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Employment

Professor, Boston University, 2004-
Associate Professor, Department of History, SUNY-Binghamton, 1999-2004.
Assistant Professor, Department of History, SUNY-Binghamton, 1992-1998.

Education

Ph.D. Brown University, Providence, RI, 1992
M.A. in History. Brown University, Providence, RI. 1987
B.A. in History. Reed College, Portland, OR. 1985

Books

THE KING'S THREE FACES: The Rise and Fall of Royal America, 1688 to 1776. The Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture/ University of North Carolina Press, 2006. Paperback edition, August, 2007

THESE DARING DISTURBERS OF THE PUBLIC PEACE: THE STRUGGLE FOR PROPERTY AND POWER IN EARLY NEW JERSEY. Cornell University Press, June, 1999. Paperback edition, University of Pennsylvania Press. 2003.

AMERICAN REVOLUTIONS: THE TRANSFORMATION OF POLITICS IN THE ERA OF UPHEAVAL, 1774-1794 (Work In Progress)

Edited Volumes

Editor, *American Centuries Encyclopedia: The Eighteenth Century* (2011, MTM Publishing)
Co-editor, *Anti-Popery: The Transatlantic Experience, 1500-1850* (Work in Progress)

Articles and Book Chapters

"The Passions of Empire," reprinted in Katz, Murrin, Greenberg, Silverman, and Brunson, eds, *Colonial America*, 6th edition, (New York, 2011) 530-551.

"A World of Kings." Published in *Historically Speaking*, summer, 2007; to be reprinted in *New Trends in Early American History*, University of South Carolina Press. Excerpted in *The Wilson Quarterly*, Autumn, 2007, 78-79.

"Of Spoons and Empires," *Common-Place*, vol. 6, no. 4, July, 2006.

“Popes Day and the Cycle of National British Holidays in Provincial America,” in Len Travers, ed., *American Holidays and National Days* (Greenwood Press, 2006).

“Early America in a New Century: Decline, Disorder, and the State of Early American History,” *The Journal of the Historical Society*, vol. 5, no. 4, December, 2005, 461-482.

“The World Then Past: Empire, Revolution, and the Founders of the New York Historical Society,” *New-York Journal of American History*, vol. LXVI, no. 1, spring/summer, 2005, 29-36.

“The Rise of Rough Music: Reflections on an Ancient New Custom in Eighteenth-Century New Jersey.” Published in Simon Newman and William Pencak, eds., *Riot and Revelry in Early America*, (Penn State University Press, 2001), 87-106.

“Pope’s Day Revisited, Popular Culture Reconsidered.” *Explorations in Early American History*, Vol. 4, December, 2000, 258-280.

“Colonial and Pre-Civil War Rebellions.” Published in *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL REVOLUTIONS*, issued by *Congressional Quarterly* (January, 1998).

“The Rise of Magdalena Valteau, Land Rioter.” *Explorations in Early American History*, vol. 65, December, 1998, 122-140. (published by *Pennsylvania History*, The McNeil Center For Early American Studies and The University of Pennsylvania Press).

“Confessions of an American Ranter.” Published in *Pennsylvania History*, vol. 62, No. 2, Spring 1995, 238-248.

“Who Wrote the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1776?” In Progress.

Review Essays

“Sam Adams.” Published in *Reviews in American History*, December, 2009.

“John Adams” HBO series. Published in *Historically Speaking*, January 2009

“Faith in the Founding Fathers.” Published in the *Weekly Standard*, March, 2008.

“Of Slaves and Sources.” *Reviews in American History*, vol.34, no.3, September, 2006, 281-290.

“Foul Means . . .and Fair: Slavery and Power in Early Virginia.” Published in *Common-Place*, vol. 4, no. 3, 2004.

Paul Downes, “Democracy, Revolution, and Monarchism in Early American Literature,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, October 2003.

“Bad Guys and Good Guys.” *Common-Place*, vol. 3, no. 1, October, 2002.

“Land, Law, and History.” *Reviews in American History*, vol. 29, no. 4, December, 2001, 510-515.

“The Riddles of a Founding Father.” *The Washington Post*, “Book World” section, Sunday, February 23, 1997, page 1.

“Periphery and Center in Revolutionary America.” *Historical Journal*, no. 39, I, March 1996, 265-270.

Other Publications

“The Revolutionary War.” *THE OXFORD COMPANION TO UNITED STATES HISTORY*, (2001), 666-669.

“The Continental Congress.” *THE OXFORD COMPANION TO UNITED STATES HISTORY*, (2001), 160.

“Abraham Clark.” “Richard Stockton.” *DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY*.

Historical Editor, *Massachusetts, 1620-1776* (National Geographic, 2005), Children’s book.

Historical Editor, *New Jersey, 1609-1776* (National Geographic, 2005), Children’s book.

Historical Editor, *Rhode Island* (National Geographic, 2006), Children’s book.

Historical Editor, *Connecticut* (National Geographic, 2007), Children’s book.

“The American Revolution in the context of the Age of Revolution,” in Paul Finkelman, ed., *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE NEW AMERICAN NATION*

Selected International Presentations

“Attitudes towards the Monarchy in the American Colonies,” to be presented at the Hanoverian Dynasty Tercentenary Conference, the German Historical Institute-London, October 11-13, 2012

“American Revolutions?” The Caroline Robbins Lecture. Presented at a joint session of the British Early American Studies group, the Institute of United States Studies of the University of London, and the Institute for Historical Research, University of Wales, Swansea, September, 2007.

Comment, “Royal Authority in the Seventeenth-Century Anglo-American World.” British Group in Early American History conference, University of Wales, Swansea, Wales, September 7-9, 2007

“The Kingdom of Heaven, and the Rulers of Earth.” Presented at Early American History, 1600-1877, in Global Perspective: An International Conference, Tianjin, China, May, 2007.

Comment, “Politics in Early America,” panel, at Early American History, 1600-1877, in Global Perspective: An International Conference, Tianjin, China, May 24, 2007.

Comment, “Of Kings and Revolutions.” Society of the Historians of the Early American Republic, Montreal, Canada, July 23, 2006.

“Hideous Pope!” Presented at the Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, July 11 2001.

Chair, “Women and Western Expansion,” Presented at the British American Studies Conference, Swansea, Wales, April 6, 2000.

“Oliver Cromwell’s Last Campaign.” Presented at the British American Studies Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, March 29, 1999.

Selected Invited Presentations and Conferences

“The Transformation of Anti-Popery in the era of the American Revolution.” To be presented at the David Library of the American Revolution, Spring, 2012.

“The Loyalists and the American Revolution.” Old South Meeting House, Boston, Massachusetts, January 29, 2009.

“States of Minds: State formation in Revolutionary America.” Eastern Nazarene College, November 11, 2008.

Co-organizer, “Anti-Popery: The Trans-Atlantic Experience, 1530-1850,” conference sponsored by the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Catholic University, and Columbia University. September 18-20, 2008.

“Royal America, Democratic America.” New England Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Meeting, January 21, 2008

“Remember, Remember, the Fifth of November.” Presented at the Bostonian Society, Old State House Museum, November 5, 2007.

“The Seven Years War and the Coming of the American Revolution.” Teaching American History Conference, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio, June 11, 2007.

“A Funeral Fit for a King: Terror, Iconoclasm, and the Coming of the American Revolution.” Presented at Paul Revere National Historic Site, Boston, MA, September 27, 2006.

"Of God and Kings." Colonial and Revolutionary Anglo-America in the Trans-Atlantic World: Rethinking European Expansion and the History of the Early Modern World, c. 1450-1820, John Carter Brown Library, April, 2005

"The Declaration of Independence in Global Perspective," Global View, *The History Channel*, April 2005.

"In Pharaoh's Name: The Ideology of Slave Resistance in the Age of Monarchy." Department of History, University of New Hampshire. (2000)

"The Rites of Empire, the March of Empire." Presented at the Maryland Seminar in American History, October 12, 2000.

"Liberty in Colonial Pennsylvania." Liberty Fund Symposium, Newport, RI, November 17-20, 2000.

"In a New Empire: Royal Political Celebration in Eighteenth-Century America." Presented at the Department of History, Brown University, September 26, 1999.

"Pope's Day Revisited, Popular Culture Reconsidered." Presented at the McNeil Center For Early American Studies, May 14, 1999.

Selected Papers and Public Presentations

"American Revolutions." McNeil Center for Early American Studies Evening Seminar, October 19, 2011.

Comment, "Calculating Loyalties: Changing Affiliations in the Empire and the Republic," Colonial Society of Massachusetts Graduate Student Forum, June 17, 2011.

Comment, "The Princess and the Pickneys: Children, Affections, and Power in Mid-Eighteenth-Century America," Boston Area Early American History Seminar, MHS, March 4, 2010.

"A Deal with the Devil." Presented at the Boston-Area Early American history seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, November 13, 2008.

Comment, "Loyalists and the American Revolution," New England Historical Association Conference, Northeastern University, April 26, 2008.

Comment, "Self-Immolation," Boston-area Early American History seminar, March 20, 2008.

Chair and comment, "Conceptions of Empire in British America, 1643-1788." Organization of American Historians Meeting, New York City, March 28, 2008

Comment, "How Well Armed Were the Shaysites?," to be given at "Re-considering the Debt: Scholars Re-Visit Shay's Rebellion," 220th anniversary symposium, January 27, 2007.

"Memories of Regicides Long Past." Presented at the Columbia University Early American history seminar. November, 2006.

Comment, "The Constitution and Public Policy in American History." Boston University-Cambridge University Political History Conference, Boston University, March 10, 2006.

"Divine Right Reborn." Presented at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, February 20, 2004.

"Abraham Clark and the American Revolution." Presented at Kean College's seminar on New Jersey History, July 8, 2003

Comment "New World Orders Conference, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, October 8, 2001.

"Neo-Absolutism." Presented at the Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, Austin, Texas, June 11, 1999.

"The Paradox of Pope's Day." Presented at the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, Rhode Island, July 29, 1998.

"The Rise of Magdalena Valteau, Land Rioter." Presented at the Newberry Library, Chicago, September 26, 1996.

"Rough Music: The American Transformation." Presented at the Festive Cultures and Public Ritual in Early America Conference, American Philosophical Society, April 13, 1996.

"The Minister's Wife." Organization of American Historians, March 24, 1995.

"Gender, Ethnicity, and Leadership." Presented at the Pennsylvania Historical Association's Annual Meeting, October 14-15, 1994.

"The Radicalization of Abraham Clark." Presented at the Philadelphia Center For Early American Studies Works-in-Progress Seminar, March 18, 1994.

"The Triumph of the Counterfeiters: Legality, Illegality, and the Origins of a Liberal Political Economy." Presented at the Duquesne History Forum, October 12, 1993.

"The Rise of Rough Music: Reflections on an Ancient New Custom in Eighteenth-Century New Jersey." Presented at the Philadelphia Center For Early American Studies, February 8, 1993.

"Agrarian Unrest and the Structure of Colonial Society: New Jersey Considered as a Test Case." Presented at the New Jersey Historical Society, March 21, 1992.

“Lawyers, Liberty Men and Land: Agrarian Unrest and the Coming of the Revolution in Eastern New Jersey.” Department of History, Princeton University, April 10, 1991.

“Theories of Property, Theories of Authority: The New Jersey Riots of 1730-1763, considered as an Intellectual Movement.” Presented at the Philadelphia Center For Early American Studies, March 1, 1991.

Prizes, Awards, and Fellowships

Society of Fellows, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2009-

Fellow of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2009-

Society of the Cincinnati Award For Outstanding Scholarship in Early American History relating to New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic, January, 2003 “These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace.”

Richard P. McCormick Award, New Jersey Historical Commission, 2001, “These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace.”

Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 1999-2000, “These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace.”

Senior Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2000-2001

The Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, 1998

The Mayer Fellowship, Huntington Library, 1998-1999 (declined).

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Professors, 1995-1996

The Driscoll Prize, 1994, “These Daring Disturbers of the Public Peace.”

New Jersey Historical Commission Research Fellowship, 1994-1995

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Fellowship, 1993

The John Lax Fellowship, Brown University, 1991-92

Philadelphia Center For Early American Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 1990-1991.

New Jersey Historical Commission Dissertation Grant, 1990-1992

The Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship, 1985-86

Structural Steel and Ornamental Iron Association of Northern New Jersey Scholarship, 1980-84.

Professional Service and Administration

Outside Reader, Dissertation, David Richards, SUNY-Binghamton, 2011

Outside Reader, Dissertation, Elizabeth Covart, University of California, Davis, 2011

Promotion Review Case, University of New Hampshire, 2011

Tenure Review Case, Boston College, 2011

Outside Dissertation Reader, Heather Schwartz, SUNY-Binghamton, 2011

Geisner Undergraduate Award Committee, Department of History, Boston University, 2011

Graduate Committee, Department of History, Boston University, 2010-2012

Oversight and Program Committees, “American Revolution,” a conference to be held at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, fall 2012

Tenure Review Case, Texas A & M University, 2010

External Reviewer, Department of History, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, March 2010

Tenure and Promotion Case, Syracuse University, 2010

Tenure Review Case, Texas A & M University, 2009

Tenure Review Case, University of Rochester, 2009

Tenure Review Case, University of California, Davis, 2009
Editorial Board, *Reviews in American History*, November 2008-
Oversight Board, "Young American Heroes," The American History and Civics Initiative,
Corporation for Public Broadcasting/Gilder Lerhman Foundation, 2008-
External Reviewer, Department of History, SUNY-Stony Brook, March 26-28, 2007
Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston
University, 2006-2007
Dublin Seminar Selection Committee, American Antiquarian Society , 2006-2007
Steering Committee, Boston Area Seminar in Early American History, 2005-2010
Geiser Scholarship Committee, Boston University, Spring 2006
Promotion Committee, Department of History, Boston University, 2006
Tenure Review Case, Reed College, 2005
Chair, Department of History, Binghamton University, May 2003-July 2004
Chair, Search Committee, Binghamton University, Early National United States, 2002-2003
Undergraduate Committee, Binghamton University, 1996-1997, 2001-2003
Graduate Awards Committee, Binghamton University, 1992-1995, 1998
Academic Honesty Committee, Harpur College Binghamton University, 1998-1999
Advisory Committee, Department of History, Binghamton University, 1997-1999
Faculty Senate, Binghamton University, 1997-1999
Graduate Committee, Binghamton University, 1993-1995, 1998-1999
Fellowship Committee, McNeil Center For Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania,
1999, 2001

Teaching Fields

Colonial America, American Revolution, Early National, Historiography, American Politics,
Early Modern England.

References

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