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CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

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

2014-
2008-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Brandeis University, Department of History
M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, Department of History
B.A. University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of History

2008
2001
1998

PUBLICATIONS

Book

An Age of Infidels: The Politics of Religious Controversy in the Early United States
(Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013).

- SHEAR Manuscript Prize, Finalist

Quitting the Nation: The Right to Expatriation in the United States, 1776-1868 (in progress).

Articles

“Privileges of Locomotion: Expatriation and the Politics of Southwestern Border Crossing,”
Journal of American History 100 (2014): 995-1020.

“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*
132 (2008): 5-31.

“Fits of Political Religion: Stalking Infidelity and the Politics of Moral Reform in Antebellum
America,” *Early American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 5 (2007): 288-323.

Book Chapters and Essays

“Voluntary Mexicans: Expatriation and the Origins of the Texas Revolution” in Sam W. Haynes,
ed., *Contested Empire: Rethinking the Texas Revolution* (College Station: Texas A&M University
Press, forthcoming 2015).

“Mr. Owen Goes to Washington: Indiana’s Infidel Congressman,” *Common-Place* 15 (3): Spring
2015.

“Religious Revivalism and Public Life,” in Sean P. Adams, ed., *A Companion to the Era of
Andrew Jackson* (Boston: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013).

“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, 2008).

Book Reviews

Review of *Earnestly Contending: Religious Freedom and Pluralism in Antebellum America* by Dickson D. Bruce Jr., in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (forthcoming 2014).

Review of *Church-State Relations in the Early American Republic, 1787-1846* by James Kabala, in *The Catholic Historical Review* 100 (2014): 171-173.

Review of *Patrick Henry: First Among Patriots* by Thomas S. Kidd, in *Journal of American History*, 99 (2012), 893.

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 *Joseph Priestly and English Unitarianism in America* by J.D. Bowers, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*, 132 (2008): 277-278.

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

Reference

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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|---|------------|
| American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant | 2014 |
| University of Texas at Dallas, Special Faculty Development Assignment | 2014-2015 |
| National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend | 2013 |
| University of Texas at Dallas, Diversity in Teaching Award | 2011 |
| OAH/IEHS John Higham Travel 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 | 2006, 2005 |
| Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Dissertation Fellowship | 2005 |
| Brandeis University, American History Research Grant | 2005 |
| Brandeis University, Crown Fellowship | 2001-2004 |

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenter

“Quitting the Nation: Expatriation and the Politics of Border Crossing in the Early Nineteenth-Century Southwest.” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Baltimore, MD; 19-22 July 2012.

“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.

Commentator

“Mobility and the Making of Early National Religious Identity.” 2014 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA; 17-20 July 2014.

“Business Ethics in Early Nineteenth-Century Texas.” Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting: San Antonio, TX; 6-8 March 2014.

Panel Chair

“Irreligion, Radical Deism, and the Shape of Early National Culture.” 2013 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting: St. Louis, MO; 18-21 July 2013.

INVITED LECTURES

“Irreligion in the Founding Era.” Southern Methodist University Dedman College Fellows Seminar on Religion in American Public Life, October 10, 2014.

“Quitting the Nation: The Politics of Border Crossing in Mexican Texas.” The 48th Annual Walter Prescott Webb Memorial Lectures, March 7, 2013.

“Privileges of Locomotion: Expatriation and American Power in the Southwestern Borderlands.” Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, September 22, 2010.

“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

Manuscript Review

Bedford/St. Martin's
Journal of British Studies
Journal of the Early Republic
New York History
William and Mary Quarterly

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

OUTREACH

Community Talks

"Religious Controversy in the Revolutionary Era," Plano Sons of the American Revolution, June 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Dallas 2008-Present

Undergraduate Courses:

United States History to 1877: From the Colonial Periphery to a Fractured Nation States
The American Revolution
Religious Politics in Early America

Graduate Courses:

Church and State in America
Early American Political History
Early American Religious History
The Early Republic
Historiography
The Revolutionary Atlantic

Emmanuel College 2007-2008

Suffolk University 2007

Pine Manor College 2007

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Texas at Dallas

Chair, Gavin Hambly Scholarship Committee 2013

Executive Committee, Dean of the School of Arts & Humanities 2009-2011

University Wellness Committee 2009-Present