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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. History, University of Georgia, 2022-Present
Doctoral Advisor: Stephen Berry
Anticipated: January 2027
Dissertation: “Altars Divided, Altars Reunited: Denominational Reunion, Race, and the Politics of Reconstruction in American Christianity, 1830-1880”
- M.A. History, Appalachian State University, 2019-2021
Thesis Advisor: Judkin Browning
Thesis: “With God on Our Side: Clerical Support of Secession and the Confederate War Effort in North Carolina.”
- B.S. History, Social Studies Secondary Education, *summa cum laude*
Appalachian State University, 2015-2018

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(Accepted and will be published in September 2026) “I for one shall make no acknowledgement of wrong’: Race and Sectional Reconciliation in the Reunion of the Episcopal Church, 1865-1866.” *Journal of the Civil War Era*

“'Silent but Powerful Preachers': Southern Religious Pamphlet Literature during the Civil War.” *Civil War History* 68, no. 3 (September, 2022): 268-294.

Other Publications

“Civil War Soldiers and Religion.” A section written for a future open-source textbook entitled *Palace of the Thundering Gods*, published by Stanford University Press.

Book Reviews

(forthcoming) Review of *Lutheranism and American Culture: The Making of a Distinctive Faith in the Civil War Era* by Timothy D. Grundmeier. *Journal of Church and State*. 2027.

(forthcoming) Review of *The Mexican American War Experiences of Twelve Civil War Generals*, edited by Timothy D. Johnson. *Ohio Valley History*. 2026.

(forthcoming) Review of *Dueling Cultures, Damnable Legacies: Southern Violence and White Supremacy in the Civil War Era* by James Hill “Trae” Welborn. *Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians*. 2025.

Review of *Righteous Strife: How Warring Religious Nationalists Forged Lincoln’s Union* by Richard Carwardine. *Civil War Monitor*. April 2025. <https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/righteous-strife-2025/>.

Review of *Buying and Selling Civil War Memory in Gilded Age America*, edited by James Marten and Caroline E. Janney. *H-War*. December 2024. <https://networks.h-net.org/group/reviews/20053159/waddell-marten-and-janney-buying-and-selling-civil-war-memory-gilded-age>

Review of *Tabernacles in the Wilderness: The US Christian Commission on the Civil War Battlefield* by Rachel Williams. *Civil War Monitor*. <https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/williams-tabernacles-in-the-wilderness-2024/>

Review of *Jewish Soldiers in the Civil War: The Union Army*, by Adam D. Mendelsohn. *Journal of the Civil War Era* 14, no. 3 (September, 2024).

Review of *Soldier of Destiny: Slavery, Secession, and the Redemption of Ulysses S. Grant*, by John Reeves. *Civil War Book Review*. Spring 2024. <https://repository.lsu.edu/cwbr/>.

Review of *Through Blood and Fire: The Civil War Letters of Major Charles J. Mills, 1862-1865, Revised and Expanded Edition*, edited by J. Gregory Acken. *H-War*. 2023. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=59335>.

Review of *A Fire Bell in the Past: The Missouri Crisis at 200, Volume I: Western Slavery, National Impasse*, edited by Jeffrey Pasley and John Craig Hammond. *Civil War Monitor*. 2022. <https://www.civilwarmonitor.com/book-shelf/pasley-hammond-eds-a-fire-bell-in-the-past-2021>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record – University of Georgia (Spring 2026)
Classes: U.S. History to 1865

Teaching Assistant – University of Georgia (2022-Present)
Classes: U.S. History to 1865; U.S. History, 1865 to the Present

Teaching Assistant – Appalachian State University (2019-2020)
Classes: World Civilization II
Guest Lecturer on WWI

Student Teaching, World History – Fall 2018 – Wilkes Early College High School

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS

Intern – George Washington’s Mount Vernon (May 2025 – August 2025)
Performed research for the Enslaved Persons Database

Acquisitions Apprentice – University of Georgia Press (June 2024 – August 2024)
Assisted UGA Press editors with completing memos and communicating with authors in various stages of the publication process.

Graduate Research Assistant – Kentucky Historical Society (February 2024-February 2025)

Transcription and Markup for the Civil War Governors of Kentucky
Project

Research Assistant – Appalachian State University (2020-2021)
For: Judkin Browning

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“I, for one, shall make no acknowledgment of wrong’: Reconstruction and Race in the Reunion of the Episcopal Church, 1865-1866.” Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Conference. June 2024.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Society of Civil War Historians (SCWH) Graduate Connection Committee, 2024-2025

Member, Society of Civil War Historians (SCWH) Graduate Connection Committee, 2023-2024

Events Organized

“Ready to Publish?: Strategies for Turning Your Seminar Paper into a Journal Article.” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. April 2025.

“Finding the Writing Groove: Historians Discuss Their Writing Process.” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. February 2025.

“Outside Academia: Alternative Careers for History.” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. December 2024.

“Acquiring the Dream Job: How to Succeed on the Academic Job Market” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. September 2024.

“Public History: Careers Outside Academia” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. March 2024.

“The Future of the Past: Graduate Students’ Perspectives on the Study of the Civil War Era in 2024,” Organized for the Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Conference.

“How to Survive and Thrive in Graduate School,” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. September 2023.

“Fellowships 101: Learn about Fellowships, Grants, Summer Funding and More,” A roundtable organized by the SCWH Graduate Connections Committee. Hosted via Zoom. December 2023.

Peer Reviewer, ABC-CLIO – Essays on Slavery in the Americas

Study Abroad Scholarship Reviewer – University of Georgia 2024

AWARDS

Carl Vipperman Teaching Assistant Award – University of Georgia, 2025

Transfer Advocate Award – University of Georgia, 2024

Gregory Travel Award – University of Georgia, 2024

Graduate Research Assistant Mentoring Program (GRAM) –
Appalachian State University 2020-21

Finalist for the *Most Outstanding Thesis Award*, Appalachian State University, 2021

Chancellor’s Scholarship – Appalachian State University 2019-2021

LANGUAGES

Perl (Intermediate Proficiency)

R (Beginner Proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member, Southern Historical Association, 2022-present

Member, Society of Civil War Historians, 2023-present