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Education

Ph.D., American History, University of Alabama

Dissertation: *To Live and Dine in Dixie: Foodways and Culture in the Twentieth-Century South*

Advisor: Dr. Kari Frederickson, Associate Professor and Department Chair

M.A., American History, University of Alabama

Thesis: *Eating Jim Crow: The Culture of Segregation in Southern Eating Practices, 1900-1970*

J.D., Law, George Washington University

Graduated with Honors

B.A., History, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Graduated *magna cum laude*

Graduated with Honors

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, 2013-Present

Department of History, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Courses: United States Since 1877 (survey); U. S. Constitution I & II (undergraduate/graduate students); U.S. Civil Rights Since 1945 (undergraduate/graduate students); Senior Seminar (upper-division)

Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor, 2011-2013

Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi

Courses: Foodways and Southern Culture (undergraduate/graduate students); Food, Race, and *The Help* in Southern History (upper-division); and Eating Jim Crow—Food in the Civil Rights Movement (in the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College)

Adjunct Instructor, 2008-2011

Department of History, University of Alabama

Courses: United States History since 1865 and Western Civilization since 1648 (surveys)

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Montevallo

Courses: World History I and World History II (surveys)

Other Academic Experience

Historian-in-Residence, 2009-2010

Teaching American History Program, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Helped public school teachers use primary sources in the classroom; worked in the classroom with teachers and students to analyze historical images and documents; participated in two-week intensive summer workshop; assessed student progress on history assignments

History Writing Fellow, Spring 2008

University Writing Center, Department of English, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Tutored undergraduate students with writing assignments; participated in week-long writing workshop for writing fellows; presented two undergraduate writing workshops

Graduate Research Assistant, 2006-2008

Bankhead History Project, Department of History, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Conducted archival research for a book on the Bankhead family to be written by a faculty member

Publications

Book Manuscript:

To Live and Dine in Dixie: The Evolution of Urban Food Culture in the Jim Crow South, under contract with the University of Georgia Press, *revised manuscript submitted and forthcoming in June 2015*.

Articles:

“Freedom’s Farms: Activism and Sustenance in Rural Mississippi,” in *Eating High and Low on the Hog: African American Foodways from Slavery to Obama* [provisional title], edited by Jennifer Jensen Wallach and Lindsey R. Swindall, under contract with the University of Arkansas Press, *manuscript forthcoming in 2015*.

“‘The Customer is Always White’: Food, Race, and Contested Eating Space in the South,” in *The Larder: Food Studies Methods from the American South*, edited by Elizabeth S. D. Engelhardt, John T. Edge, and Ted Ownby, University of Georgia Press, 2013.

“Hearth, Home, and Hoover: The Politics of Food in Alabama, 1896-1919,” *Southern Historian* 27 (Spring 2006): 38-58.

Book Reviews:

Randy Fertel, *The Gorilla Man and the Empress of Steak: A New Orleans Family Memoir* (2011) in *The Southern Register*, Summer 2012, 22-23.

Andrew Warnes, *Savage Barbecue: Race, Culture, and the Invention of America’s First Food* (2008) in *Southern Historian* 30 (Spring 2009): 76-77.

Anne L. Bower, *African American Foodways: Explorations of History and Culture* (2007) in *Southern Historian* 29 (Spring 2008): 125-126.

Psyche Williams-Forson, *Building Houses Out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, and Power* (2006) in *Southern Historian* 28 (Spring 2007): 140-142.

James E. McWilliams, *A Revolution in Eating: How the Quest for Food Shaped America* (2005) in *Southern Historian* 27 (Spring 2006): 120-121.

Stephanie M. H. Camp, *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women & Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South* (2004) in *Southern Historian* 26 (Spring 2005): 95-97.

Other Publications:

“Feeding the Movement: Paschal’s Restaurant and Self-Reliance in the African-American Community,” *Repast*, Winter 2010, 10-12.

“John Hollis Bankhead” and “John Hollis Bankhead II” in *Encyclopedia of Alabama* (Alabama Humanities Foundation and Auburn University, 2008), <http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/>.

Presentations

National, Regional, and State Professional Organizations:

“Freedom’s Farms: Activism and Sustenance in Rural Mississippi, 1962-1974,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 13-15, 2013.

“Mrs. Brown’s Body: Sexual Representations of Female Servers in Southern Eateries, 1900-1940,” Ninth Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, June 9, 2012.

“‘When Two Greeks Meet...’ Greek Immigrants and the Food Service Industry in Birmingham, Alabama, 1890-1965,” Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting, Alabama Historical Association, Spanish Fort, AL, April 14, 2011.

“Recipe for Racial Supremacy: Scientific Cooking and the White Middle Class in the Urban South,” 2011 Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians, Houston, TX, March 17, 2011.

“Eating Jim Crow: Food and Segregation Culture,” Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting, Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM, February 15, 2008.

“Food Will Win the War: The Alabama Food Administration in World War I,” Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting, Alabama Historical Association, Fairhope, AL, April 22, 2006.

University-Sponsored Conferences and Symposia:

“The Salad Diaspora: Food Preparation and the Construction of a Transnational White Middle-Class Femininity,” Foodways: Diasporic Diners, Transnational Tables and Culinary Connections, Center for Diaspora and Transnational Studies, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 6, 2012.

“Food Fight: Barbecue Culture and the Struggle Over Civil Rights,” Black Belt Symposium on History and Culture, University of West Alabama, Center for the Study of the Black Belt, Livingston, AL, April 7, 2011.

“‘Bigger Than a Hamburger’: Food, Race, and Sexuality in the Twentieth-Century South,” First Annual Graduate Student Conference on Power & Struggle, Graduate History Association, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, March 6, 2009.

“Ollie’s Barbecue and Segregation in Southern Eating Places,” Race & Place in the American South, Sixth Biennial Conference, Department of History, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 11, 2008.

Invited Talks:

“The Politics of Barbecue: Restaurant Desegregation & the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” Spring Lecture Series, Department of History, Minnesota State University, Mankato, April 8, 2014

“Let Them Eat Politics: Food, Power, & Politics in the Civil Rights Era,” New Work in Food Studies, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 18, 2013

“Southern Food History & Culture,” Food Day, Office of Sustainability, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, October 22, 2012.

“Southern Food, Culture, & Fun,” First Year Writing Seminar Lecture, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, October 12, 2012.

“Greens, and Tomatoes, and Beans...Oh My! Making the Food Movement Relevant in North Mississippi,” Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Booneville, MS, September 25, 2012.

“The Customer is Always White: Food, Consumer Culture, and the Civil Rights Movement,” Lunch and Lecture Series, University of Mississippi, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Oxford, MS, October 26, 2011.

Awards and Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Food Studies, 2013-2014

Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Declined postdoctoral research and teaching fellowship to accept a tenure track position.

Gary B. Mills Endowed Dissertation Support Award, Spring 2009

Department of History, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Monetary award to support dissertation research by students studying the history of the American South.

Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2009

Department of History, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Tuition grant and monthly stipend to support dissertation research for a deserving Ph.D. candidate.

Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellowship, Fall 2008

William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Annual grant awarded to scholars conducting research at the Clements Library and based in part on the quality of their research project.

Graduate Council Fellowship, 2007-2008

Graduate Council, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Tuition grant and monthly stipend awarded to a deserving graduate student involved in dissertation research.

Frank Lawrence Owsley Memorial Scholarship, Spring 2005

Department of History, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Monetary award given to a graduate student of superior competency in American History.

Departmental Fellowship, 2003-2004

Department of History, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Tuition grant and monthly stipend to a deserving incoming Master's student.

Service

History Day Judge, April 3, 2014

South Central Regionals, National History Day MN, Gustavus Aldophus, St. Peter, MN
Responsibilities: Judged Junior Documentary division for regional history day competition.

Commentator, February 25, 2014

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Responsibilities: Provided commentary for the film "Slavery by Another Name" and helped to mediate discussion.

Academic Blog, 2012-2013

Southern Foodways Alliance, University of Mississippi
Responsibilities: Contributed a weekly 300-word academic posting on food studies for the Southern Foodways Alliance blog at <http://southernfoodways.blogspot.com>.

Committee Service, 2012-2013

Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi
Responsibilities: Served on three Master's thesis committees

Croft Institute for International Studies, University of Mississippi

Responsibilities: Served on undergraduate honors thesis committee

Peer Mentor, 2009-2010

Tide Together Mentoring Program, Graduate School, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Served as a peer mentor to another graduate student with regular meetings and social activities; the primary aim of the mentoring program is to help graduate students acquire the personal and professional skills needed for success in their future careers.

Treasurer, 2008-2009

Graduate History Association, Department of History, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Established accounts for the inaugural year of this graduate student organization; Maintained the books for the Graduate History Association and the First Annual Graduate Student Conference on Power & Struggle

Associate Editor, 2007-2009

Southern Historian, Department of History, University of Alabama

Responsibilities: Refereed articles for a history journal that publishes articles and book reviews written by graduate students

Professional Affiliations

Agricultural History Society

Alabama Historical Association

American Historical Association

American Studies Association

Association for the Study of Food and Society

Organization of American Historians

Southern Association for Women Historians

Southern Foodways Alliance