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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.

## **Employment and Visiting Fellowships**

**University of West Georgia**, Carrollton, GA.

Professor of History, 2016 to present.

Associate Professor of History, 2011-2016.

Assistant Professor of History, 2005-2011.

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ.

William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in Religion in Public Life, James Madison

Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University, 2011-2012.

## **Published Books**

*The Last of the Moderates: The 1976 Presidential Election and the Rise of Culture War Politics* (under contract with the University Press of Kansas for publication in 2019).

*Defenders of Life: The Pro-Life Movement before and after Roe v. Wade*  
(Oxford University Press, 2016).

*God's Own Party: The Making of the Christian Right* (Oxford University Press, 2010; paperback, 2012). Recipient of the 2011 Phi Alpha Theta Best First Book Award.

Co-editor (with Laura Jane Gifford), *The Right Side of the Sixties: Reexamining Conservatism's Decade of Transformation* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “From Anti-Contraceptive Campaigns to Fetal Rights: The Pro-Life Movement’s Attempt to Separate Itself from the Politics of Birth Control,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* (Winter 2016): 27-52.
- “The Partisan Trajectory of the American Pro-Life Movement: How a Liberal Catholic Campaign Became a Conservative Evangelical Cause,” *Religions* 6 (2015): 451-475.
- “Pro-Lifers of the Left: Progressive Evangelicals’ Campaign against Abortion,” in *The New Evangelical Social Engagement*, ed. Philip Goff and Brian Steensland (Oxford University Press, 2014).
- “Sex and the Evangelicals: Gender Issues, the Sexual Revolution, and Abortion in the 1960s,” in *American Evangelicals and the 1960s: Revisiting the “Backlash,”* ed. Axel Schaefer (University of Wisconsin Press, 2013).
- “No Happy Medium: The Role of Americans’ Ambivalent View of Fetal Rights in Political Conflict over Abortion Legalization,” *Journal of Policy History* 25 (2013): 42-61.
- “Richard Nixon’s Religious Right: Catholics, Evangelicals, and the Creation of an Antisecular Alliance,” in *The Right Side of the Sixties: Reexamining Conservatism’s Decade of Transformation*, ed. Daniel K. Williams and Laura Jane Gifford (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012).
- “The GOP’s Abortion Strategy: Why Pro-Choice Republicans Became Pro-Life in the 1970s,” *Journal of Policy History* 23 (2011): 513-539.
- “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 (University Press of Florida, 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*, ed. 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.

## Review Essays

- “Baptizing Uncle Sam: Tracing the Origins of Christian Nationalism,” *Reviews in American History* (September 2016).
- “Questioning Conservatism’s Ascendancy: A Reexamination of the Rightward Shift in Modern American Politics,” *Reviews in American History* 40 (2012): 325-331.
- “Evangelical Economics: Reexamining Christian Political Culture from a Market-Based Perspective,” *Reviews in American History* 39 (2011): 175-184.

## Magazine, Encyclopedia, and Online Articles

- “Religion and American Politics,” *Oxford Handbook of American Political and Policy History* (forthcoming).
- “Could Trump End the Culture War?” *New York Times* (web only version), November 9, 2016.
- “Why Values Voters Value Donald Trump,” *New York Times*, August 20, 2016.
- “Does God Have a Political Party? Civil Religion and Party Politics in American History,” in *allthings.org*, June 2, 2016.
- “The Pro-Life Movement’s Liberal Argument,” *Anxious Bench / Patheos*, March 5, 2016.
- “Why Are Pro-Lifers Borrowing Pro-Choice Philosophy?” *Christianity Today* (web only version), February 3, 2016.
- “Five Things You Think You Know about Roe v. Wade – But Actually Don’t,” *History News Network*, January 20, 2016.
- “Pro-Life Movement,” *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies* (2016).
- “Christianity and Alcohol,” *SAGE Encyclopedia of Alcohol* (2015).
- “Parental Rights: Conservative Evangelicals’ Approach to Protecting Children in the 1970s,” *Fides et Historia*, Summer / Fall 2013.
- “Abortion Laws Should Show Greater Respect for Fetal Life,” *Enduring Questions*, ABC-CLIO academic database, 2013.
- “The Real Reason to Criticize Roe,” *Public Discourse*, January 24, 2013. Reprinted in *The Human Life Review* 39 (Winter 2013).
- “Good Religion: In Defense of Ross Douthat,” *Public Discourse*, May 29, 2012.
- “Abortion: Politics and Policy,” and “Religious Right,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Political and Legal History*, ed. Donald T. Critchlow and Philip R. VanderMeer (2012).
- “The Christian Right’s Partisan Commitment,” *Historically Speaking*, April 2011.
- “A Victory for the Christian Right,” *PBS Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*, November 5, 2010.
- “O’Donnell’s Winning Combination,” *Politico*, September 17, 2010.
- 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.
- “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.
- “Fundamentalist Politics and Religious Freedom,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom* (Routledge, 2003).

## Book Reviews

- Review of Matthew Avery Sutton and Darren Dochuk, eds., *Faith in the New Millennium: The Future of Religion and American Politics*, for *Journal of American History* (forthcoming in 2017).
- Review of Sara Moslener, *Virgin Nation: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence*, for *Church History* (September 2016).
- Review of Andrew Hartman, *A War for the Soul of America*, for *Politics & Religion* (Fall 2016).
- Review of Amy DeRogatis, *Saving Sex*, for *Journal of American Studies* (August 2016).
- Review of Seth Dowland, *Family Values and the Rise of the Christian Right*, for American Academy of Religion's *Reading Religion* (May 2016).
- Review of Michael J. McVicar, *Christian Reconstruction: R. J. Rushdoony and American Religious Conservatism*, for *Journal of Church and State* (Winter 2016).
- Review of Thomas E. Bergler, *The Juvenilization of American Christianity*, for *Church History* (September 2015).
- Review of Robert Mason and Iwan Morgan, ed., *Seeking a New Majority: The Republican Party and American Politics, 1960-1980*, for *Journal of American History* 100 (March 2014).
- Review of David Swartz, *Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism*, for *Journal of Southern Religion* (2013).
- Review of Darren Dochuk, *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt*, for *Fides et Historia* (Summer / Fall 2013).
- Review of David Edwin Harrell, Jr., *Pat Robertson: A Life and Legacy*, for *Journal of American History* 98 (2011).
- Review of David Sehat, *The Myth of American Religious Freedom*, for S-USIH U.S. Intellectual History Blog, May 6, 2011.
- 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

- “‘A God Void of Justice, Goodness, and Truth’: The Christian-Deist Debate about God’s Moral Character as Portrayed in the Old Testament Account of the Israelite Conquest of the Canaanites,” Conference on Faith and History, Virginia Beach, VA, October 2016.
- “Rational Faith in the Age of Darwin: Christian Apologetics among Liberal Protestants in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH) Conference, Stanford University, October 2016.
- “Theological Divisions in the Pro-Life Movement: The Differences between Catholic and Evangelical Approaches to Abortion in the 1970s,” Christian Scholars’ Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 2016.
- “From Male Natural Law Debates to Female Pro-Life Activism: How the Catholic Campaign against Abortion Became a Women’s Movement,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Providence, RI, April 2016.
- “Reagan and the Pro-Life Realignment: The Effect of President Reagan’s Abortion Policies on the Pro-Life Movement,” Iowa Conference on Presidential Politics, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA, October 2015.
- “Reclaiming the Hostile Public Square: Catholics and the Problem of American Liberalism after *Roe v. Wade*,” Society for US Intellectual History (S-USIH) Conference, Washington, DC, October 2015.
- “How the Pro-Life Cause Became a Women’s Movement,” Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, September 2014.
- Chair and commentator for panel, “Forging Pro-Life Alliances across Denominational Boundaries: The Role of Abortion in the Rise of the Religious Right,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2014.
- “Pro-Lifers and the Other Issues of Life: The Catholic Pro-Life Movement’s Response to War, Capital Punishment, and Human Rights in the 1960s and 1970s,” 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington, DC, January 2014.
- “Losing Its Religion: The Attempt of the Pro-Life Movement to Become Secular,” Religion in American Life Conference, King’s College, London, February 2013.
- “Creating the Right to Life,” 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Legal History, St. Louis, MO, November 2012.
- “The Pro-Life Movement’s State Legislative Strategy during the 1970s,” Policy History Conference, Richmond, VA, June 2012.
- “Pro-Lifers of the Left: Progressive Evangelicals’ Campaign against Abortion,” Conference on the New Evangelical Social Action, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, May 2012.
- Presenter on Public Panel, “Debating the Intersections of Religious Freedom and Women’s Health,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Apr. 2012.
- “The Quest for an Ecumenical Theology of Life: Catholic and Evangelical Responses to the Abortion Issue in the 1960s and 1970s,” 2011 U.S. Intellectual History Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, November 2011.
- “When Secularism Became the ‘Culture of Death’: The Role of the Abortion Issue

- in the Construction of Catholic and Evangelical Views of Secularization,” Conference on Radical Emancipation: Confronting the Challenge of Secularism, University of Notre Dame, November 2011.
- “Sex and the Evangelicals: Gender Issues, the Sexual Revolution, and Abortion in the 1960s.” 2011 David Bruce Centre Colloquium, Keele University, Staffordshire, UK, April 2011.
- “When Rights Are Only Relative: Public Ambivalence about Fetal Rights and Abortion before *Roe v. Wade*.” Conference on Morality, Politics, and Policy in Historical Perspective, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 2011.
- “Teaching the History of American Religion at a State University in the Bible Belt.” 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 2011.
- “From Segregation to ‘Law and Order’: Fundamentalists, Evangelicals, and the Politics of Race in 1968.” Conference on Faith and History, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, October 2010.
- “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 for panel, “Faith and Economics in the Making of the Modern Right,” 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)

**Professor**, Department of History, 2016 to present.

**Associate Professor**, Department of History, 2011-2016.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of History, 2005-2011.

### Rhode Island College (Providence, RI).

**Instructor**, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, 2001-2005.

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

**Instructor**, Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, 2003-2004.

### Brown University (Providence, RI).

**Instructor**, Summer Studies, 2005.

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of History, 2000-2004.

## Courses Taught

American Diplomacy (undergraduate)

American Moral Regulation (graduate seminar)

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

American Religion since 1800 (undergraduate / graduate)

Global History of Christianity (undergraduate / graduate)

Historiography (graduate seminar)

Liberalism and Conservatism in Modern America (graduate seminar)

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

Senior Seminar (undergraduate research seminar)

United States History to 1865 (undergraduate)  
 United States History since 1865 (undergraduate)  
 US Politics since 1900 (undergraduate / graduate)

## **Awards**

Faculty Advisor of the Year Award, University of West Georgia Professional Association of Academic Advisors, 2016.

Ellis Hawley Prize for “Jerry Falwell’s Sunbelt Politics,” awarded by the Institute for Political History and the *Journal of Policy History*, 2012.

2011 Phi Alpha Theta Best First Book Award, for *God’s Own Party: The Making of the Christian Right*.

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 and 2016.

University of West Georgia Learning Resources Committee Faculty Research Grant, 2007-2008, and 2011-2012.

Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, 2004-2005.

Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant, 2002.

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

## **Service**

Director of six M.A. theses, University of West Georgia, 2009-2016.

Chair, General Education Committee, University of West Georgia, 2010-2011.

Public History Search Committee, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2014-2015.

African History Search Committee, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2012-2013.

Ancient History Search Committee, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2009-2010.

Internal Chair Search Committee, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2009-2010.

Undergraduate Advising Coordinator, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2012 to present.

Undergraduate Advisor, History Department, University of West Georgia, 2010 to present.

Assessment Coordinator for UWG History Department’s Survey Course in Modern US History, 2014 to present.

University of West Georgia Faculty Committees: Learning Resources (2009-2010), Undergraduate Education (2010-2011), Faculty Development (2014), Rules (2015-2017), Faculty Senate (2015-2017).

University of West Georgia History Department Committees: Awards & Colloquium (2006-2009), Graduate Studies (2007-2010), Budget Oversight (2010), Promotion & Tenure (2013-2014, 2016 to present), Undergraduate Education (2012-2015), Budget & Awards (2013-2016).

National History Day Judge for Georgia National History Day Competition, 2006-2016.

External reviewer for Baylor University Press, Bedford St. Martin's, Blackwell, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield, University of California Press, University Press of Alabama, University Press of Florida, University of Virginia Press, *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology*, *The Historian*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Politics and Religion*, *Religion and American Culture*, *Religions*, and *Social Identities*.

Editorial Board Member, *Southern Historian: A Journal of Southern History*, 2013.

Executive Board Member, Conference on Faith and History, 2016 to present.