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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American History, 4.0 GPA, University of Oklahoma, May 1998
M.A., American History, 4.0 GPA, University of Oklahoma, August 1994
B.A., History, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors, University of Tulsa, May 1992
Chelsea Public Schools, Chelsea, Oklahoma, 1974-1987

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chair of History, University of Kansas, July 2008-present
Associate Professor of History, University of Kansas, August 2007-
Assistant Professor of History, University of Kansas, August 2001-May 2007
Assistant Professor of History, Southern Connecticut State University, August 1998-May 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Epidemics and Enslavement: the Economic Origins of Biological Catastrophe in the Native Southeast, 1492-1715. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2007.

Articles:

"Avoiding the Smallpox Spirits: Colonial Epidemics and Southeastern Indian Survival," Ethnohistory, 50 (Winter 2004): 45-71.

"'At the Head of the Aboriginal Remnant': Cherokee Construction of a Civilized Indian Identity during the Lakota Crisis of 1876," Great Plains Quarterly 23 (Winter 2003): 3-17.

"William Penn Adair: Cherokee Slaveholder and Indian Freedom Advocate," Chronicles of Oklahoma, 77 (Spring 1999): 22-53.

"Natural Historians: Scientists as Artists and Discoverers," Gilcrease Magazine of American History and Art, 14 (Fall 1992): 10-19.

Book chapters:

"Shattered and Infected: Epidemics, Depopulation, and the Collapse of the Native Slave Trade, 1696-1715," in Mapping the Shatter Zone: the European Invasion and the Transformation of the Mississippian World ed. Robbie Etheridge. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2009, 312-332.

"The Great Southeastern Smallpox Epidemic," in Transformation of the Southeastern Indians, 1540-1760, ed. Robbie Ethridge and Charles Hudson. Jackson: University of Mississippi Press, 2002, pp. 21-37.

In Progress:

Cherokee Medicine/ Colonial Germs: An Indigenous Nation and Introduced Diseases, 1518-1839, manuscript in preparation and under contract with University of Oklahoma Press.

"Cherokee Medicine for Smallpox, 1738-1824," completed essay under consideration for an edited volume on Indigenous and African environmental knowledge compared.

Reviews:

- Review of Bacci, Massimo Livi, Conquest: the Destruction of the American Indios (Cambridge UK: Polity Press, 2008), in American Historical Review 113 (December 2008): 1479.
- Review of Schutt, Amy C., People of the River Valleys: the Odyssey of the Delaware Indians (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), in Western Historical Quarterly 39 (Summer 2008): 211
- Review of Bowne, Eric, The Westo Indians: Slave Raiders of the Early Colonial South (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2005) in Journal of Southern History 72 (August 2006): 643-644.
- Review of Richards, John F., The Unending Frontier: An Environmental History of the Early Modern World (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003,) in Itenario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction vol. 1 no. 1 (2005): 131-133.
- Review of O'Brien, Greg, Choctaws in a Revolutionary Age (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2002), in Western Historical Quarterly, 34 (Autumn 2003): 372.
- Review of "Turning the Soil: The Land and People of Lebanon," Lebanon Historical Society Museum and Visitors Center, 865 Trumbull Highway, Lebanon, Connecticut 06249, long-term exhibition, opened September 23, 2000, in Connecticut History, (Spring 2001).
- Review of Parker, Author, Red Jacket: Seneca Chief (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1998), in Connecticut History, (Spring 2000).
- Review of Hann, John and Bonnie G. McEwan, The Apalachee Indians and Mission San Luis, (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1998), in Georgia Historical Quarterly, 83 (Spring 1999).
- Review of McLoughlin, William G., After the Trail of Tears: the Cherokees' Struggle for Sovereignty, 1839-1880, (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1993), in North Carolina Historical Review, 71 (July 1994).

PRESENTATIONS

- "Lincoln, Indians, and the War for the Union," invited public lecture, Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Illinois, November 2009.
- "Epidemics and Enslavement: Biological Catastrophe in the Native Southeast, 1492-1715," invited public lecture, Texas Tech University, November 2008.
- "Indigenous Medicine and Colonial Diseases: the Cherokees' Experience with Smallpox, 1696-1839," Invited Conference Paper, "Indigenous Environments: Native American and African Environmental Knowledge and Practices Compared," Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, April 2008. (Also presented at Hall Center for the Humanities, Kansas University, March 2008.)
- "European Conquest and Native Resistance in North America, 1500-1745," Summer Seminar, Teaching American History, Connecting Learning to Innovation in Olathe, June 2007
- "The Ecological Prerequisites for Virgin Soil Epidemics: the Impact of Columbian Exchange Germs on Southeastern Indians Reconsidered," American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2007, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Session Organizer)
- "Virginia Sucked, or How the Old Dominion Siphoned Indigenous Captives into its Labor System," American Society for Ethnohistory, November 2006, Williamsburg, Virginia (Session Organizer)
- "Comments on: the American Revolution, For and Against Government," Mid-America History Conference, September 2005, Lawrence, Kansas
- "Biological Implications of Diffusion and Coalescence in the Pre Contact Southeast," American Society for Ethnohistory, November 2003, Riverside, California
- "Teaching American Indian History: Observations from the College Classroom," Kansas History Teachers Association, 76th Annual Conference, April 2003, Lawrence, Kansas
- "Pestilence and Persistence: Epidemic Disease and Southeastern Indian Survival, 1500-1800," Forum on European Expansion and Global Interaction, February 2002, San Marino, California.
- "Epidemic Disease and the Survival of Carolina's Indian Population, 1500-1800," American Society for Environmental History, March 2001, Durham, North Carolina.
- "At the Head of the Aboriginal Remnant': Cherokee Construction of a Civilized Indian Identity during the Lakota Crisis of 1876," American Society for Ethnohistory, October 2000, London, Ontario.
- "Avoiding the Smallpox Spirits: Colonial Epidemics and Cherokee Indian Survival," History of Science Society, Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1999

- "The Great Southeastern Smallpox Epidemic," Porter L. Fortune, Jr. History Symposium, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, October 7-9, 1998
"Ecology and the Ascendancy of the Cherokee Nation to 1738," Fourth Annual American Indian Studies Conference, Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 1995
"The American Whig Party and Defense of Cherokee Self-Determination, 1827-1838," Phi Alpha Theta, History Society, Regional Conference, Ada, Oklahoma, March 1995
"Which are the Savages?": Cherokee Separatism and U.S. Indian Affairs, 1870-1880," Western History Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 1994

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Senior Administrative Fellow, University of Kansas, 2009-2010
Hall Center for the Humanities, Resident Fellow, spring 2008
Sabbatical Research Leave, University of Kansas, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, awarded December 2006 for fall 2007
Research Grant, General Research Fund, University of Kansas, July 2007
Research Grant, General Research Fund, University of Kansas, July 2006
Research Grant, General Research Fund, University of Kansas, July 2004
New Faculty Research Grant, General Research Fund, University of Kansas, May 2003
Research Grant, General Research Fund, University of Kansas, July 2002.
Research Grant, American Philosophical Society: Phillips Fund for Native American Research, May 1997
E.E. Dale – A.M. Gibson Scholarship in American History, University of Oklahoma, May 1997
Bea Mantooth Estep Scholarship in History, University of Oklahoma, May 1997
Dissertation Research Grant, Humanities Center Board, University of Oklahoma, June 1996
Best Graduate Student Research Paper, Fourth Annual American Indian Studies Conference, Western Michigan University, March 1995
University of Oklahoma Nominee for the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools' "Distinguished Master's Thesis Award," October 1995
Kenneth L. Hoving Graduate Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 1994-1996

COURSES OFFERED

Undergrad Courses:

- HIST 128 U.S. History I
HIST 353 Indigenous Peoples of North America
HIST 498/490 Undergraduate Honors Seminars
HIST 696 Senior Research Seminar

Graduate Courses:

- HIST 890 Early America (1492-1800)
HIST 801 Ethnohistory Colloquium
HIST 801 Creation of the American Nation, 1763-1815

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Chair, Department of History, July 2008 to present
Curriculum Committee, Global Indigenous Nations Studies, August 2009 to present
Honors Coordinator, Department of History, August 2006 to May 2007
Chair, U.S. Standing Field Committee, August 2002-May 2004, and September 2006-May 2007
Staff Needs Committee, September 2005-May 2007
Direct Hire Committee, September 2005-May 2007, Chair January 2007 to May 2007
Instructor, Teaching American History, Connecting Learning to Innovation in Olathe, Olathe Public Schools, spring 2006
Chair, Search Committee, U.S. Civil War Era, September 2004-March 2005
Co-Director, Nature & Culture Seminar, Hall Center for the Humanities, August 2003- May 2004
Advisory Board, Department of History, August 2002 to May 2005, Committee Chair 2004-05
Search Committee, U.S. Women's History pre-1900, September 2003 to March 2004
Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee, Department of History, Spring 2003

Executive Committee, Indigenous Nations Studies Program, November 2001 to May 2005.
Undergraduate Advisor, Department of History, Fall 2001 to present
Faculty Interviewer, Assessment of General Education, March 2002
Best History Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Spring 2002, Spring 2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscripts reviewed for the University of Oklahoma Press, Great Plains Quarterly, and Ethnohistory
Editorial Board, Indigenous Nations Studies Journal, published by the Center for Indigenous Nations
Studies, University of Kansas, April 2003-May 2005.
Editorial Board, Connecticut History, October 1998-May 2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
American Society for Ethnohistory
Southeastern Archaeological Conference

DOCTORAL ADVISEES

Dixie Haggard, Ph.D. 2005, "'Their Own Way of Warring': the Making and Persistence of Cherokee and
Muscogulge Identity, 1500-1800." Currently: Associate Professor of History (tenure track),
Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA.
Tom Niermann, Ph.D. 2006, "The American Indian Chicago Conference, 1961: a Native Response to
Government Policy and the Birth of Indian Self-Determination." Currently: Instructor, Pembroke
Academy, Kansas City, MO.
Ethan Schmidt, Ph.D. 2007. "The Right to Violence: Customary Rights, Moral Economy and Ethnic
Conflict in Seventeenth-Century Virginia." Currently: Assistant Professor and Graduate Director
of History (tenure track), Texas Tech University.
Tai Edwards, Ph.D. 2010, "Osage Gender: Continuity, Change, and Colonization, 1720s-1870s." Defended
with Honors. Currently: Assistant Professor of History (tenure-track), Johnson County
Community College, fall 2010.
Brady DeSanti, ABD, "The Life and Work of John Swanton." Currently: Instructor, University of
Nebraska-Omaha.
Vaughn Schribner, Ph.D. candidate. Currently: Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas
Cynthia Nitschke, Ph.D. candidate. Currently: Social Studies Teacher, Olathe Public Schools
Shelby Calloway, Ph.D. candidate. Currently: University Graduate Fellow, University of Kansas