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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi, August 2024-Present

Assistant Professor of History, University of Houston-Victoria, August 2018-August 2024

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Kalamazoo College, August 2017-June 2018

## EDUCATION

**PhD, History**, University of Alabama, May 2017

**Master of Arts, History**, University of Alabama, May 2011

**Bachelor of Arts, History**, University of Washington, June 2007, *cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Works in Progress:

*War on the Home Front: United States Soldiers and Southern Civilians in the Civil War.*

Currently under advance contract with the University of North Carolina Press. Project argues that placing southern civilians at the center of the story of wartime military policy recovers the crucial role of gender and race to the United States Civil War. The army's presence motivated ordinary people, particularly Black and white women, to make bold demands on officers and soldiers. Even when divided by social hierarchies, the groups could be allies as well as enemies, and occasionally collaborate on military policies designed to punish Confederates and end the war.

*Slavery, War, and Emancipation in the Coastal Atlantic.* Second monograph which will focus on a small community of free and enslaved African American families, following them from the antebellum period through the Civil War and into Reconstruction. While I am still in the early stages of the project, focusing on a specific community will allow me to illuminate larger obstacles to freedom, self-determination, and citizenship during the long nineteenth century while also examining the vital role of kinship and family ties during war and emancipation as well as Reconstruction's challenges and opportunities as experienced by a small, close-knit group of people in the Coastal South and New England.

**Books:**

Laura Mamina, Megan L. Bever, and Lesley J. Gordon, eds., *American Discord: The Republic and Its People in the Civil War Era*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, May 2020. Within this collection I have one essay, "Domesticity in Conflict: Union Soldiers, Southern Women, and Gender Roles during the American Civil War."

**Peer-Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters, and Encyclopedia Entries:**

"Southern Woman, Republican Partisan: Mary Lincoln's Wartime Identity." In *Southern First Ladies: Culture and Place in White House History*, edited by Katherine A.S. Sibley. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, January 2021.

"'In the Midst of Fire and Blood': Union Soldiers, Unionist Women, Military Policy, and Intimate Space during the American Civil War," July 2018, Civil War History.

"Graceless Yankee Tramps and Secesh She-Devils: Union Soldiers and Confederate Women in Middle Tennessee," *Tennessee Women: Their Lives, Their Times*, vol. II, edited by Beverly Greene Bond and Sarah Wilkerson Freeman. Athens: University of Georgia, 2015, 92-120.

"Young Women," *The World of the Civil War: A Daily Life Encyclopedia*, ed. Lisa Tendrich Frank. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2015.

**Book Reviews:**

Review of Kristen Brill, *The Weaker Sex in War: Gender and Nationalism in Civil War Virginia*. North Carolina Historical Review, forthcoming.

Review of David Nicholson, *The Garretts of Columbia: A Black South Carolina Family from Slavery to the Dawn of Integration*. Journal of the Civil War Era, forthcoming.

Review of John Cimprich, *Navigating Liberty: Black Refugees and Antislavery Reformers in the Civil War South*. Journal of American History, forthcoming.

Review of Judith Giesberg and Randall M. Miller, editors, *Women and the American Civil War: North-South Counterpoints*. Journal of Southern History, Vol. 86, No 1.

Review of Timothy J. Williams and Evan A. Kutzler, editors, *Prison Pens: Gender, Memory, and Imprisonment in the Writings of Molly Scollay and Wash Nelson, 1863-1866*. Journal of Southern History, Vol. 85, No. 3.

Review of Lisa Tendrich Frank, *The Civilian War: Confederate Women and Union Soldiers during Sherman's March*. American Nineteenth Century History, Vol. 18, Issue 3.

Review of Karsonya Wise Whitehead, *Notes from a Colored Girl: The Civil War Pocket Diaries of Emilie Frances Davis*. The Civil War Monitor, forthcoming.

Review of Sarah L. Hyde, *Schooling in the Antebellum South: The Rise of Public and Private Education in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama*. Civil War News, April 2017.

Review of Kim Murphy, *I Had Rather Die: Rape in the Civil War*. H-CivWar, H-Net Reviews. December 2014. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42074>.

Review of Stephanie McCurry, *Confederate Reckoning: Power and Politics in the Civil War South*. The Southern Historian, Spring 2012.

Review of Victoria Bynum, *The Long Shadow of the Civil War: Southern Dissent and Its Legacies*. The Southern Historian, Spring 2011.

**Misc. Publications:**

Co-Author, "It's Time to Take Down the Statue," Op-Ed, *Victoria Advocate*, June 11, 2020.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Communities at War: Medicine, Race, Gender, and the Environment in U.S. Civil War Microhistories," roundtable at Society for Military History Conference, San Diego, California, March 2023.

"Competing Commemorations: The Uses and Abuses of Civil War Memory at Home and Abroad," roundtable at Organization of American Historians Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2022.

"Playing to Their Strengths: Teaching Underserved Students about the Civil War Era," accepted for American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, January 2021 [Conference canceled due to COVID-19].

"Portrayals of Mary Lincoln's White House Role during the American Civil War in Historical Biography," Southern First Ladies Conference, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, March 2018.

"A Marbled Crowd: Union Soldiers and Black Women's Social Interactions during the American Civil War," Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada, April 2016.

"'Frequent Examples of Easy Virtue'? A Reconsideration of Sexual Violence during the Civil War," Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 2014.

"Union Soldiers and Unionist Women's Battles over Protection during the Civil War," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014.

"Secesh She-Devils: Making Sense of Unladylike Behavior in Middle Tennessee," Southern Association of Women Historians Triennial Meeting, Dallas, TX, June 2012.

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Moderator, Workshop "Writing, Deploying, and Modifying Reacting to the Past for the History Classroom," Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 4-6, 2020 [Canceled due to COVID-19; rescheduled with new moderator for June 2021].

Co-Chair, Panel "Masculinity in a Hostile World," International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, April 2018.

## INVITED TALKS

“Wars of Invasion: Union Soldiers, Southern Women, and Intimate Space in the American Civil War,”  
UHV Discovers, University of Houston-Victoria, February 9, 2022.

“Dissent, Race, and Slavery in the American Civil War,” U.S. History Class of Mr. Sam May, AIM  
Academy, Conshohocken, PA, November 2020 [via Zoom]

## PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

### **Texas Coastal Bend Community Oral History Project**

Project’s goal is to preserve stories of historically marginalized community members in Victoria,  
Texas. The first topic will capture histories of the Black men and women who attended Victoria’s  
segregated F.W. Gross High School in the mid to late twentieth century.

*June 2020-May 2024*

### **Baylor University Institute for Oral History**

Getting Started with Oral History Training

*August 2021*

### **Student Assistant, Digital Services Department**

Hoole Special Collections Library

University of Alabama

*Summer 2009*

### **Information Desk Volunteer**

Frye Art Museum

Seattle, Washington

*Summer 2007-Spring 2009*

## GRANTS WRITTEN AND RECEIVED

**Texas Coastal Bend Community Oral History Project, submitted by University  
Advancement to Dow Chemical Company.** Project is a collaboration with the Victoria Regional  
History Center and Be Well Victoria Coalition to document and preserve the histories of  
historically marginalized people in the Victoria community.

**CommUNITY Book Club Partnership, submitted by Diversity and Race Task Force to  
UHV Executive Committee.** This project provided funding to the UHV Library to partner with  
the Victoria County United Way, Be Well Victoria, and Center for Peace Victoria, encouraging  
students, faculty, and staff to become involved in the nonprofit organizations’ virtual book club,  
discussing such titles as Ibram X. Kendi’s *How to Be Anti-Racist* and Margot Lee Shetterly’s  
*Hidden Figures*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor of History, University of Southern Mississippi**

World Civilization to 1500

*August 2024-Present*

**Assistant Professor of History, University of Houston-Victoria**

U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History since 1865, World Civilization to 1600, African American History, Thinking Like a Historian (Methodology), Historical Research, Race and Racism in the U.S., Sex and Society in the U.S, Colonial and Revolutionary North America, Early Republic to Antebellum U.S., Civil War and Reconstruction, Graduate Readings Course on North American Slavery

*August 2018-May 2024*

**Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Kalamazoo College**

American History to 1865, American History since 1865, American Women's History since 1870, U.S. Race and Ethnicity, 1850-1950; Junior Research Seminar on Social Reform and Social Justice, The Civil War Era

*August 2017-June 2018*

**Instructor, University of Alabama**

American History to 1865, American History Since 1865 (in-person and online)

*Summer 2012-Summer 2016*

**History Writing Fellow, University of Alabama**

University Writing Center

*Fall 2015-Spring 2016*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama**

American History to 1865, American History Since 1865, Western Civilization Since 1648, History of the American South Since 1865, World War II

*Fall 2010-Spring 2012, Fall 2016-Spring 2017*

**Writing Center Tutor**

Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority

*Fall 2016-Spring 2017*

**PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Member, Fall 2023 Race and Ethnic Studies Workshop, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston-Victoria (funded by NEH Humanities Initiatives grant)

**SERVICE TO STUDENTS**

“Poster Presentation Tips and Tricks,” UHV Academic Affairs Undergraduate Research Showcase, February 17, 2023

Panelist, “Critical Race Theory and American History,” Brave Space Series, UHV Student Life and Diversity and Inclusion, February 23, 2022.

Moderator, “Let’s Talk about Intersectionality,” Brave Space Series, UHV Student Life and Diversity and Inclusion, October 26, 2021.

“Vanguard by Martha S. Jones,” UHV Banned Books Week Virtual Read Out 2021, September 28, 2021.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fet73YYJ\\_84](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fet73YYJ_84)

Panelist, "Diversity on the Screen: Themes from *Hidden Figures*," UHV Office of Equal Opportunity, July 15, 2021.

## **MEDIA**

Interviewed, "UHV to Host Student Showcase of Black History," UHV News, February 15, 2023.

Interviewed, "New Dow Grant to Help Fund Community Oral History Project," *Victoria Advocate*, October 17, 2021.

Interviewed with Megan Bever, "*American Discord* with Megan Bever and Laura Mamina," *Keith Harris-The Rogue Historian Podcast*, July 25, 2020.

Interviewed, "Petition Calls for Removal of Confederate Statue in DeLeon Plaza," *Victoria Advocate*, June 10, 2020.

Interviewed, "UHV History Professor Publishes Book about Civil War," *Victoria Advocate*, May 2, 2020.

## **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

### **External Honors and Awards:**

USAHEC General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Research Grant, March 2015

Virginia Historical Society Frances Lewis Fellowship in Gender and Women's Studies, March 2014

Filson Historical Society Research Fellowship, March 2013

Jacquelyn Dowd Hall Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Association of Women Historians, Dallas, TX, June 2012

### **Internal Honors and Awards:**

Student Affairs Recognition of Faculty Contribution to Student Success, University of Houston Victoria, December 2023

Student Affairs Recognition of Faculty Contribution to Student Success, University of Houston Victoria, May 2023

Student Affairs Recognition of Faculty Contribution to Student Success, University of Houston Victoria, December 2022

Student Affairs Recognition of Faculty Contribution to Student Success, University of Houston Victoria, May 2022

Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant, University of Houston-Victoria, Summer 2021

Nominee, Wonderful Women of UHV, Student Life, University of Houston-Victoria, March 2020

School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Award, University of Houston Victoria, Spring 2021

Student Affairs Recognition of Faculty Contribution to Student Success, University of Houston Victoria, June 2020

Nominee, Wonderful Women of UHV, Student Life, University of Houston-Victoria, March 2020

Office of the Provost Research Travel Grant, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2020

Office of the Provost Research Travel Grant, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2019

Kalamazoo College Teaching and Learning Committee Pedagogical Development Grant, May 2018

University of Alabama, Graduate Student Research Grant, Summer 2016

University of Alabama, Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, Summer 2016

University of Alabama, Graduate Student Travel Grant, Spring 2016  
University of Alabama, Graduate Student Research Grant, Fall 2014  
University of Alabama, Graduate Council Dissertation Fellowship, 2014-2015  
University of Alabama, Graduate Student Travel Grant, Spring 2014  
University of Alabama, Department of History Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014  
University of Alabama, Graduate Student Travel Grant, Summer 2012  
University of Alabama, Graduate Council Fellowship, 2009-2010

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Article Review:**

*Journal of Southern History*, Spring 2024

### **Service to Field:**

Member, Outreach and Membership Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2019-June 2022

Initiatives and Events:

- Civil War Writing Groups for Graduate Students, Early Career Historians, and Historians in Non-Academic Positions. November 2020-Present.
- Listening Session with Graduate Students, Early Career Historians, and Historians in Non-Academic Positions. Coordinated with SCWH Graduate Council and Early Career Committee, October 9, 2020.

Chair, Early Career Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2017-June 2022

Initiatives and Events:

- Microgrants for early career scholars, graduate students, and undergraduate students, in progress.
- Mentoring program for graduate students and early career scholars, 2018-Present
- Workshops for graduate students and early career scholars on pedagogy, research, and publishing, in progress.
- Book Prize for best first book on Civil War Era, in progress
- Annual Early Career Happy Hour sponsored by the University of North Carolina Press, 2017-Present

### **Institutional Service:**

Co-Advisor, Black Student Union, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

Chair, A.D. Sheffield Symposium on African American History, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2022-Spring 2024.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Representative, Academic Appeals Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2022-Spring 2024.

History Search Committee, University of Houston Victoria, Spring 2022.

Design Search Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2022.

Chair, Academic Honesty Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2021-June 2022.

School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Representative, Academic Appeals Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2021-2022.

Co-Facilitator, Victoria and Katy Outreach Working Group, Diversity and Race Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, 2020-2021.

Member, Civic Engagement Working Group, Diversity and Race Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, 2020-2021.

Member, Academic Curriculum Working Group, Diversity and Race Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, 2020-2021.

Member, Student Recruitment and Retention Working Group, Diversity and Race Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, 2020-2021.

Coordinator, New Faculty Orientation, University of Houston-Victoria, 2020.

Member, International Programs Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2020-2021.

Member, Academic Honesty Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2020-Present.

School of Arts and Sciences Faculty Representative, UHV Day at Goliad High School, January 24, 2020

Member, Faculty Development and Retention Subcommittee, Academic Strategic Planning Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Member, Program Evaluation and Development Subcommittee, Academic Strategic Planning Task Force, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Faculty Senator, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Houston-Victoria Faculty Senate, 2019-2020.

Co-Chair, Faculty Orientation Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, 2019-2020.

Faculty Senate Representative, Judicial Review Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, Spring 2019-Fall 2019.



Arts and Sciences Faculty Representative, Jag Day, University of Houston-Victoria,  
Spring 2019

Arts and Sciences Faculty Representative, Jag Day, University of Houston-Victoria, Fall  
2018

History Search Committee, University of Houston-Victoria, 2018-2019

Invited Panelist, "Graduate School: An Insider's Perspective," Kalamazoo College  
Center for Career and Professional Development, January 24, 2018

U.S. History Senior Comprehensive Exams Advisor, Kalamazoo College, 2017-2018

President, Graduate History Association, Department of History, University of Alabama,  
2014-2015

Associate Editor, *Southern Historian*, University of Alabama, Spring 2011

Conference Planning Committee Member and Co-Chair, Graduate History Association,  
Department of History, University of Alabama, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012

**Student Advising:**

Member, Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee, University of Houston-Victoria  
Taylor Pollock, 2019  
Gregory Knowlton, 2019

Faculty Advisor, Senior Individualized Projects, Kalamazoo College  
Kierra S. Verdun, 2017-2018  
Angel L. Caranna, 2017-2018  
Zoey Blake-Mark, 2017-2018  
Alayna J. Tomlinson, 2017-2018

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Volunteer, Be Well Victoria Coalition  
Steering Committee, January 2023-May 2024  
Local History Initiative, May 2020-May 2024  
Victoria Community Circles, March 2021- May 2024  
Strategic Planning Committee, July-December 2020

Founding Member, Victoria Texas Young Professionals, 2019  
Served on Social Outreach Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on Vision and Purpose

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Research Assistant, University of Alabama**  
Dr. Kari Frederickson, Department Chair  
Dr. John Giggie, Director of Graduate Studies  
Data Collection for Annual Report and Department Assessment Report

Website content and design for the History Department Website, <https://history.ua.edu>  
*Fall 2011-Spring 2012*

**Latin American Research Assistant, University of Alabama**

Dr. Teresa Cribelli and Dr. Steven B. Bunker

“Industrial Forests and Mechanical Marvels: Modernization in Nineteenth-Century Brazil”  
(scholarly monograph), and “Ricardo Bell and the British Clown Invasion of Latin America”  
(scholarly monograph), respectively

*Fall 2011-Spring 2012*

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Certificate of Completion, Getting Started with Oral History  
Baylor University Institute of Oral History  
November 2021

Certificate of Completion, Restorative Justice Circle Keeper, 20 hours  
Quantum Circles Consulting & Training  
March 2021

Certificate of Completion, Online Educator Professional Development Program  
College of Continuing Studies  
University of Alabama  
December 2015

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Southern Historical Association  
Society for Military History  
Society of Civil War Historians