nineteenth-Century History Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2012, 2010.

American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, Calgary, 2014.

The Urban South During the Civil War Era, Calgary and Banff, Alberta, 2012.

Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, 2012, 2007.

Directions West Conference, Calgary, Alberta, 2012.

European Social Science History Conference, 2010, 2008.

Mid-America Conference, 2007.

Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, 2007.

Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada, 2006.

Teaching:

Undergraduate Courses:

HTST 200, Events and Ideas that Shook the World; HTST 207, Slavery in Brazil and the United States; HTST 300, The Practice of History; HTST 305, Slavery in the Americas; HTST 359, The United States to 1877; HTST 361, The United States Since 1877; HTST 464, The Early [American] Republic; HTST 465, U.S. Social History; HTST 465.03, The U.S. South; HTST 496, Honours Historical Methods and Philosophies of History; HTST 535, The American Revolution; HTST 535, The U.S. South; HTST 535, Early American Nationalism; HTST 535, American Religious Revivals, HTST 537, American Memories.

Graduate Courses:

HTST 690, Historiography and Theories of History; HTST 645, The Literature of U.S. History to 1865, HTST 645, U.S. Social History.