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Education

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.A., Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

Majors: History and English; Graduated with High Honors

Teaching Experience

Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2013-)

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2007-2013)

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West Georgia (2003-2007)

Instructor, Department of History, Texas Christian University (2001-2003)

Publications

Books

The Eternal Paddy: Irish Identity and the British Press, 1798-1882 (University of Wisconsin Press, 2004) – Awarded the American Conference for Irish Studies James S. Donnelly, Sr. Prize for Books on History and Social Sciences

Edited Works

Co-Editor (with Tim McMahon and Paul Townend), *Ireland in an Imperial World: Citizenship, Opportunism, and Subversion* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017)

Co-Editor (with Karen Steele), *Ireland and the New Journalism* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014)

Co-Editor (with Sean Farrell), *Power and Popular Culture in Modern Ireland: Essays in Honor of James S. Donnelly, Jr.* (Irish Academic Press, 2010)

Editor, *Lives of Victorian Political Figures: Charles Stewart Parnell* (Pickering & Chatto, 2007) Co-Editor (with Joe Cleary), *Éire-Ireland* Special Issue: Amongst Empires 42:1&2 (spring/summer 2007)

Book Chapters

“The Advanced Nationalist Press and Empire, 1881-1891,” in Sarah E. Gardner, James Thompson, and Robert Bernsee, (eds.), *Edinburgh History of the Radical Press* (forthcoming)

“The Satirical Press,” in David Finklestein (ed.), *Edinburgh History of the British and Irish Press, Volume 2: Expansion and Evolution, 1800-1900* (Edinburgh University Press, 2020), 419-437 – Volume awarded the Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Robert and Vineta Colby Scholarly Book Prize

“The Irish Press and Imperial Soldiering, 1882-1885,” in McMahon, de Nie, and Townend (eds.), *Ireland in an Imperial World: Citizenship, Opportunism, and Subversion* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017), 133-154

“W.T. Stead, Liberal Imperialism, and Ireland,” in de Nie and Steele (eds.), *Ireland and the New Journalism* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 101-118

“Reflections,” in Michael de Nie and Sean Farrell (eds.), *Power and Popular Culture in Modern Ireland: Essays in Honor of James S. Donnelly, Jr.* (Irish Academic Press, 2010), 214-229

“The London Press and the American Civil War,” in Joel H. Wiener and Mark Hampton (eds.), *Anglo-American Media Interactions* (Palgrave, 2007), 129-154

“Britannia’s Sick Sister: Irish Identity and the British Press, 1798-1882,” in Neil McCaw (ed.), *Writing Irishness in Nineteenth-Century Culture* (Ashgate, 2004), 173-193

Articles

“Pat and the Land War,” *History Ireland* 31:4 (May/June 2023): 24-27.

“Laughing at the Mahdi: The British Comic Press and Empire, 1882-1885,” *Victorian Periodicals Review* 52:3 (fall 2019): 437-463

“Our Dead Chief:” The Irish Press and the Death of Parnell,” *New Hibernia Review* 23:1 (spring 2019): 106-121

“The Comic Press, Ireland, and Empire, 1882-85,” *Éire-Ireland* 52:3&4 (fall/winter 2017): 216-251

“Roundtable Discussion: Teaching Transnational Irish History,” (with Mo Moulton, Enda Delaney, and Ciaran O’Neill), *Éire-Ireland* 51:1&2 (spring/summer 2016): 266-276

“‘Speed the Mahdi!’ The Irish Press and Empire, 1883-1885,” *Journal of British Studies* 51:4 (October 2012): 883-909

“Ulster will Fight? The British Press and Ulster, 1885-1886,” *New Hibernia Review* 12:3 (fall 2008): 18-39

“Ireland and Irishness in the Nineteenth Century,” *History Compass* (September 2005)

“Pigs, Paddies, Prams, and Petticoats: Irish Home Rule and the British Comic Press, 1886-1893,” *History Ireland* 13:1 (January/February 2005): 42-47

“‘A Medley Mob of Irish-American Plotters and Irish Dupes’: the British Press and Transatlantic Fenianism,” *Journal of British Studies* 40:2 (April 2001): 213-240

“‘The French Disease’: the British Press and 1798,” *Working Papers in Irish Studies* 99:3 (June 1999): 1-8

“The Famine, Irish Identity, and the British Press,” *Irish Studies Review* 6:1 (April 1998): 27-36

“Curing ‘The Irish Moral Plague,’” *Éire-Ireland* 32:1 (spring 1997): 63-85

Awards and Honors

University of West Georgia College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Service Award (2025)

University of West Georgia College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Professional Growth Grant (2025)

University of West Georgia College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant (2010)

University of West Georgia Faculty Research Grant (2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009)

Southern Conference for British Studies Sheldon Hanft Travel Award (2007)

J. David Griffin Award for Superior Teaching (2006)

University of West Georgia Award for Significant Professional Accomplishments (2006)

University of Wisconsin-Madison Vilas Professional Development Fellowship (1999)

University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School Foreign Travel Fellowship (1998)

University of Wisconsin-Madison History Department Foreign Travel Grant (1998)

Distinction on Preliminary Examinations (1996)

Phi Beta Kappa (1992)

Conference Presentations and Papers

“The Comic Press, Parnell, and Transatlantic Radicalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Savannah, GA (February 25, 2025)

“Modern Politics? The Comic Press, Political Violence, and Parnell, 1879-1891,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, CO (November 16, 2024)

“The Comic Press, Political Violence, and Parnellism, 1879-1891,” American Conference for Irish Studies Annual Meeting, Limerick, Ireland (June 20, 2024)

“*Pat* and the Land War,” Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Annual Meeting, Stirling, UK, (June 15, 2024)

“Irish Cartooning in the Land War,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, San Jose, CA (June 8, 2023)

“*Punch* and the Mutiny,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (November 11, 2022)

“On the Margins of Modernity: The Press and Islam, 1881-1885,” Research Society for Victorian Periodicals, Online (September 17, 2022)

“The Comic Press and the Parnell Commission,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Online (April 30, 2022)

“The Irish Press, Morality, and Imperial Terror, 1882-1885,” North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 12, 2021)

“The Irish Press and Imperial Morality,” Annual Meeting of the Britain and the World Conference, Online (June 17, 2021)

“The Comic Press and the First Home Rule Bill,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Online (June 2, 2021)

“The Irish Press and the Holy Carpet Procession of 1882,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Online (November 20, 2020)

“A True Irishman? The Irish Press, Imperial Service, and General Wolseley,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Vancouver, BC (November 17, 2019)

“The Press, Public Opinion, and Imperial Policy,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY (November 8, 2019)

“*Pat and the Land War*,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Boston, MA (March 21, 2019)

“The Irish Press and the Ilbert Bill,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL (November 10, 2018)

“The Irish Press, Islam, and Violence – 1882-1885,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Cork, Ireland (June 18, 2018)

“Islam, Fanaticism, and the late-Victorian Press,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX (November 10, 2017)

“New Problems and Possibilities in Irish Press History,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Kansas City, MO (March 30, 2017)

“The Press, the Sudan, and Imperial Morality, 1883-1885,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, St. Pete Beach, FL (November 3, 2016)

“The Irish Press and the Holy Carpet Incident of 1882,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, South Bend, IN (April 2, 2016)

“The Parnell of Egypt? The Press and Arabi Pasha,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (March 27, 2015)

“The Irish Press and Imperial Soldiering,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 14, 2014)

“The Irish Press and Imperial Soldiering,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Dublin, Ireland (June 12, 2014)

“The Irish Press and Imperial Soldiering,” Southern Regional Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Decatur, GA (March 2, 2013)

“Humor and Empire,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, (November 3, 2012)

“W.T. Stead, Liberal Imperialism, and Ireland,” British Library W.T. Stead Conference, London, UK (April 16, 2012)

“Laughing at the Mahdi: Humor and Empire,” Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, New Orleans, LA (March 15, 2012)

“Irish Pro-Imperialism,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Madison, WI (April 1, 2011)

“The Irish Press and the Arab Character,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC (November 5, 2010)

“The Irish Press and the Arab Character,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, State College, PA (May 6, 2010)

“The Irish Press and the Sudan, 1883-1885,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Louisville, KY (November 8, 2009)

“‘God speed the Mahdi!’: The Irish Press and the Sudan, 1883-5,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Galway, Ireland (June 11, 2009)

“The Irish Press and Empire,” Newspaper and Periodical History Forum Ireland Conference, Galway, Ireland (November 1, 2008)

“Ulster will Fight? The British Press and Ulster, 1885-1886,” Southern Regional Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Savannah, GA (March 7, 2008)

“The British Press, Home Rule, and Parnell,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA (November 1, 2007)

“The British Press, Home Rule, and Parnell,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, New York, NY (April 19, 2007)

“Our Dead Chief: The Irish Press and the Death of Parnell,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, St. Louis, MO (April 20, 2006)

“The London Press and the American Civil War,” Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 4, 2005)

“Imperial Identities, the Press, and Victorian Politics,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, CO (October 9, 2005)

“Pigs, Paddies, Prams, and Petticoats: Representations of Ireland in the British Comic Press, 1886-93,” Southern Regional Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Atlanta, GA (March 5, 2004)

“The British Press and Self-Government in India and Ireland in the 1880s,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, OR (October 25, 2003)

“Paddy, Baboo, and John Bull: The British Press and Self-Government in India and Ireland in the 1880s,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Minneapolis, MN (June 6, 2003)

“Britannia’s Sick Sister: Irish Maladies and British Cures,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Milwaukee, WI (June 7, 2002)

“‘Ireland is yet to be Governed:’ Ireland, British Identity, and the Nineteenth-Century Popular Press,” British Island Stories: History, Identity and Nationhood, York, UK (April 18, 2002)

“Wooing Erin: The British Comic Press and Feminine Images of Ireland, 1879-1882,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on British Studies, Cincinnati, OH (October 28, 2000)

“The British Press and Transatlantic Fenianism,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL (October 23, 1999)

“Penning Paddy: The British Comic Press and the Fenians,” Midwest Regional Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Davenport, IA (October 8, 1999)

“‘A Medley Mob of Irish-American Plotters and Irish Dupes’: the British Press and Transatlantic Fenianism,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Roanoke, VA (May 14, 1999)

“‘The French Disease’: the British Press and 1798,” British Association for Irish Studies: Irish Revolutionaries and British Radicals, Oxford, UK (September 12, 1998)

“‘The French Disease’: the British Press and 1798,” Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (April 16, 1998)

“The Famine, Irish Identity, and the British Press,” Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL (October 20, 1996)

Invited Talks

“Parnell, Parnellism, and the Comic Press,” Irish American Cultural Institute Invited Lecture (May 21, 2025)

“The Great Famine, America, and the Irish World,” Irish American Cultural Institute Invited Lecture (February 17, 2022)

“Digital Databases for British Newspapers,” North American Conference for British Studies Online Programming (October 30, 2021)

“The Battle of the Bulge,” Consulate General of Belgium Battle of the Bulge 75th Anniversary Program, Atlanta, GA (January 24, 2020).

“Ireland and Empire: Where do we go from here?” Boston College History Symposium, Boston, MA (April 7, 2018)

“The Easter Rising and the Irish Revolution,” Columbus State University, Columbus, GA (April 5, 2016)

“The State of Irish History,” Plenary Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (March 25, 2015)

“Humor and Empire,” Northern Illinois University Department of History Fall Colloquium, DeKalb, IL (November 8, 2012)

“Humor and Empire,” University of West Georgia History Department Fall Colloquium (October 16, 2012)

“The Irish Press and Empire,” Mary Immaculate College—University of Limerick, Limerick, Ireland (October 30, 2008)

“British Opinion and Irish America, 1860-1886,” Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY (March 16, 2007)

“Penning Paddy: Ireland and the British Comic Press,” University of West Georgia History Department Spring Colloquium (April 19, 2005)

“Irish Identity and the British Press,” Wesleyan College, Macon GA (March 20, 2004)

Book Reviews and Other Publications

Shamima Akhtar, *Exhibiting Irishness: Empire, race, and nation, c. 1850-1970*, *English Historical Review* (forthcoming)

Fergal O’Leary, *Ireland and Empire in the Late Nineteenth Century*, *English Historical Review* 140: 604-605 (June 2025)

Anelise Hanson Shrouf, *Aiding Ireland: The Great Famine and the Rise of Transnational Philanthropy* in *Irish Literary Supplement* 44:1 (fall 2024)

Mary C. Kelly (ed.) *Navigating Historical Crosscurrents in the Irish Atlantic: Essays for Catherine B. Shannon* in *Journal of British Studies* 63:4 (fall 2024)

Thomas Smits, *The European Illustrated Press and the Emergence of a Transnational Culture of the News* in *Media History* (June 2023) Featured roundtable review

Niamh Dillon, *Homeward Bound: Return Migration from Ireland and India at the End of the British Empire* in *Irish Literary Supplement* 43:1 (fall 2023)

Christine Kinealy and Gerard Moran (eds.), *Irish Famines before and after the Great Hunger* in *Victorian Studies* 65:1 (autumn 2022)

Caleb Wood Richardson. *Smyllie’s Ireland: Protestants, Independence, and the Man who Ran the Irish Times*, in *Irish Literary Supplement* 40:2 (spring 2021)

James Kelly (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Ireland: Volume III, 1730-1880*, in *Victorian Studies* 62:3 (spring 2020)

Jamie Gilham and Ron Geave (eds.), *Victorian Muslim: Abdullah Quilliam and Islam in the West*, in *Journal of Social History* 52:4 (summer 2019)

- Mark O'Brien, *The Fourth Estate: Journalism in Twentieth-Century Ireland*, in *Irish Literary Supplement* 37:2 (spring 2018)
- Paucic Travers and Donal McCartney (eds.), *Parnell Reconsidered*, in *Victorian Studies* 58:3 (spring 2016)
- Cian McMahon, *The Global Dimensions of Irish Identity: Race, Nation, and the Popular Press, 1840-1880* in *Irish Literary Supplement* 36:1 (fall 2016)
- Ann Andrews, *Newspapers and Newsmakers: The Dublin Nationalist Press in the Mid-Nineteenth Century*, in *Journal of British Studies* 55:1 (January 2016)
- Enda Delaney, *The Curse of Reason: The Great Irish Famine*, in *Irish Literary Supplement* 33:1 (fall 2014)
- Bruce Nelson, *Irish Nationalists and the Making of the Irish Race*, in *American Historical Review* 118:2 (April 2013)
- James G. Patterson, *In the Wake of the Great Rebellion: Republicanism, Agrarianism and Banditry in Ireland after 1798*, in *Irish Literary Supplement* 32:2 (spring 2013)
- Kevin Rafter (ed.), *Irish journalism before independence: More a disease than a profession*, in *Irish Historical Studies* xxxviii:149 (May 2012)
- Peter Gray, *The Making of the Irish Poor Law, 1815-43*, in *Irish Literary Supplement* 30:2 (spring 2011)
- Brian Jenkins, *The Fenian Problem: Insurgency and Terrorism in a Liberal State, 1858-1874* in *The Historian* 73:1 (spring 2011)
- William Cooke Taylor, *Reminiscences of Daniel O'Connell*, Patrick Maume (ed.), and John Mitchel, *The Last Conquest of Ireland (Perhaps)*, Patrick Maume (ed.), in *Irish Literary Supplement* 28:1 (fall 2008)
- Anthony McNicholas, *Politics, Religion and the Press: Irish Journalism in Mid-Victorian England* in *New Hibernia Review* 12:2 (summer 2008)
- Gillian Doherty, *The Irish Ordnance Survey: History, Culture and Memory* in *American Historical Review* 111:2 (April 2006)
- Andrew Sparrow, *Obscure Scribblers: A History of Parliamentary Journalism* in *Media History* 12:1 (April 2006)
- Simon J. Potter, *News and the British Word: The Emergence of an Imperial Press System 1876-1922* in *Media History* 11:3 (December 2005)

Entries on John Mitchel, Daniel O’Connell, James Stephens, and Thomas Davis, *Encyclopedia of Irish History and Culture* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2004)

Eunan O’Halpin, *Defending Ireland: The Irish State and Its Enemies Since 1922*, in *The Historian* 63:3 (Spring 2001)

Ciaran Brady (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Ireland*, in H-Albion (February 2001)

Arthur O’Connor, *The State of Ireland*, James Livesey (ed.), in *Irish Studies Review* 8:1 (Spring 2000)

Oliver P. Rafferty, *The Church, the State, and the Fenian Threat, 1861-75*, in *The Catholic Historical Review* 86:2 (April 2000)

Institutional Service

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Promotion & Tenure Committee (2025-2027)

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Faculty Advisory Committee (2024-2026)

Chair, History Program Budget and Awards Committee (2024-2025)

History Program Promotion and Tenure Committee (2024-2027)

Scheduling Coordinator, Department of History (2010-)

Program Coordinator, History (2022-2024)

History Budget and Awards and Committee (2023-2026)

UWG Faculty Development Committee (2023-2024)

College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry Promotion and Tenure Committee (2021-2022)

History Department Graduate Studies Committee (2021-2022)

Chair, College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry Promotion and Tenure Committee (2020-2021)

History Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2017-2020)

History Department Ad Hoc Bachelor of Science in History Degree Committee (2018-2019)

Chair, History Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2018-19)

History Department Faculty Scribe (2018-2019)

UWG Faculty Development Committee (2017-2019)

Chair, History Department Ad Hoc Chair Review Committee (2017-2018)

History Department Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-2018)

College of Arts and Humanities Tenure and Promotion Committee (2015-2016)

History Department Graduate Studies Committee (2014-2015)

UWG Office of Research and Sponsored Operations Faculty Advisory Board (2013-2014)

History Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2013-2014)

History Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-2012)

UWG Faculty Development Committee (2011-2013)

Faculty Senator (2010-2013)

History Department Awards, Honors, and Colloquium Committee (2010-2011)

Faculty Advisor, Pi Kappa Alpha, Eta Sigma Chapter (2010-2014)

Faculty Senate Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (2010-2011)

Library Coordinator, Department of History (2009-2011)

Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Budget Committee (2009-2010)

History Department Promotion and Tenure Committee (2007-2009)

Chair, Early Modern Europe Search Committee (2006-2007)

History Department Budget Committee (2006-2009)

Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Classroom Technology Committee (2008-2009)

Chair, History Department Ad Hoc Merit Pay Committee (2006-2007)

History Department Graduate Committee (2006-2007)

College of Arts and Sciences Digital Measures Committee (2006-2007)

College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series Selection Committee (2005-2006)

Public History Search Committee (2005-2006)

History Department Faculty Scribe (2005-2006)

History Department Undergraduate Advisor (2004-2008, 2014-)

History Department Library Committee (2004-2007)

Faculty and Staff Personnel Committee (2005-2006)

Secretary, Faculty and Staff Personnel Committee (2004-2005)

Arts and Sciences Faculty Advisory Committee (2004-2006)

Professional Service and Affiliations

Executive Secretary, North American Conference for British Studies (2023-)

Chair, Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Curran Fellowship Committee (2024-2025)

Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Curran Fellowship Committee (2023-2024)

Associate Executive Secretary, North American Conference for British Studies (2023)

Local Organizer, Annual Meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies, Atlanta, GA (2021)

Immediate Past President, Southern Conference on British Studies (2019-2021)

President, Southern Conference on British Studies (2017-2019)

Vice-President, Southern Conference on British Studies (2015-2017)

Executive Council, Southern Conference on British Studies (2013-2021)

History Representative, American Conference for Irish Studies (2015-2017)

Peer Reviewer, American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grants (2015-)

Chair, American Conference for Irish Studies Larkin Prize Committee (2012-2013)

Chair, American Conference for Irish Studies Adele Dalsimer Dissertation Prize Committee (2011-2012)

Secretary, American Conference for Irish Studies (2009-2013)

H-Albion Advisory Board (2009-2011)

Executive Council, Southern Conference on British Studies (2006-2011)

Book Review Editor (modern Ireland), H-Albion (2005-2009)

Fellow, Royal Historical Society

Member, American Conference for Irish Studies, North American Conference on British Studies, American Historical Association, Newspaper and Periodical History Forum Ireland, Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland, and Transnational Ireland Research Network

Research Interests

Nineteenth century British and Irish periodical press, Victorian satirical press, Anglo-Irish Relations, British Empire