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### CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

The University of Texas at Dallas – Dallas, TX  
Assistant Professor of History

August 2008-Present

### EDUCATION

Brandeis University– Waltham, MA

February 2008

Ph.D. History

Dissertation: "Age of Infidelity: The Politics of Religious Controversy in the Early National United States."

Dissertation Committee:

David Hackett Fischer, Department of History – Brandeis University

Jane Kamensky, Department of History – Brandeis University

Susan Juster, Department of History – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

University of Missouri-Columbia – Columbia, MO

May 2001

M.A. History

University of Missouri-St. Louis – St. Louis, MO

May 1998

B.A. History

Graduated with Honors, Cum Laude

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

*An Age of Infidelity: The Politics of Religious Controversy in the Early National United States.*  
(Manuscript under review).

#### ARTICLES

"A Tale of Two Deists: John Fitch, Elihu Palmer, and the Boundary of Tolerable Religious Expression in Early National Philadelphia." *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* Vol. 132, No. 1, January 2008: 5-31.

"Fits of Political Religion, Stalking Infidelity, and the Politics of Moral Reform in Antebellum America," *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* Vol. 5, No. 2, Fall 2007: 288-323.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

"Remembering Thomas Paine and Reckoning with Religion in Antebellum America," in Ronald F. King and Elise Begler, eds., *Thomas Paine: Common Sense for the Modern Era.* (San Diego: San Diego State University Press, 2007).

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Thomas Paine: Enlightenment, Revolution, and the Birth of Modern Nations* by Craig Nelson, in *Journal of Historical Biography*, Vol. 5, Spring 2009.

Review of *Thomas Paine and the Promise of America* by Harvey J. Kaye, in *New-York Journal of American History* (forthcoming 2009).

Review of *Joseph Priestly and English Unitarianism in America* by J.D. Bowers, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 132 3 (2008) 277-8.

Review of *Atlantic History: Concept and Contours* by Bernard Bailyn, in *The Newsletter of the New England Historical Association*, Vol. XXXI, No. 2, 2005.

## OTHER

“Thomas Paine.” *World Book Advanced*. World Book, 2009. Web.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

OAH/IEHS John Higham Travel Award Organization of American Historians and Immigration and Ethnic History Society annual award for American Intellectual History scholarship	2007
George Mason University, Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant	2007, 2006
Brandeis University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Conference Grant Award for participation in Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Conference	2006
Brandeis University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Conference Grant Awarded for participation in Thomas Paine: Common Sense for the Modern Era Symposium	2005
Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Dissertation Fellowship at the Library of The New-York Historical Society	2005
Brandeis University, Program in American History Grant for research conducted at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania	2005
Brandeis University, Program in American History Crown Fellowship	2001 – 2004

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“A British Socialist in the Republic of Mexico: Robert Owen and the Cosmopolitan Sources of Early National Expansion.” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Springfield, IL; 16-18 July 2009.

“Civil Society and the Political Reconstitution of Religious Truth in the Early Republic.” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA; 18-21 July 2008.

“The Arts of Able Editors: Newspapers and Partisanship’s Influence on Religious Knowledge in the Early Republic.” Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture: Boston, MA; 6-8 June 2008.

“Creating a Disenchanted Republic: American Political Independence and the Problem of Religion.” 2007 Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting: Minneapolis, MN; 29 March –1 April 2007.

“Nature’s State, Revelation’s State: ‘Infidelity’ and the Religious Boundaries of American Politics During the 1790s.” Twelfth Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture: Quebec City, QC; 9-11 June 2006.

“Remembering Paine and Reckoning with Religion in Antebellum American Politics.” Thomas Paine: Common Sense for the Modern Era Symposium: San Diego, CA; 21-22 October 2005.

“Rendering the Mass of Mankind Perfectly Rational: Free Enquiry, Evangelical Deism, and the Boundaries of Moral Reform in the Early Republic, 1827-1839.” 2005 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA; 21-25 July 2005.

“Ushering in the Age of Infidelity: Deism and the Popular Politics of Reason in the Early National United States.” 2005 Spring Meeting of the New England Historical Association: Weston, MA; 16 April 2005.

“The Grandest Chain Preserving the Federal Union: Nationalism, Republican Discourse, and the Potomac Company.” Sixth Annual Conference of the Southern Industrialization Project: St. Louis, MO; 31 May 2002.

## **INVITED LECTURES**

“American Expatriates in the Republic of Mexico: Cosmopolitanism and Territorial Expansion in the Early American Republic.” Dallas Area Social History Group: Southern Methodist University, January 29, 2010.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **PANEL ORGANIZER**

*“Religion in the Shadow of Enlightenment: Varieties of Deism in the Early American Republic.”* 2005 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA; 21-25 July 2005.

*“Demons, Deists, and Fist-Throwing Moral Philanthropists: The Early Republic’s Politics of Religious Truth.”* 2008 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA; 18-21 July 2008.

### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEW**

Journal of British Studies

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The American Historical Association  
The Organization of American Historians  
The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Dallas – Dallas, TX Fall 2008-Present  
History 1310 – United States History to 1877: From the Colonial Periphery to a Fractured Nation  
State, Honors Course  
History 4377 – Religious Politics in Early America  
History 4377 – The American Revolution  
History 6310 – The Revolutionary Atlantic, Graduate Course

Emmanuel College – Boston, MA Fall 2007-Spring 2008  
History 1105 – United States History to 1877: From the Colonial Periphery to a Fractured Nation  
State

Suffolk University – Boston, MA Fall 2007  
History 181 – American History to 1877: From the Colonial Periphery to a Fractured Nation  
State

Pine Manor College – Chestnut Hill, MA Fall 2007  
History 111 – U.S. History I. Colonial Era through 1865

Brandeis University – Boston, MA Fall 2002-Fall 2005  
Teaching Fellow  
American Revolution  
The American Civil War and Slavery  
Social History of the Confederacy  
History of World War II

## OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Boston Public Library – Boston, MA 1/2006 – 5/2006  
Historical Research Consultant  
Provided historical research for content and accuracy of information in *John Adams Unbound*, a traveling exhibition documenting John Adams' life through his library

University of Missouri-Columbia – Columbia, MO 1/2000 – 6/2000  
Research Assistant  
Direct assistant for Chair of the Department of History, Dr. Charles Timberlake  
Performed research on the history of the Department of History at the University of Missouri