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### **Education:**

**Ph.D.**, University of Kentucky, 2000.

*Dissertation:* "Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indian Relations and Political Culture after the American Revolution, 1784-1800"

*Director:* Lance G. Banning

*Committee Members:* Michael Green, Theda Perdue, Philip Harling, Daniel B. Smith (ex officio); Dwight Billings (Sociology), Richard Jeffries (Anthropology)

*Fields:* U.S., 1763-1848; Native American; U.S. South; 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>-Century Britain

**M.A.**, University of Kentucky, 1996

**A.B.**, Harvard University (magna cum laude), 1992

### **Books:**

Red Gentlemen and White Savages: Indians, Federalists, and the Search for Order on the American Frontier. Jeffersonian America series. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2008.

### **Book Manuscript in Progress:**

Engines of Diplomacy: The Rise and Fall of the United States' Indian Trading Factories. Research and writing underway; completion expected 2010.

### **Articles and Book Chapters:**

"A Commercial Embassy in the Old Northwest: The U.S. Indian Trading Factory at Fort Wayne, 1803-1812." Ohio Valley History 8:4 (Winter 2008), pp. 1-16.

"Colonizing the 'Western World:' Western Settlers, 1780-1830," in Andrew Frank, ed., Early Republic: People and Perspectives (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, Nov. 2008), 101-118.

"A Rejoinder to Jefferson's Notes on Virginia: François Barbé de Marbois in Iroquoia, 1784." New York History, 84 (Fall 2003), 389-408.

"Land, Republicanism, and Indians: Power and Policy in Early National Georgia, 1780-1825." Georgia Historical Quarterly, 85 (Summer 2001), 199-226.

"The Main Mean of Their Political Management:' George Washington and the

Practice of Indian Trade in the Early Republic," in George Washington in and As Culture: Bicentenary Explorations, ed. Kevin Cope (New York: AMS Studies in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, 2001), 143-161.

### **Encyclopedia Articles:**

"Civilization Policy," "Continental Congress, Indian Policy of," "Henry Dearborn," "Great Britain, Indian Policy of," "Revolutionary War," "U.S. Indian Policy: Congress and the Executive, 1803-1848," and "The War Department," in The Encyclopedia of United States Indian Policy and Law, ed. Paul Finkelman and Tim Garrison (Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2008)

"The Impressment Crisis of 1807-1812," in Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History, ed. Ballard Campbell (New York: Facts on File, 2008)

"James Otis" and "Writs of Assistance," in The Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties, ed. Paul Finkelman et al. (New York: Routledge, 2006)

"Kentucky," in The Encyclopedia of the New American Nation, ed. Paul Finkelman et al. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2005)

"William Vans Murray" and "William Loughton Smith," in American National Biography, ed. John Garraty and Mark Carnes (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999)

"Gideon Blackburn" and "The Brainerd Mission," in The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture by Carroll Van West et al. (Tennessee Historical Society, 1998)

### **Reviews:**

Jerry Clark, The Shawnee for Ohio Valley History (forthcoming)

Kevin Barksdale, The Lost State of Franklin: America's First Secession for The Historian (forthcoming)

William Ramsey, The Yamasee War: A Study of Culture, Economy, and Conflict in the Colonial South for The Journal of American Ethnic History (forthcoming)

Alden Vaughan, Transatlantic Encounters: American Indians in Britain, 1500-1776 for Ethnohistory 55 (Winter 2008), 169-170.

Susan Kalter, ed., Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania, and the First Nations: The Treaties of 1736-1762 for Pennsylvania History 74 (Summer 2007), 414-417.

John Kleber, ed., Thomas D. Clark of Kentucky, and Thomas Clark, My Century in History, for Ohio Valley History 6 (Winter 2006), 83-86.

Valerie Mathes and Richard Lowitt, The Standing Bear Controversy: Prelude to Indian Reform for the Western Historical Quarterly 36 (Spring 2005), 75-76.

Judith Van Buskirk, Generous Enemies: Patriots and Loyalists in Revolutionary New York for Pennsylvania History 71 (Summer 2004), 237-239.

Neal Hammon and Richard Taylor, Virginia's Western War, 1775-1786, for Ohio Valley History 4 (Spring 2004), 73-74.

David Hendrickson, Peace Pact: The Lost World of the American Founding for The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, 101 (Autumn 2003), 507-508.

John Oliphant, Peace and War on the Anglo-Cherokee Frontier, 1756-1763 for Reviews in American History, 30 (Sept. 2002), 373-380.

James Read, Power versus Liberty: Madison, Hamilton, Wilson, and Jefferson for Florida Historical Quarterly, 80 (Summer 2002), 393-396.

John Sugden, Blue Jacket: Warrior of the Shawnees for The Filson History Quarterly, 75 (Summer 2001), 400-402.

Robert Grumet, ed., Journey on the Forbidden Path: Chronicles of a Diplomatic Mission to the Allegheny Country for The Northwest Ohio Quarterly 73 (Spring 2001), 103-105.

David Mattern, Benjamin Lincoln and the American Revolution, for The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, 94 (Summer 1996), 306-308.

### **Conference Papers:**

"Indigenous Economies and the Nation-State: The Case of the United States' Indian Trading Factories," Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, New Orleans, LA, 2 Oct. 2009 (forthcoming)

"'Like So Many Armies:' The First U.S. Indian Trading Factories in the Louisiana Purchase, 1805-1810," Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE, 6 March 2008

"Borderlands and Middle Grounds: The Frontier in Recent North American Historiography," Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies 2007 Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 7 April 2007

"A Commercial Embassy in the Old Northwest: The U.S. Indian Trading Factory at Fort Wayne, 1803-1812," Annual Meeting of the Indiana Association of Historians, Hanover, IN, 18 February 2006

"Indians, Federalists, and Kentuckians: The Ironies of Governance and Security on the Post-Revolutionary Frontier," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, 23 July 2004

"The Rites of Diplomacy, or, The Importance of Not Being Churlish: Woodland Indian Treaty Ceremonies and American Political Culture," East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference, Greensburg, PA, 3 Oct. 2003

"Rites of Surrender: The 1786 Fort Finney Conference and the Social Context of Diplomacy in the Ohio Valley," Filson Institute Conference, Louisville, KY, 16 May 2003

"The Attaché's Rejoinder: François Barbé de Marbois in Iroquoia, 1784," Conference on New York State History, Saratoga Springs, 8 June 2002

"'To Set Them at Deadly Variance: The U.S. Government and Intertribal Warfare Among the Woodland Indians, 1775-1815,'" Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, 26 April 2001

"The Return of the Fathers: Franco-American Relations and the Politics of Nostalgia in Native North America, 1778-1803," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Lexington, KY, 18 July 1999

"Land, Republicanism, and Indians: The Indian Policies of the Georgia Elite, 1780-1825," 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, AL, 12 November 1998

"The Transformation of Indian Civilization Policy," Ohio Valley History Conference, Bowling Green, KY, 19 October 1996

"Henry Knox, Confederation Indian Policy, and Constitutional Reform," Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, 4 October 1996

"Timothy Pickering and the Iroquois," Ohio Valley History Conference, Murray, KY, 20 October 1995

### **Other Presentations:**

"Creating a Commercial Borderland: Trade and Diplomacy at the U.S. Indian Factories of the Northern Louisiana Purchase, 1805-1813." Indiana State University Social Science Research Colloquium, 2 April 2009.

"The Real West," lecture presented to the Osher Lifetime Learning Institute, Terre Haute, IN, 18 March 2009.

"One Great Respectable and Flourishing Empire: The Conquest of the Trans-Appalachian Indians, 1789-1830." Indigenous Peoples' Day Address, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, 13 October 2003.

### **Awards and Honors:**

Distinguished Faculty Award, UPG Alumni Association, 2003  
E. Merton Coulter Prize, Georgia Historical Society, 2002  
Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 1998-9  
Phillips Fund Grant, American Philosophical Society, 1998  
David Library of the American Revolution Fellowship, 1998  
Price Visiting Research Fellowship, Clements Library, 1998  
Presidential Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 1995-6  
Open Competition Fellowship, University of Kentucky, 1994-5

### **Professional Associations:**

American Association of University Professors  
Georgia Historical Association  
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture (Associate)  
Organization of American Historians  
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
Southern Historical Association

### **Positions Held:**

**Assistant Professor**, Indiana State University, Fall 2004 – present. Teach U.S. survey courses and upper division and graduate classes on Colonial America, Indians & Europeans in Early America, the American Revolution, the Atlantic World, and Frontiers and Borderlands. Co-leader of First-Year Learning Community classes since 2005. Served on History Department's Graduate Committee and Eastern European/Continental European Search Committee; served on College of Arts & Science Council of Academic Advisors; served on CAS Program Prioritization Evaluation Group; served on CAS Faculty Council 2005-09 (vice-chair Fall 2008, chair Spring 2009); currently serve on History Department Assessment and Grievance Committees, CAS Administrative Affairs Committee, and American Democracy Project Working Group.

**Assistant Professor**, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Fall 2001-Spring 2004. Taught U.S. survey courses and upper division classes on Colonial America, the American Revolution, U.S. Civil War, Frontier America, Social Origins of Democracy, and American Childhood. Directed Arthur St. Clair

Lecture Series (annual lectures on western Pennsylvania history by prominent historians) and corresponding undergraduate and high school seminar meetings with each lecturer. Co-advised UPG chapter of Pi Gamma Mu; served as faculty advisor to History majors; member of Faculty Senate Council.

**Visiting Assistant Professor**, University of Kentucky, Fall 2000-Summer 2001. Taught U.S. history survey courses (Colonial Era-1865 and 1865-present) and upper-level courses on the American Revolution, the Early American Republic, Eastern Native American History, Western Native American History, and Historical Methods. Supervised eight graduate teaching assistants; developed lectures, writing assignments and exams; delivered lectures; led class discussions; graded assignments.

**Visiting Assistant Professor and Adjunct Lecturer**, Indiana University Southeast, Fall 1999 - Spring 2000. Taught U.S. history survey courses and Colonial American History.

**Instructor**, University of Kentucky, 1999. Taught U.S. History survey courses for summer and night-school sessions.

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Kentucky, 1996-1998. Led discussion sections for both halves of undergraduate U.S. History survey course and first half of European survey. Developed writing assignments and graded quizzes, exams, and essays.

**Oral History Editor**, U.K. Special Collections and Archives, 1997. Reviewed tapes and edited transcripts of over 140 interviews in Blacks in Kentucky, A.B. Chandler, John Cooper, Fred Vinson and Lawrence Wetherby oral history collections.

**Research Assistant**, U.K., 1996. Assisted Professor Lance Banning with research and selection of primary documents for Liberty and Order: The First American Party Struggle, 1789-1815 (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2004).

**Archival Assistant**, U.K. Special Collections and Archives, 1995-96. Processed papers of Wilson Wyatt, John Breckinridge, Mac Swinford and Charles Wheeler for Modern Political Archives.

### **Courses Taught:**

#### *Indiana State University:*

HIST 201: The United States to 1877

HIST 358: The Atlantic World

HIST 411/511: The Colonial Experience

HIST 413/513: Revolutionary America and the New Nation

HIST 436/536: Indians & Europeans in Early America

HIST 623: Proseminar: Topics in U.S. History  
HIST 695: History Readings  
HIST 699: Master's Thesis

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg:

HIST 0600: History of the United States to 1877  
HIST 0601: History of the United States since 1865  
HIST 1005: Special Topics: History of American Childhood  
HIST 1610: Colonial America  
HIST 1611: The American Revolution, 1763-1791  
HIST 1614: The American Civil War  
HIST 1625: Frontier America  
HIST 1955: History Capstone: The Social Structure of Democracy

University of Kentucky:

HIS 104 (as teaching assistant): Western Europe to 1650  
HIS 108: History of the United States to 1865  
HIS 109: History of the United States since 1865  
HIS 316: Junior Seminar: Historical Methods  
HIS 461: The American Revolution  
HIS 462: The Early American Republic  
HIS 568: Native American History: The East  
HIS 569: Native American History: The West  
HIS 695: Independent Graduate Readings

Indiana University Southeast:

H105 - 106: History of the United States to/since 1865  
A301: Colonial and Revolutionary America

**Departmental and University Service (Indiana State):**

American Democracy Project Working Group  
College of Arts & Sciences Administrative Affairs Committee  
College of Arts & Sciences Council of Academic Advisors  
College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Council (Vice-Chair Fall 2008, Chair Spr. '09)  
History Department Assessment Committee (Secretary and Chair)  
History Department Graduate Committee  
History Department Grievance Committee  
History Department Joint Continental/Eastern European Search Committee  
Master's Committees: Jerod Adler, Brad Crow (chair), Curtis DeBaun, Jessica Fields, Jacqueline Miller (chair), Ryan Moore, Jennifer Roman (chair), Jiuping Wang

**University Service (Pitt – Greensburg):**

Assistant Advisor of Pi Gamma Mu (National Social Sciences Honor Society)

Director of Arthur St. Clair Lectureship  
Faculty Senate Council  
History Club Advisor  
History Major Advisor  
José Ridilla Scholarship Committee  
Political Science Search Committee

**Professional Service:**

Referee for:

Ethnohistory (1997 and 2008)  
Journal of the Early Republic (1998)  
Midwest Association of Graduate Schools (2008)  
National Historical Records and Publications Commission (2004)  
Ohio Valley History (2006 and 2008)  
University of Nebraska Press (2008)

**Non-Academic Work Experience:**

**Consultant to Concord Coalition of Connecticut**, 1994. Helped organize and administer state chapter of the Concord Coalition, a national not-for-profit public-interest organization focusing on the elimination of the federal budget deficit.

**VISTA Volunteer**, 1992-3. Supervised after-school academic tutoring program for at-risk children at the Boys' and Girls' Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut.