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Education

Ph.D. History	Rice University	1999
M.A. History	University of Georgia	1994
B.A. History	University of Georgia	1984

Research

Research Interests

- United States history (American South, Slavery, Civil War & Reconstruction)
- Military history (U.S., Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century World)
- Caribbean history (British and French colonization and slavery)

Publications

Books:

The American Civil War: A Racial Reckoning, Routledge, 2022.

Virginia On My Mind: 400 Years of History, Cognella Press, 2019.

Jefferson Davis' Final Campaign: Confederate Nationalism and the Fight to Arm Slaves, Mercer University Press, 2017.

The Southern Albatross: Race and Ethnicity in the American South, edited with Randal L. Hall, Mercer University Press, 1999.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Integrating Content and Pedagogy: A Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Approach to Social Studies Teacher Education,” *Social Studies Research and Practice*, vol. 11, no. 3. Fall 2016.

“Fateful Decisions: Lynchburg, Virginia and Galveston, Texas Debate Arming the Slaves,” *Inside the Confederate Nation: Essays in Honor of Emory Thomas*, LSU Press, 2005.

“Can Our Slaves Save Us?: West Indian Planters and Confederate Planters Debate Arming Slaves,” Collected Essays from the African-American Military Experience Conference, 2002.

“The Old Flag Behind the Wire: Union Soldier Morale in Camp Ford, Texas,” *East Texas Historical Journal*, January 2002.

“Georgia Soldiers and the Movement to Arm the Slaves,” *War and Society*, vol. 16, no. 1, May 1998.

“The Confederate Debate over Arming Slaves: Views from Macon and Augusta Newspapers,” *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, vol. 79, no. 1, Spring 1995.

Representative Research Presentations

“Recasting Segregation’s Icons: Harry Byrd, Gene Talmadge, and Confederate Icons,” Virginia Social Science Association meeting, April 2018

“Harry Byrd and Virginia’s Fight for Equality,” Shenandoah Valley Regional Studies Seminar, November 2016.

“Integrating Content and Pedagogy: A Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Approach to Social Studies Teacher Education.” The College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) of the National Council for the Social Studies, November 2014.

“The Last Full Measure: Slaves and Sustenance in the Shenandoah Valley.” James Madison University Conference on Violence, April 2014.

“Navigating State Histories.” National Social Science Professional Development Conference, October 2013.

“Rebels as Patriots: The Re-Imagination of Confederate Charleston.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, March 2011.

Employment History

Teaching Experience

Professor
History Department

1998-present
James Madison University

(Tenure awarded 2004)

Instructor
United States Military Academy

1994-1995
West Point

Teaching Fields

- U.S. History
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- History of the American South
- Virginia History
- Caribbean History
- Comparative Slavery
- Military History

Major Achievements

- Directed over 25 Masters theses
- Served as a committee member on over 25 additional Masters theses
- Directed 12 senior Honors theses
- Designed and led a Comparative Slavery study abroad program in the U.S. Virgin Islands 2007-2011
- Created a travel study Civil War and Reconstruction course visiting historic sites across the Mid-Atlantic region, 2000-2020

Leadership Experience

Director of Graduate Studies
History Department

2012-2017, 2021-Present
James Madison University

- Recruited, advised, and mentored approximately thirty graduate students each year with MA concentrations in U.S., World, and Public history
- Hired and supervised at least twenty-one graduate teaching assistants each year
- Scheduled courses and oversaw thesis supervision for graduate faculty members
- Promoted presentation of original scholarship in regional and national forums
- Raised funds and managed the program's budget
- Created an Alumni Advisory Council to help guide program development and to improve internship and career opportunities for students
- Guided the MA program through multiple external program reviews and the subsequent development of new strategic plans

Academic Unit Head
Interdisciplinary Social Science

2007-2015
James Madison University

- Built a coherent, effective team committed to interdisciplinary teaching
- Recruited and hired instructors representing four disciplines
- Encouraged faculty to undertake interdisciplinary research

- Coordinated curriculum and class offerings across three colleges
- Designed new assessment instruments and facilitated steps to address problem areas
- Created an Alumni Advisory Council that significantly improved our career counseling

Humanities & Social Sciences Director

2004-2007

Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies

James Madison University

- Recruited and hired eight instructors from six academic disciplines
- Mentored and guided faculty through the tenure and promotion process
- Worked closely with stakeholders in the K-12 teaching community and with leaders in the local community college systems
- Designed assessment tools and led efforts to improve curriculum and program quality
- Led the program through an external program review
- Led efforts to attain CAET and SACS accreditation as well as Virginia Department of Education approval for program changes

Faculty Member in Residence

Spring 2001

London

James Madison University

- Led the university's study abroad program in London
- Oversaw the academic program of twenty-nine students
- Supervised eight part-time instructors
- Managed a budget of over \$179,000
- Coordinated the logistics for and led trips to numerous locations in Britain and France

Military Officer

1984-1995

United States Army

- Conducted long-range planning and prepared training for a brigade of approximately 4,000 soldiers
- Commanded an air assault infantry company of over 100 soldiers and approximately \$5,000,000 of equipment during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm
- Served as the Company Executive Officer of a mechanized infantry company in Germany with twenty-two vehicles and \$25,000,000 of equipment

Academic Service

Faculty Member

1998-present

History Department

James Madison University

- Provided academic advising to approximately forty pre-service teachers and 15 history majors each year

- Participated in multiple tenure and promotion decisions as part of the Personnel Action Committee
- Adjudicated multiple student complaints as part of the History Department's Appeals Committee
- Prepared internal reports and post-review responses as part of the three external program reviews

Committee Member

Provost's Faculty Diversity Council

2019-2021

James Madison University

- Worked to advance the university's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Developed programs to reach underrepresented groups, first-generation students, and veterans
- Sought to cultivate a campus climate that is genuinely committed to diversity and equity

Outreach Coordinator

Goochland Public Schools

2015-2019

James Madison University

- Partnered with faculty at Goochland High School [Goochland, VA] to develop a program to prepare non-traditional and minority students to enter college
- Worked closely with high school instructors to create dual enrollment courses that would prepare students for the rigors of college curricula, many of whom went on to attend four-year institutions.

Freshman Advisor

Academic Advising Center and the Orientation Program

1999-2013

James Madison University

- Served as the Freshmen Advisor for over fifty incoming students each year
- Provided guidance for students in History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, and Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies

Awards and Honors

- Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize for Confederate History, 2018.
- Transfer Advocate Award, James Madison University, 2012.
- Rice University Graduate Fellowship, 1995-98.
- Phi Alpha Theta, University of Georgia, 1993.
- Advanced Civil Schooling, United States Army 1992-94.
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Georgia, 1984.
- Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship, United States Army 1982-84.

Professional Affiliations

- Southern Historical Association

- Society for Military History
- Virginia Historical Society