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Education

Brown University, Providence, RI.

Ph.D., History, 2005.

Dissertation: "From the Pews to the Polls: The Formation of a Southern Christian Right."

Advisor: James T. Patterson

M.A., History, 2000.

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

B.A., History and Classics, 1999. Graduated summa cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa.

Published Monographs

God's Own Party: The Making of the Christian Right (Oxford University Press, 2010).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"The GOP's Abortion Strategy: Why Pro-Choice Republicans Became Pro-Life in the 1970s," *Journal of Policy History* (forthcoming in fall 2011).

"Voting for God and the GOP: The Role of Evangelical Religion in the Emergence of the Republican South," in *Painting the South Red: When, Where, Why, and How the South Became Republican*, ed. Glenn A. Feldman (forthcoming in 2011).

"Evangelical Economics: Reexamining Christian Political Culture from a Market-Based Perspective," *Reviews in American History* (forthcoming in early 2011).

"Jerry Falwell's Sunbelt Politics: The Regional Origins of the Moral Majority," *Journal of Policy History*, 22 (2010): 125-147.

"Reagan's Religious Right: The Unlikely Alliance between Southern Evangelicals and a California Conservative," in *Ronald Reagan and the 1980s*, edited by Gareth Davies and Cheryl Hudson (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008).

"The Cross and the Elephant: Southern White Evangelicals' Commitment to the Republican Party, 1960-1994," *Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*, 2005.

Magazine and Encyclopedia Articles

- “Darwin v. God: Why the Tennessee Case that Captivated a Nation Remains Unresolved,” *Sacred History Magazine*, November / December 2006.
- “Southern Baptists and the Culture War On School Prayer,” *Sacred History Magazine*, November / December 2006.
- “Fundamentalism,” in *The Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, and World War II, 1920-1945*, edited by Kimberly Porter, in the Conflicts in American History Series (Facts on File, forthcoming).
- Biographical entries on William Jennings Bryan, Clarence Darrow, and Aimee Semple McPherson, in *The Roaring Twenties, Great Depression, and World War II, 1920-1945*, edited by Kimberly Porter, in the Conflicts in American History Series (Facts on File, forthcoming).
- Articles for *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars* (M.E. Sharpe, 2010): Bill Clinton; James Dobson; and Pat Robertson.
- Articles for *Postwar America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History* (M.E. Sharpe, 2007): Evangelical Christianity; Christian Right; Southern Strategy; Christian Coalition; *Roe v. Wade*; Election of 1964; Election of 1980; Election of 1984; and Election of 1988.
- “Fundamentalist Politics and Religious Freedom,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom* (Routledge, 2003).

Book Reviews

- Review of Charles L. Cohen and Paul S. Boyer, ed., *Religion and the Culture of Print in Modern America*, for *Evangelical Studies Bulletin*, 73 (Winter 2009-10).
- Review of Joseph E. Lowndes, *From the New Deal to the New Right: Race and the Southern Origins of Modern Conservatism*, for *Patterns of Prejudice*, 44 (2010): 393-395.
- Review of John G. Turner, *Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ: The Renewal of Evangelicalism in Postwar America*, for *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 93 (Summer 2009).
- Review of George M. Marsden, *Fundamentalism and American Culture*, for *Fides et Historia* (Summer / Fall 2006).
- Review of Craig S. Pascoe et al., ed., *The American South in the Twentieth Century*, for *The Alabama Review*, 59 (July 2006).
- Review of William E. Leuchtenburg, *The White House Looks South: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Lyndon Johnson*, for H-Net (online review), June 2006.

Conference Papers and Presentations

- “God, Dixie, and the GOP: Republican Partisanship among Southern Evangelicals from Hoover to Nixon.” 2010 Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2010.
- “Tracing the Culture Wars in the 1960s: Richard Nixon and the Shift in Evangelical Politics from Anti-Catholic to Anti-Secular.” 2010 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April 2010.
- “How did the GOP Become God’s Own Party? Evangelical Pastors, Republican Politicians, and the Making of America’s Christian Right.” American Political History Seminar Series, Boston University, September 2008.
- “‘A Protestant Strategy for the Sixties’: The Effect of the 1960 Presidential Election on Evangelical Political Mobilization.” 2008 Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 2008.
- “Jerry Falwell’s Sunbelt Religion: The Christianity of a Suburban Majority.” 2007 Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Richmond, VA, November 2007.
- “Cold War Christians in the ‘Age of Reagan’: The Christian Right’s View of Foreign Policy, 1980-1992.” 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of American Foreign Relations, Chantilly, VA, June 2007.
- “The Fundamentalist Sixties: Conservative Evangelicals’ Political Transformation from 1960-1969.” New World Coming: The Sixties and the Shaping of Global Consciousness Conference, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, June 2007.
- Commentator, “Faith and Economics in the Making of the Modern Right,” Panel at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Minneapolis, MN, March 2007.
- “Armageddon in Dixie: The Christian Right’s Transformation of Southern Religion and Politics.” 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, January 2007.
- “From Cold Warriors to Christian Crusaders: How the Anticommunism of the 1950s Led to the Christian Right of the 1980s.” Conference in Honor of James T. Patterson, University of Cambridge, May 2006.
- “The Republican Party and Abortion in the 1970s.” Meeting of the Washington Society for the History of Medicine, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD, April 2006.
- “The Republican Party and Abortion: The Role of a Religious Issue in a Partisan Agenda.” 2006 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC, April 2006.
- “‘The Right to Be Treated as a Woman’: Christian Anti-ERA Activists and Female Empowerment in the 1970s.” Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, March 2006.
- “Reagan’s Religious Right: The Unlikely Alliance between Southern Evangelicals and a California Conservative.” The United States in the 1980s: The Reagan Years Conference, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, November 2005.
- “Labeling Conservative Protestants: Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism as American Religious Identities.” Under Construction: Conference on the Study of Religion, Columbia University, April 2005.

“The Pastors Who Did Not March: Southern White Fundamentalists and the Civil Rights Movement.” Race and Place Conference, University of Alabama, March 2004.

“The Cross and the Elephant: Southern White Evangelicals’ Commitment to the Republican Party, 1960-1994.” South Carolina Historical Association, March 2004.

Teaching Experience

University of West Georgia (Carrollton, GA)

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2005 to present.

Rhode Island College (Providence, RI).

Instructor, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, 2001-5.

University of Rhode Island, College of Continuing Education (Providence, RI).

Instructor, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, 2003-4.

Brown University (Providence, RI).

Instructor, Summer Studies, 2005.

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, 2000-4.

Courses Taught

American Diplomacy (undergraduate)

American Religion and Politics (graduate seminar and undergraduate lecture course)

American Religion since 1800 (undergraduate / graduate)

Historiography (graduate seminar)

Recent America: The United States since 1945 (undergraduate / graduate)

United States History to 1865 (undergraduate)

United States History since 1865 (undergraduate)

US Politics since 1900 (undergraduate / graduate)

Awards and Fellowships

University of West Georgia College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, 2009.

J. David Griffin Award for Superior Teaching, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2009.

University of West Georgia Learning Resources Committee Faculty Research Grant, 2007-8.

Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, 2004-5.

Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant, 2002.

Lynn E. May, Jr., Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 2002.

Service

Director of three M.A. thesis committees, University of West Georgia, 2008-2010.

Director of one M.A. non-thesis exam committee, University of West Georgia, 2007.

Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2007-2010.

National History Day Judge for Georgia National History Day Competition, 2006-2010.

External reviewer for Blackwell, Oxford University Press, Rowman & Littlefield, University Press of Florida, *Journal of Policy History*, *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology*, and *Social Identities*.

Professional Membership

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Southern Historical Association