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Education

Ph.D. - Cornell University, 2012
Dissertation Committee: Nick Salvatore, Derek Chang, and Ileen DeVault
M.A. - Cornell University, 2006
Fields: Modern American History; Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Modern Latin America.
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Departmental Honors - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2003

Appointments

2026-Pres.	Associate Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago Director, Public History Program
2022-2026	Assistant Professor of History, Loyola University Chicago
2017-2022	Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Affiliate Faculty, Religious Studies Program
2013-2017	Assistant Professor of Public History and Religious Studies, University of Missouri-Kansas City Director, Public History Emphasis, M.A. Degree Director, HistoryMakers Internship Program
2012-2013	Visiting Instructor. University of Illinois at Chicago, joint appoint in History, Religious Studies, and Catholic Studies
2009-2013	Assistant Director, Dr. William M. Scholl Center for American History and Culture, Newberry Library
2008-2009	Adjunct Instructor. DePaul University, Department of History
2008	Lecturer. Cornell University, Department of Labor Relations, Law, and History, School of Industrial and Labor Relations
2005-2006	Program Director. New York Council for the Humanities and the Tompkins County History Center
2002-2003	Archival Assistant. Wisconsin Historical Society, Area Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Publications

Books:

The Gospel According to Frank Wood: Memory and the Making of White American Evangelicalism. North American Religion Series. NYU Press, 2026.

Introduction to Digital Humanities: Research Methods in the Study of Religion. DeGruyter Press, 2021. Co-edited with Kristian Petersen.

The Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the American Working Class. Working Class in American History Series. University of Illinois Press, 2016. Co-edited with Heath W. Carter and Janine Giordano Drake.

Articles and Chapters:

"'No Place is So Dear to My Childhood': Evangelicalism, Nostalgia, and the History of an American Hymn," *Church History* 92, no. 3 (September 2023): 585-606.

"Telling LGBTQ+ History in a Regressive Age," *Public History Weekly* 10, no. 7 (October 2022): https://public-history-weekly.degruyter.com/10-2022-7/lgbtq-public-history/. With Kathryn Carpenter.

"Digital Humanities and Religious Studies: A 'Why' to Guide," in *Introduction to Digital Humanities: Research Methods in the Study of Religion*, Cantwell and Kristian Petersen, eds. DeGruyter Press, 2021. Coauthored with Kristian Petersen.

"Over the Rainbow: Public History as Allyship in Documenting Kansas City's LGBTQ Past," *Public Historian* 41, no. 1 (May 2019): 245-268. Coauthored with Stuart Hinds and Kathryn Carpenter.

"@Preacher_Bot: An Experiment in Evangelical Speechmaking." *Religion* 48, no. 2 (April 2018): 276-290.

"'Religion…Is Our Business:' Religious Work and Religious Workers at the David C. Cook Publishing Company," *Practical Matters* 12, no. 1 (March 2017): http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2017/03/08/religion-is-our-business/.

"Where Two or More are Gathered: The Adult Bible Class Movement and the Social Life of Scripture," in *The Bible in American Life*, Phillip Goff, Art Farnsley II, and Peter Thuesen, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2017), 142-153.

"From Bookshelves to City Streets: Church Histories and the Mapping of Chicago's Religious History," *Collections: A Journal for Museum and Archives Professionals* 12, no. 4 (December 2016): 433-443.

"Between the Pew and the Picket Line," in *The Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the American Working Class*, Cantwell, Heath W. Carter, and Janine Giordano Drake, eds. (University of Illinois Press, 2016), 1-22. Co-authored with Heath W. Carter and Janine Giordano Drake.

"Sacred City: Chicago's Built Religious Environment," in *Out of the Loop: Vernacular Architecture Forum Chicago*, Virginia B. Price, David A. Spatz, and D. Bradford Hunt, eds. (Agate Midway Publishers, 2015), 19-28.

"Beyond the Protestant Nation: Religion and the Narrative of American History," *Fides et Historia* 44, no. 2 (Summer 2012): 56-83.

"Is it Labor or is it Working Class? The Midwest Labor and Working-Class History Colloquium." *International Labor and Working-Class History* 67, no. 2 (April 2005): 174-76. With Jeffrey Helgeson.

Reports:

Religion, Media, and the Digital Turn. (Social Science Research Council, 2015). Commissioned by the SSRC for their Religion and Public Life and Digital Culture Initiatives. With Hussein Rashid. http://www.ssrc.org/publications/view/religion-media-and-the-digital-turn/.

Exhibits and Digital Projects:

Executive Curator. *Mac Memories: An Immaculata High School History Harvest* (Loyola University Chicago, Department of History, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities, 2026), https://macmemories.org/.

Executive Curator. *Remember My Church* (Loyola University Chicago, Department of History, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities, 2024), https://archive.wherewegather.org/s/remember/page/home.

Host. *Water Works: An Aquatic History of Milwaukee.* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Milwaukee County Historical Society, 2022). https://milwaukeehistory.net/podcast/.

Co-Curator. *Flatten the Curve: Envisioning, Remembering, and Forgetting COVID-19*. Exhibit installed at the Emile H. Mathis Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Sep. 2021 – Jan. 2022. With Marc Tasman.

Host. *The Healthiest City: Milwaukee and Its Pandemics* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Milwaukee County Historical Society, 2021). https://milwaukeehistory.net/podcast/.

- Featured on WISN News, Milwaukee.

Curator. *COVID-19 MKE: A Milwaukee Coronavirus Digital Archive* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of History and Golda Meir Library, 2020). http://uwm.edu/covid19mkearchive.

- Featured on *TMJ4 News*; *Milwaukee Record*; *Milwaukee Independent*; *Milwaukee Magazine*; *Spectrum News Milwaukee*; *Public History News*.
- Reviewed in *The Scout Report* 26:17 (May 8, 2020): https://scout.wisc.edu/report/2020/0508.

Executive Curator. *Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Milwaukee* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of History and Golda Meir Library, with funding from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, 2018). http://uwm.edu/gatheringplaces.

- Awarded Joanne M. Lazirko Award for Teaching with Technology
- Reviewed in *The Public Historian*.

Co-Curator. *Making History: Kansas City and the Rise of Gay Rights*. (University of Missouri-Kansas City's Center for Midwestern Studies, the Gay and Lesbian Archive of Mid-America, and Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area, 2018). Curated with Stuart Hinds and Kathryn Carpenter. https://info.umkc.edu/makinghistory/

- Featured in *New York Times*; *Washington Post*; *AP News*; *US News and World Report*; *St. Louis Chronicle*; *Kansas City Star*; *Missouri Independent*.
- Awarded the National Council for Public History's Student Project Award for 2018.
- Awarded the Midwestern History Association's Alice B. Smith Prize in Public History for 2018.

Curator. *Faith in the City: Chicago's Religious Diversity in the Era of the World's Fair.* (Newberry Library, 2017).

Curator. *Edgar Snow: Citizen of the World.* (University of Missouri Kansas City's LaBudde Special Collections, Edgar Snow Memorial Foundation, and the Center for Midwestern Studies, 2015). http://edgarsnowfoundation.com/.

Co-Curator. *Out of Many: Religious Pluralism in America.* (Newberry Library, 2013). https://www.newberry.org/out-many-religious-pluralism-america. With Daniel Greene.

- Archived Site: https://web.archive.org/web/20170904074611/http://publications.newberry.org/outofmany/.

Project Team. *The Civil War in Letters: A Newberry Library Transcription Project.* (Newberry Library and the Terra Foundation of American Art, 2013). https://www.newberry.org/civil-war-letters-newberry-library-transcription-project.

- Archived site: https://web.archive.org/web/20160716135035/http://publications.newberry.org/civilwarletters/.

Curator. *Brick and Mortar: Pieces of Catholic Chicago.* (University of Illinois-Chicago, 2012). http://catholic.las.uic.edu/catholic-studies/courses/cst-150.

- Selected as an Editor's Choice featured project by *Digital Humanities Now*.
- Archived site: https://web.archive.org/web/20180307032708/http://catholic.las.uic.edu/catholic-studies/courses/cst-150.

Curator. *Pullman: Labor, Race, and the Urban Landscape in a Company Town.* (Newberry Library, 2012). http://publications.newberry.org/Pullman.

- Archived site: https://web.archive.org/web/20180216165314/http://publications.newberry.org/pullman/.

Project Team. *Digital Collections for the Classroom* (Newberry Library, 2012). http://dcc.newberry.org/collections.
Research Assistant. *Chicago Foreign Language Press Survey.* (Newberry Library, 2012). http://flps.newberry.org.

Other Writings:

"Life List," *Collecting Religion*, James Bielo and Matthew Hayes, eds. (July 14, 2025): https://collectingreligion.wordpress.com/2025/07/14/life-list/.

"Religion as Metadata as Religion," *American Religious Sounds Project* (September 10, 2021): https://religioussounds.osu.edu/content/religion-metadata-religion. With Corinne Kronschnable.

"Instead of Canceling Missouri History, Republican Legislatures Should Study It," *Missouri Independent* (September 7, 2021): https://missouriindependent.com/2021/09/07/instead-of-canceling-missouri-history-republican-legislators-should-study-it-opinion/.

"Critical Race Theory is Just the Latest Battle: How Southern Evangelicals Fought to Preserve White Supremacy," *Religion Dispatches* (July 7, 2021): https://religiondispatches.org/critical-race-theory-is-just-the-latest-battle-the-bible-told-them-so-how-southern-evangelicals-fought-to-preserve-white-supremacy/.

"How the Study of Evangelicalism Has Blinded Us to the Problems in Evangelical Culture," *Religion Dispatches* (March 4, 2021): https://religiondispatches.org/how-the-study-of-evangelicalism-has-blinded-us-to-the-problems-in-evangelical-culture/.

"Guidelines for Evaluating Digital Scholarship in the Study of Religion." American Academy of Religion. (2018). https://www.aarweb.org/AARMBR/About-AAR-/Board-of-Directors-/Board-Resolutions-/Guidelines-for-Evaluating-Digital-Scholarship.aspx. With Kristian Petersen, Timothy Beal, Ted Vial, and Jeri Wiernga.

"Religion Off the Cuff," *American Religious Sounds Project* (August 30, 2018): https://gallery.religioussounds.osu.edu/religion-off-the-cuff/index.php. With Catherine Abbott.

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Algorithms," *MediaCommons* (Oct 11, 2017): https://mediacommons.org/fieldguide/question/how-does-digital-intersect-spiritualityreligion-how-have-digitalvirtual-technologies-broa-8.

"The Digitally Entangled Lives of Two Christopher Cantwells," *The Atlantic* (August 29, 2017): https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/08/a-tale-of-two-cantwells/538236/.

"From Index Cards to Text Files: Digital Workflows for Today's Historians," *The American Historian* (November 2015), pp. 21-25.

"The Digital Futures of Religious Studies," *Religious Studies News* (March 2, 2015). http://rsn.aarweb.org/articles/digital-futures-religious-studies.

"Illinois: An Auto Worker Reconciles God and Mammon," *Religion and Politics*, "States of the Union" series (October 1, 2014). https://arcmag.org/illinois-an-autoworker-reconciles-god-and-mammon/.

"Interviews with Young Historians," *Appendix* 2:1 (2014): http://theappendix.net/issues/2014/1/interviews-with-young-historians.

"Howard Zinn (1922-2010), A Reflection," *Wunderkammer Magazine*, (Febuary 8, 2010): https://www.wunderkammermag.com/politics/2017/2/26/howard-zinn-1922-2010-1?rq=cantwell.

"A City of Big Shoulders and Thick Spines: An Interview with Dominic Pacyga," *Wunderkammer Magazine*, Dec. 2009. http://wunderkammermag.com/book-reviews/interview-dominic-pacyga.

- Archived Site: https://web.archive.org/web/20100211040447/http://wunderkammermag.com/book-reviews/interview-dominic-pacyga.

Contributor, *Religion in American History Blog* (2010-2017). http://usreligion.blogspot.com/.

Reference Entries:

"Religion in the City, 1900-2000," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Jon Butler, Cecelia F. Bucki, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2016). https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.355.

- Reprinted in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Urban History*, Timothy J. Gilfoyle, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), 1122-1138.

Reviews:

Samuel D. Gruber, *Synagogues of the South: Architecture and Jewish Identity* (Pearlstine/Lipov Center for Southern Jewish Culture, College of Charleston, 2023), for *Southern Jewish History* 27, no. 11 (2024), 215-219.

Stuart M. Blumin and Glenn C. Altschuler, *The Rise and Fall of Protestant Brooklynn: An American Story* (Cornell University Press, 202w) for *Journal of Social History* 57, no. 4 (2024):

Mark A. Noll, *America's Book: The Rise and Decline of a Bible Civilization, 1794-1911* (Oxford University Press, 2022) for *Theological Studies* 84, no. 3 (2023): 545-546.

Rebecca S. Wingo, Jason A. Heppler, and Paul Schadewald, eds., *Digital Community Engagement: Partnering with the Academy* (University of Cincinnati Press, 2020) for *The Public Historian* 43, no. 3 (2021): 125-127.

Daryn Henry. *A. B. Simpson and the Making of Modern Evangelicalism* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2019) for the *Journal of American History* 108, no. 2 (2021): 352-353.

Leilah Danielson, et al., eds., *The Religious Left in Modern America: Doorkeepers of a Radical Faith* (Palgrave, 2018) for the *Journal of American History* 106, no. 3 (2019): 769-770.

Lincoln A. Mullen, *The Chance of Salvation: A History of Conversion in America* (Harvard University Press, 2017), for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87, no. 2 (2019): 568-571.

Sarah Ruth Hammond, *God's Businessmen: Evangelical Entrepreneurs in Depression and War*, Darren Dochuk, ed. (University of Chicago Press, 2017) for *Reading Religion* (Apr 10, 2018): http://readingreligion.org/books/gods-businessmen.

"Popular Religion and Unpopular Unions," a roundtable on Elizabeth and Kenneth Fones-Wolf's *Struggle for the Soul of the Post War South: White Evangelicals and the CIO's Operation Dixie* (University of Illinois Press, 2014) for *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History* 14, no. 1 (2017): 69-74.

William A. Mirola, *Redeeming Time: Protestantism and Chicago's Eight-Hour Movement, 1866-1912* (University of Illinois Press, 2015) for *Journal of American History* 102, no. 3 (2015): 890-891.

Heath W. Carter, *Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago* (Oxford University Press, 2015) for *The Christian Century* (October 28, 2015), 20-21.

Elesha J. Coffman, *The Christian Century and the Rise of the Protestant Mainline* (Oxford University Press, 2013) for *Church History* 84, no. 2 (2015): 468-470.

Thomas F. Reznick, *Church and Estate: Religion and Wealth in Industrial-Era Philadelphia* (Pennsylvania University Press, 2013) for *American Catholic Studies* 125, no. 4 (2015): 69-71.

Dan McKanan, *Prophetic Encounters: Religion and the American Radical Tradition* (Beacon Press, 2011) for *Church History* 83, no. 4 (2014): 1051-1053.

Craig Harline, *Conversions: Two Family Stories from the Reformation and Modern America* (Yale University Press, 2011) for the *Journal of Religion* 94, no. 1 (2014): 116-117.

William Kostlevy, *Holy Jumpers: Evangelicals and Radicals in Progressive Era America* (Oxford University Press, 2010) for *Journal of the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 11, no. 1 (2012): 128-131.

Daniel Coleman, *In Bed with the Word: Reading, Spirituality and Cultural Politics* (University of Alberta Press, 2005) for the *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 23 (2011): 251-52.

Deborah A. Skok, *More Than Neighbors: Catholic Settlements and Day Nurseries in Chicago, 1890-1930* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2007) and Susan Hoy, *Good Hearts: Catholic Sisters in Chicago's Past* (University of Illinois Press, 2006) for the *Journal of the Illinois Historical Society* 102, no. 3/4 (Fall 2009/Winter 2010): 467-70.

Sherri Broder, *Tramps, Unfit Mothers, and Neglected Children: Negotiating the Family in Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002) for *International Labor and Working-Class History* 68 (Fall, 2005): 150-52.

Papers, Panels, and Presentations

Invited Talks:

"Remember My Church: The Public History of Parish Closure." Faith, Place & Health: A Cross-Sector Conversation on Church Closures and Community, Yale University. June 18, 2025.

"The Surprising History of an American Hymn: The Little Brown Church," virtual talk. Congregational Library and Archives, Boston, Massachusetts. August 1, 2024.

- Recording of talk: https://youtu.be/TaMSaZV6nh8?si=Sh5qVSez9omsHsJm.

"Locating Community-Based Research and Public Knowledge" webinar, Grounded Knowledge Project, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, December 8, 2023.

"Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Rogers Park." Rogers Park / West Ridge Historical Society. August 17, 2023.

"Gathering Places: Where Local, Global, and Public History Meet." Loyola University Chicago, History Graduate Student Association Conference. February 12, 2023.

"Gathering Places: Religion, Community and Digital Public History." Loyola University Chicago, Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities. November 17, 2022.

"'No Place is So Dear to My Childhood:' Evangelicalism, Nostalgia, and the History of an American Hymn," Center for the Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. October 15, 2019.

"Nostalgia and the Making of American Evangelicalism," Osher Instituted of Lifelong Learning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. December 10, 2018.

"American Religious History Online: Digital Humanities and the Study of Religion." University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. March 13, 2018.

"Dough Boys and Doughnut Girls: The Salvation Army in World War I," Kansas State Historical Society. Topeka, Kansas. June 9, 2017.

"Placing Pluralism: Mapping Urban Religious History." Fordham University. March 29, 2017.

"Dough Boys and Doughnut Girls: The Salvation Army in World War I," The National World War I Museum and Memorial. Kansas City, Missouri. June 7, 2015.

- Recoding of talk: https://youtu.be/RTvpyV7eMKc?si=edBrYyyihlOVfJmU.

"Digital Projects for Religious Sources," Chicago Area Theological Libraries Association annual meeting. Chicago, Illinois. October 24, 2014.

"Ghosts and our Machines: Digital Scholarship for Religious Studies." Seminar address. University of Kansas's Hall Center for the Humanities' Digital Humanities Seminar. Lawrence, Kansas. October 22, 2014.

"Gods and Gigabytes: Toward a Digital Religious Studies." Keynote. University of Missouri-Kansas City's History/Humanities Graduate Student Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. May 11, 2014.

"Digital History, Digital Data." Keynote. National Federation of Advanced Information Services. Chicago, Illinois. September 30, 2013.

"The Public Humanities: Prospects and Perils for Graduate Students." Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Conference. Chicago, Illinois. November 3, 2012.

Conference Participation:

"Remember My Church: Public Histories of Parish Closure." American Society of Church History. Chicago, Illinois, January 6, 2025.

"Within and Beyond: The Reach of Religious Studies." American Council of Learned Societies Convening on Public Engagement. New York, New York. May 5, 2023.

"Say Gay: Confronting Anti-LGBTQ State Censorship in Education, Libraries, and Public History." Organization of American Historians. Los Angeles, California. April 1, 2023.

"Sacred Scars: Religion, Memory, Meaning and Survival," roundtable participant. American Academy of Religion. November 22, 2021.

"Gathering Places: Religion, Community, and the Classroom in Milwaukee." Religion and Cities Transformative Pedagogies and Theologies Units. American Academy of Religion. Virtual. December 3, 2020.

Comment. "American Memories: Uneasy Legacies in American History." American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 25, 2019.

"Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Milwaukee." National Council on Public History. Hartford, Connecticut. March 28, 2019.

"Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Milwaukee." American Academy of Religion. Denver, Colorado. November 19, 2018.

"The Digital Futures of Religious History." Invited participation. 5th Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture. Center for Religion and American Culture. Indianapolis, Indiana. June 1-4, 2017.

"The Center for Midwestern Studies." National Humanities Conference. Salt Lake City, Utah. November 12, 2016.

"#Heartlandia: Digital Histories of the American Midwest." Western History Association. St. Paul, Minnesota. October 22, 2016.

"The Boundary Between Past and Present." Roundtable presentation for the 20th Anniversary of John McGreevy's *Parish Boundaries*. Urban History Association. Chicago, Illinois. October 25, 2016.

"In the Lord's Employ: Christian Work and Christian Workers at the David C. Cook Publishing Company." Policy History Conference. Nashville, Tennessee. June 3, 2016.

"Between the Pew and the Picket Line." Roundtable. North American Labor History Conference. Detroit, Michigan. October 24, 2015.

"Public History as Digital History as Public History." Working group convener. National Council on Public History. Nashville, Tennessee. April 15-18, 2015.

"Placing Pluralism: Digital Scholarship, Public History, and the Mapping of Chicago's Religious Diversity." American Historical Association. New York, New York. January 4, 2015.

Comment. "Mapping Religious Space: Four Cities Over Two Centuries," American Society of Church History. New York, New York. January 5, 2015.

Lead Organizer. "THATCampAAR14," The Humanities and Technology Camp. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 21, 2014. See: http://aar2014.thatcamp.org/

"God's Foremen: The Evangelical Imperative of Industrial Management." Cornell University's History of Capitalism Conference. November 8-9, 2014.

"Where Two or More are Gathered: Protestant Bible Reading as a Communal Act." Bible in American Life Conference. Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis's Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. August 6-8, 2014.

"Many People, Many Faiths: Religion and the Survey Course." Organization of American Historians. Atlanta, Georgia. April 12, 2014.

"Sustaining Digital Public History: Workflows for the Future." Working group. National Council for Public History. Monterey, California. March 21, 2014.

Chair and Comment. "Midwestern Political Cultures of the Antebellum Period" panel. Missouri Conference on History. Jefferson City, Missouri. March 17, 2014.

Comment. "Out of Many: Religious Pluralism in America." American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, Maryland. November 23, 2013.

Lead organizer. "THATCampAAR13," The Humanities and Technology Camp. American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, Maryland. November 13, 2013. See: http://aar2013.thatcamp.org/

"The Gospel According to Frank Wood: Biography and the American Evangelical Laity." American Historical Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 5, 2013.

Organizer, "Religious Subjects, Religious Lives: Biography and American Religious History," a roundtable with Nick Salvatore, Kathryn Lofton, Edward J. Blum, Rachel Wheeler, and myself at the American Historical Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 5, 2013.

"Teaching Religion Across the Humanities in Introductory Courses." Roundtable presentation at the American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. November 17, 2012.

Comment. "Race and Religion in Catholic America" panel. Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Conference. Chicago, Illinois. November 3, 2012.

"Exhibits Without Borders: Doing Public History in a Digital Age." The Historical Society. Columbia, South Carolina. May 30, 2012.

"God, Class, and Other Creations." Roundtable on "Religion, Democracy, and the Working Class in Capitalist America, 1880s-1960s" at the Organization of American Historian. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. April 4, 2012.

"Virtual Community: Incorporating Residents in Online Neighborhood Histories." National Council on Public History. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. April 6, 2012. http://www.pastvoices.net/historyonline/?page_id=299

"Character and Capital: The Christian Business Man in Industrial America." American Historical Association, cosponsored by the American Society of Church History. Chicago, Illinois. January 8, 2012.

Participant. Fifth Annual Meeting of the Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Sciences. Loyola University. Chicago, Illinois. November 20, 2011.

Organizer and Chair. "Beyond the Protestant Nation: Religion and the Narrative of American History." Roundtable discussion at the American Historical Association featuring Robert A. Orsi, Catherine Albanese, Richard Bushman, Wallace Best and Lela Berman. Boston, Massachusetts. January 8, 2011.

"Doers of the Word: Adult Bible Classes and Urban Reform in the Progressive Era." American Society of Church History. Boston, Massachusetts. January 7, 2011.

"The Fundamentalism of Frank Wood: An Historiographical Account." Louisville Institute's Winter Seminar. Louisville, Kentucky. January 22, 2010.

"A Bobbed-Haired Lady of Grace: Henrietta Heron and the Genders of American Fundamentalism." American Society of Church History. San Diego, California. January 7, 2010.

"'Once a Member, Always a Member': Feeling, Faith, and Friendship in the Adult Bible Class Movement." American Historical Association, cosponsored by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. New York, New York. January 5, 2009.

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"'One Night I Wandered into the Mission': The Pacific Garden Mission and the Inner Histories of Industrial America." Newberry Library's Fellows Seminar. Chicago, Illinois. April 14, 2008.

"'God Hath Restored My Manhood': Conversion and Identity at the Pacific Garden Mission." Boston College's Biannual Conference on Religious History. Boston, Massachusetts. March 15, 2008.

"Is it Labor or Is it Working Class?: A View From the Church Pew." Midwest Labor and Working-Class History Colloquium, University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. April 17, 2004.

"Working-Class Crucibles: Plebian Churches and Labor Militancy in Gilded Age America." Tri-Campus Workshop on Contentious Politics. The Global Affairs Institute of the Maxwell School of Government at Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York. February 27, 2004.

Media Appearances

"Tender and True—Discussing Archives at the American Society of Church History," *Seekers and Scholars*, a podcast of the Mary Baker Eddy Library, April 1, 2025, https://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/research/podcast/101-tender-and-true-discussing-archives-at-the-american-society-of-church-history/.

Abby Allcox, "Gathering Places," *Badgerland Journal* podcast, July 26, 2023, https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/gathering-places-w-dr-cantwell/id1660767476?i=1000622406145.

Ryan Burke, "Fewer Americans than Ever are Members of a Church, Impact Being Felt in Wisconsin," *Spectrum News 1* (18 May 2021): https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/milwaukee/news/2021/05/18/fewer-americans-than-ever-are-members-of-a-church--impact-being-felt-in-wisconsin-.

"Spanish Flu vs. COVID-19: Can Milwaukee's History Help City Survive Pandemic?" *WISN News* (26 Feb. 2021): https://www.wisn.com/article/spanish-flu-vs-covid-19-can-milwaukees-history-help-city-survive-present/35655316#.

Maddie Burakoff, "Making History: Digital Archive Documents Life in Milwauke During COVID-19," *Spectrum news 1* (29 June 2020): https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/milwaukee/news/2020/06/26/making-history--digital-archive-documents-life-in-milwaukee-during-covid-19.

"Pandemics and Public History," *Public History News* 40:3 (Jun. 2020): https://ncph.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020-June-Newsletter-Final-Web.pdf.

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Brent Gohde, "COVID-19 MKE Invites Residents to Build a Living Digital Archive," *Milwaukee Record* (20 Mar. 2020), https://milwaukeerecord.com/city-life/covid-19-mke-invites-residents-to-build-a-living-digital-archive.

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"Public History: What It Is and Why Its Important," *WUWM Today*, WUWM, 11 Oct. 2018. http://www.wuwm.com/post/public-history-what-it-why-it-s-important#stream/0.

"Millennials and Rituals," *Central Standard*, KCUR, 8 Dec. 2016. http://kcur.org/post/young-people-and-religious-rituals-lynnette-miranda.

"What You Don't Know about the Salvation Army's 150 Year History," *Deseret News National* (4 Jul. 2015): http://national.deseretnews.com/article/5038/what-you-didnt-know-about-the-salvation-armys-150-years-of-service.html.

"THATCamp Roundtable on Digital Religious Studies," *Religious Studies Project* (31 Mar. 2014): http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/thatcamp-roundtable-on-digital-religious-studies/.

"Beer, Obituaries, and One Night Stands," *How to Do Everything*, National Public Radio (26 Apr. 2013): http://howtodoeverything.org/post/48931957285/how-to-talk-beer-write-an-obituary-and-make-the.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2025-2026	Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Course Development Grant, Loyola University.
2025	Humanities Innovation Grant, Office of Research Services, Loyola University Chicago. ($5,000)
2024-2025	Mission Integration Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago.
2022-2023	Henry Luce Foundation and American Academy of Religion Advancing Public Scholarship Grant. ($5,000)
2019	Joanne Lazirko Award for the Innovative Use of Learning Technologies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
2019-2020	Center for Twenty-First Century Studies Faculty Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2018-2020	Young Scholars in American Religion Program. Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.
2018	Alice B. Smith Prize in Public History from the Midwestern History Association for *Making History: Kansas City and the Rise of Gay Rights.*
2018	Collaboratory Grant, Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for "Sound Inquiry: Audio Scholarship in the Humanities."
2018	Wisconsin Humanities Council Mini-Grant in support of *Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Milwaukee.* ($1,324)
2017	National Council on Public History Student Project Award, Faculty Mentor.
2017	Transom.org Traveling Workshop Participant.
2016	Co-PI, "Making History: Kansas City and the Rise of Gay Rights," Interpretive Grant, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area. ($5,060)
2017-18	Co-Director. "Career Diversity for Historian Faculty Institute," American Historical Association. University of Missouri-Kansas City, with John Herron, Diane Muttie Burke, Brian Frehner, and Sandra Enriquez. ($15,000)
2016-17	Co-Director. "Drinking about Museums: Professional Networking for Ph.D. Students." Career Diversity for Historians Departmental Grant, American Historical Association. University of Missouri-Kansas City, with John Herron and Amy Brost. ($3,000)
2015-16	PI, University of Missouri Research Board Individual Grant. ($20,000)
2012-14	Co-PI, "Out of Many: Religious Pluralism in America." Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges initiative. Jan. 2012-Jun. 2014. http://newberry.org/out-of-may. With Daniel Greene. Newberry Library. ($327,803)
2010-11	Assistant Director, "Pullman: Race, Labor, and the Urban Landscape in a Company Town," National Endowment for the Humanities' Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for Community College program. Newberry Library, with Daniel Greene. ($141,729)
2009-10	Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship.
2009-10	Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship (Declined).
2006-09	Scholar in Residence, Newberry Library, Chicago.
2007-08	Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Cornell University.
2008	Research and Travel Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.
2007	Newberry Library Short-Term Fellow for Individual Research, Newberry Library, Chicago.
2007	The Dagmar and Nils William Olsson Research Fellowship, the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.
2007	Provost's Diversity Fellow, Cornell University Graduate School.
2006	Albert J. Beveridge Research Grant, the American Historical Association.
2006	Alice Hanson Cook Research Award, Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department, Cornell University.
2006	Research and Travel Grant, Episcopal History Women's History Project (Declined).
2005	General Mills Award for Exemplary Graduate Teaching, Cornell University.
2005	PI, "We the Working People," New York Council for the Humanities' Reading Between the Lines Fellowship, National Endowment of the Humanities' "We the People Initiative."
2003-04	Sage Fellowship, Cornell University.

Teaching Experience

Loyola University Chicago

Courses:
HIST 103 "American Pluralism." | HIST 212 "The United States, 1865-Present." | HIST 375 "Digital History Seminar" | HIST 410 "Gathering Places: Religion and Community in the Modern City." | HIST 410 "Religion, Politics, Modern America" | HIST 479-DIGH 400 "Introduction to Digital Humanities." | HIST 499 "Independent Study." | HIST 582 "Public History Internship."

Internships:
Mazzy Teich, Art Institute of Chicago | Sam Lilly, Landmark Illinois

M.A. Examination Committee:
Mazzy Teich | Meghan Christiansen | Chris Mattix | Brian Burtka | Brooke Sapper | Shannon Honl | Rachel McGough

Ph.D. Committees:
Emily Davis | Shannon Honl | Rachel McGough

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Courses:
HIST 717 "History and New Media." | HIST 715 "Local History Research Methods." | HIST 404 "Podcasting the Past: Audio Histories of Wisconsin." | HIST 453 "Religion in America since 1870." | HIST 455 "God at the Movies: American Religion in Film and Fiction." | HIST 152 "American History, 1877-Present."

M.A. Theses Advised:
John Harry, 2021

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Courses:
HIST 494-HIST 5594 "Public History and New Media." | HIST 497-HIST 5597 "Introduction to Digital History: Theories, Methods, Tools." | HIST 379-HIST 5579 "Public History: Theory and Method." | HIST 380 "Telling Stories: Museums, Memory, and American Life." | HIST 401A, RELST 401A, HIST 5501A and HIST 5501A "Religion in America."| ANCH 299 "Religion in the World." | HIST 5585GR "Religion and Politics in Modern America." | HIST 392-HIST 5592 Public History Internship.

M.A. Theses Advised:
Kenan Brown, 2017.
Catherine Eckard, 2016.
Kevin Bailey, 2016.

Internships:
Secured fully funded positions (stipend and tuition remission) for Public History graduate students at the following institutions:
Arrowhead Arts Program, Kansas City Chiefs Football Club.
Marr Sound Archives, Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
LaBudde Special Collections, Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
Missouri Humanities Council.
American Public Square.
H&R Block Foundation.

University of Illinois at Chicago

HIST 150, CST 150, and RELST 150 "Catholicism in U.S. History." | HIST 253 "The Worker in American Life."

DePaul University, Chicago

HIST 182 "U.S. History, 1800-1900." | HIST 183 "U.S. History, 1900-Present."

Cornell University

ILRCB 1001 "U.S. Labor History, 1865-Present."

Newberry Library Adult Education

"Evangelicalism, Fundamentalism, and American Culture." Newberry Teacher's Consortium.
"The Religious Right in Historical Perspective." Newberry Teacher's Consortium.
"Religious History of Chicago." Adult Education Seminar.
"Biography and American History." Adult Education Seminar.

Professional Service

2026	Grant Evaluation, National Endowment for the Humanities.
2026-Pres.	Digital Initiatives Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society.
2025-Pres.	Advisory Committee, Built on Belief, Chicago Architecture Center.
2024-Pres.	Advisory Committee, Beyond Belief: Religion and Social Change in Chicago, Newberry Library.
2024-Pres.	Advisory Committee, Chicago Sacred, Chicago History Museum.
2023-Pres.	Advocacy Committee. National Council on Public History.
2021-Pres.	Advisory Board, Center for Religion and Cities, Morgan State University.
2019-2023	Professional Development Committee. National Council on Public History.
2017-2020	Digital Humanities Advisory Board. "What is the Midwest?" Newberry Library.
2016-2026	Steering Committee, Religion and Memory Program Unit. American Academy of Religion.
2016-2019	Editorial Board, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.*
2016-2018	Task Force on Digital Publishing, American Academy of Religion.
2017	Grant Evaluation, National Endowment for the Humanities.
2016	Grant Evaluation, Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.
2014-2016	Digital Editor and Editorial Board Member. *Middle West Review*. http://uimiddle.wordpress.com/.
2014	Digital Drop-In Consultant. National Council for Public History Annual Meeting. 21 Mar. 2014. Monterey, California.
2014	Grant Evaluation. Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
2013-2019	Digital Content Advisor. *American Yawp: A Free, Online, Collaboratively Built American History Textbook*. http://americanyawp.com/.
2012	Grant Evaluation. National Endowment for the Humanities.
2012	Consultation. "Digital Collections for the Discipline of History." University of Illinois at Chicago Richard J. Daley Library. Valerie Harries and Peter Hepburn, Principle Investigators.
2009	Senior Colleague, Newberry Library. Chicago, Illinois. *Mentored undergraduate students from the Associated Colleges of the Midwest in completing final project at the Newberry.*
2007-2013	Project/Collections Evaluator, Newberry Library.

Peer Review

Oxford University Press; The Public Historian; *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History*; *Journal of Illinois History*; *Annals of Iowa; Histories of the Internet; University of Massachusetts Press; University of Illinois Press*

Campus Service

2023-Pres.	Member, Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on the Center for Textual Studies and Digital Humanities, Loyola University Chicago.
2018-2022	Member, Advisory Board. Museum Studies Certificate, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
2017-2022	Member, Advisory Board. Digital Humanities Lab, Golda Meier Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
2017-2022	Member, Steering Committee. Religious Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
2013-2017	Director. UMKC HistoryMakers Internship Program. http://info.umkc.edu/historymakers/.
2013-2017	Director. Public History Emphasis. UMKC Department of History M.A. Program.

Community Service

2024-Pres. Member, Recreation Committee, Friends of Lake Park, Milwaukee.
2016-2017 Board member. Jackson County Historical Society.
2015-2016 Board member. The Edgar Snow Memorial Foundation.
2013-2017 Judge. History Day, Kansas City. Truman Presidential Library.
2014-2017 Partner. Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area.
2014-2017 Member. Museum Educators' Roundtable of Kansas City.
2014-2017 Board member. Kansas City Heritage League.
2008-2013 Judge, Chicago Metro History Fair. Newberry Library.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion | National Council on Public History | American Historical Association