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**EDUCATION:**        **University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN  
Ph.D. in History, October 2001  
M.A. in History, May 1997

**Loyola College in Maryland**, Baltimore, MD  
B.A. in History, May 1992  
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

**EXPERIENCE:**     *Merrimack College*, North Andover, MA  
**Interim Dean of Liberal Arts**, March 2016-present  
**Director of International Studies Program**, Fall 2014-16  
**Chair of History Department**, Fall 2013, Fall 2014-16  
**Professor**, April 2016-present  
**Associate Professor**, 2011-16  
**Assistant Professor**, 2005-11  
Courses Taught: U.S. History Survey to 1877; Survey of Latin American History; American Revolution; Civil War and Reconstruction; Colonial American History; Historical Methods; History of the Early Republic; Environmental History of North America, Slavery and Race in the Early Modern Atlantic World; Senior Research Seminar, Honors Capstone

*Adrian College*, Adrian, MI  
**Assistant Professor**, 2002-05  
Courses Taught: U.S. History Survey (a one-semester survey from the colonial period to the present); African American History; U.S. Women's History; Survey of Latin American History; Senior Seminar: Slavery, Abolition, and Emancipation; U.S. Social History; Civil War and Reconstruction; American Revolution; First Year Experience: The Current State of "Community" in the United States; Historical Methods

*Messiah College*, Grantham, PA  
**Lecturer in History**, 2001-02  
Courses Taught: U.S. History to 1877; Women in America; Civil War and Reconstruction; Slavery and American Society

*University of Minnesota*  
**Adjunct Instructor**, 1998-2000  
Courses Taught: U.S. History to 1877, The Peoples of Early America

**Teaching Assistant, 1995-96, 1998-99**

Courses Taught: U.S. History to 1877, U.S. History since 1865, The American Revolution, Civil War and Reconstruction

PUBLICATIONS: *Labor Obligations in the Atlantic World* under advance contract with Routledge Press.

"Seeing the South: A New England Schoolteacher Observes Slavery in the Antebellum Chesapeake" *New England Journal of History* has asked for revision and resubmission.

"The Historiography of the Slave Family," chapter in volume entitled *The Historiography of Slavery*, ed. Thomas Buchanan (under review at Kent State University Press as part of the "Interpreting American History" Series).

*Shays's Rebellion: Authority and Distress in Post-Revolutionary America* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015).

"Recent Scholarship on Slavery and Emancipation in Baltimore," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 108:1 (Winter, 2012), 476-83.

"The Significance of Group Manumission in Post-Revolutionary Rural Maryland" *Slavery and Abolition* 32:1 (March, 2011), 75-89.

"John and Caroline Nicols and the Post-Panic Economy of Maryland's Eastern Shore" *Maryland Historical Magazine* 105:3 (Winter, 2010), 335-49.

"The Slaveowner's Family and Manumission in the Post-Revolutionary Chesapeake Tidewater" in Rosemary Brana-Shute and Randy J. Sparks, eds., *Paths to Freedom: Manumission in the Atlantic World* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2009), 339-62.

"A Demographic Profile of Slavery in 1860: Introducing Three New Public Use Microdata Samples of the Census of Slave Inhabitants," in *Historical Methods*, 36:1 (Winter 2003): 21-28. (Co-authored with J. David Hacker, J. Trent Alexander, and Jason Carl Digman)

"'The Peculiar Circumstances of Their Unhappy Birth and Colour': Bennett Darnall's Children in the Early National Chesapeake," *Maryland Historical Magazine* 96:3 (Fall 2001): 328-36.

Encyclopedia entry: "Tobacco Plantations," *Gale Library of Daily Life: Slavery in America* (December, 2007).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: "Margaret Mercer on Motherhood and Slavery" presented at conference entitled "Mothering Slaves: Comparative Perspectives on Motherhood, Childlessness and the Care of Children in Atlantic Slave Societies," University of Reading, Reading, UK, April 19-21, 2016.

“Encouraging Opportunities for Active History Student Learning Outside the Classroom: The History Student Journal at Merrimack College” presented at the Fall Meeting of the New England Historical Association, New Haven, CT, October 24, 2015.

“‘Wave the Law and Obey the Commands of Duty’: Manumission in the Upper South,” presented at the Fall Meeting of the New England Historical Association, Rindge, NH, October 18, 2014.

“Recent Scholarship on Slavery and Emancipation in Baltimore,” as part of “Baltimore and the Historiography of the Early Republic: A Roundtable Discussion,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, July 19-22, 2012.

Chair/Discussant for panel entitled “Social Network Analysis Approaches to Nineteenth-Century Political Structures,” Annual Meeting of the Social Science Historical Association, Boston, November 17-20, 2011.

“Isaac Jackson’s Journey: Maryland Quakers and Slavery during the American Revolution” presented at the Spring Meeting of the New England Historical Association, Salem, MA, April 17, 2010.

“A New England Schoolteacher Observes Slavery in Antebellum Maryland” presented at the spring meeting of the New England Historical Association, Portland, ME, April 18, 2009.

“Those Who Stayed Behind Below the Mason-Dixon: Black and White Family Strategies in the Early National Upper South,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, November 2, 2006.

“Household Management on the Margins: Women Slave Owners in Early National Maryland” to be presented at the Seventh Southern Conference on Women’s History, Baltimore, June 8-11, 2006.

“Slaveholding Women in the Post-Revolutionary Rural Chesapeake,” presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, November 3, 2005.

“The Threat of Sale and the Promise of Freedom: The Changing Dynamics of Slavery in the Post-Revolutionary Chesapeake” presented at the Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 7, 2003 & the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, November 14, 2003.

“Achieving Nominal Freedom on Maryland’s Lower Western Shore, 1800-1860,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, St. Louis, October 25, 2002.

“The Peculiar Circumstances of Their Unhappy Birth and Colour’: Bennett Darnall’s Children in the Early National Chesapeake,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, July 20, 2001.

“Testamentary Patterns and Manumission in the Post-Revolutionary Chesapeake,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, October 26, 2000.

“The Slaveowner’s Family and Manumission in the Post-Revolutionary Chesapeake Tidewater” presented at conference entitled Manumission in the Atlantic World, Center for Lowcountry Studies and the Atlantic World, Charleston, South Carolina, October 6, 2000.

“Manumission as a Method of Slave Control: Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1780-1820,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, November 27, 1998.

BOOK REVIEWS: Review of Kathryn Shively Meier, *Nature’s Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia* in *North Carolina Historical Review*, 91:3 (July, 2014), 366-67.

Review of Allegra Di Bonaventura, *For Adam’s Sake: A Family Saga in Colonial New England* in *Choice*, November, 2013.

Review of James H. Johnston, *From Slave Ship to Harvard: Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family* in *Journal of Southern History* 79:4 (November, 2013), 928-29.

Review of Lisa M. Brady, *War Upon the Land: Military Strategy and the Transformation of Southern Landscapes During the American Civil War* in *North Carolina Historical Review*, 90:1 (January, 2013), 105-06.

Review of Hugh Davis, “We Will Be Satisfied With Nothing Less”: *The African American Struggle for Equal Rights in the North During Reconstruction* in *Choice*, June, 2012.

Review of Calvin Schermerhorn, *Money Over Mastery, Family Over Freedom: Slavery in the Antebellum Upper South* in *North Carolina Historical Review* 89:1 (January, 2012), 108-09.

Review of Julie Winch, *The Clamorgans: One Family’s History of Race in America* in *Choice*, December, 2011.

Review of Stacey Robertson, *Hearts Beating for Liberty: Women Abolitionists in the Old Northwest* in *Journal of Illinois History* 13:4 (Winter, 2010), 312-13.

Review of "Free at last?: Slavery in Pittsburgh in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries" (internet resource hosted by the University of Pittsburgh at: <http://www.library.pitt.edu/freetlast/index.html>) in *Choice*, October, 2010.

Review of Julie Roy Jeffrey, *The Great Silent Army of Abolitionism: Ordinary Women in the Antislavery Movement* in *Historical Journal of Massachusetts* 38:2 (Fall, 2010), 158-60.

Review of Barbara Penner, *Newlyweds on Tour: Honeymooning in Nineteenth-Century America*, in *Choice*, July, 2010.

Review of Kathleen M. Brown, *Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America*, in *Choice*, December, 2009.

Review of Mark S. Schantz, *Awaiting the Heavenly Country: the Civil War and America's Culture of Death*, in *Choice*, May, 2009.

Review of Andrew McMichael, *Atlantic Loyalties: Americans in Spanish West Florida, 1785-1810*, in *Choice*, January, 2009.

Review of Philip Levy, *Fellow Travelers: Indians and Europeans Contesting the Early American Trail*, in *Choice*, April, 2008.

Review of William E. Wiethoff, *Crafting the Overseer's Image*, in *Choice*, November, 2007.

Review of Wilma King, *The Essence of Liberty: Free Black Women During the Slave Era*, in *Choice*, May, 2007.

Review of Walter C. Rucker, *The River Flows on: Black Resistance, Culture, and Identity Formation in Early America*, in *Choice*, December, 2006.

Review of Rodney Hessinger, *Seduced, Abandoned, and Reborn: Visions of Youth in Middle-Class America, 1780-1850*, in *Choice*, May, 2006.

Review of Edward E. Baptist and Stephanie M.H. Camp eds., *New Studies in the History of American Slavery*, in *Itinerario* 30:2, 2006.

Review of James Oliver Horton and Lois Horton, *Slavery and the Making of America*, in *Choice*, September, 2005.

Review of William K. Scarborough, *Masters of the Big House: Elite Slaveholders of the Mid-Nineteenth Century South* in *Choice*, June, 2004.

Review of Peter Charles Hoffer, *The Great New York Conspiracy of 1741: Slavery, Crime, and Colonial Law*, in *Choice*, January, 2004.

Review of Thomas Chambers, *Drinking the Waters: Creating an American Leisure Class at Nineteenth-Century Mineral Springs* in *Choice*, April, 2003.

Review of Alex Bontemps, *The Punished Self: Surviving Slavery in the Colonial South*, H-South ([www2.h-net.msu.edu/~south/](http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~south/)), January, 2002.

Review of Christopher Phillips, *The African American Community of Baltimore, 1790-1860*, in *Southern Historian* 20 (Spring 1999): 125-26.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER  
Book Manuscript Review for Routledge Press, 2015  
Journal Manuscript Reappraisal for *Journal of Southern History*, 2015  
Book Manuscript Proposal Review for Routledge Press, 2014  
Journal Manuscript Review for *Journal of Southern History*, 2014  
Book Manuscript Proposal Review for Routledge Press, 2013  
Journal Manuscript Review for *Social Science History*, 1997

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:  
*Minnesota Population Center*, Minneapolis, MN, 2000-01  
**Research Assistant**

- Helped create web-accessible statistical samples of U.S. Censuses from 1850 to the present for Integrated Public Use Micro Sample (IPUMS) Project by checking, cleaning and coding data

ADVISING EXPERIENCE:  
*University of Minnesota*  
**Academic Adviser**, 1994-99

- work for both the history department and the College of Liberal Arts
- ruled on exceptions to college policies
- advised students in academic difficulty
- explained major and college requirements
- developed new manual for undergraduate majors

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:  
**COLLEGE SERVICE:**  
*Merrimack College*, North Andover, MA  
Faculty Adviser to "The Monument" (Online history Journal), 2015 to present  
Honorary Degree Committee, 2015-16  
Appointment, Rank, and Tenure Committee, 2015-16  
History Department Chair, Fall 2013, 2014 to present  
Director of International Studies Program, 2014 to present  
Search Committee for Term Position in Modern U.S. History, 2014-15  
Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-15  
Search Committee for World Historian, 2013-14  
Faculty Senate President, 2012-13  
Senior Leadership Team, 2012-13  
First Year Experience Committee, 2012-13  
Faculty Senate President-Elect, 2011-12  
Provost Search Committee, 2011-12  
Website Committee, 2011-12  
International Studies Steering Committee, 2013 to present

Environmental Studies and Sustainability Steering Committee, 2011 to present  
Chair Pro Tem, Historical Studies Working Group, 2010 to present  
Search Committee for Pre-Modern European Historian, 2010-11  
Curriculum and Educational Policy Committee, 2008-12  
Academic Strategic Planning Committee, 2009-11  
Secretary of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2007-08  
Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2006-07  
Nominations and Elections Committee, 2007-08  
Library Advisory Committee, 2007-08  
Ad-Hoc Committee on College Mission and Vision, Fall 2008  
Search Committee for Non-Western/World Historian, 2006-07  
Modern Language Task Force, Spring 2006

*Adrian College, Adrian, MI*

Executive Committee, Adrian College Association of Professors, 2004-05  
Grievance Officer, Adrian College Association of Professors, 2004-05  
Pre-Law Adviser, 2002-05  
Chair of Academic Status Review Committee, 2003-04  
Parliamentarian for Faculty Meetings, 2002-05  
Search Committee for Asian/World Historian, 2002-03

***EDITING AND WRITING:***

**Subject Matter Expert**, *Cengage Publishing*, Summer, 2009

- identified suitable primary sources for U.S. History survey
- wrote head-notes and questions for selected documents

***PEDAGOGY:***

**Participating Scholar**, *Teaching American History: Leadership in America: Dilemmas and Opportunities*, Lowell, MA, 2007 to 2010

- lead sessions for primary and secondary teachers on several U.S. modules including Colonization, Antebellum U.S., and Civil War and Reconstruction

**Cooperated with Andover Public Schools to Apply for NEH *Teaching American History Grant***

- 2010 Grant (Unsuccessful): Developed proposed content and collaborated with principal grant writer; if awarded, would have been “Lead Historian” for the five-year, \$1.3 million project
- 2011 Grant (U.S. Congress pulled funding after application was submitted): Developed proposed content and collaborated with principal grant writer; if awarded, would have been “Lead Historian” for the three-year, \$1.0 million project

***PUBLIC LECTURES AND OUTREACH:***

Interview on the Johns Hopkins University Press blog regarding book on Shays's Rebellion, August 12, 2015. <http://jhupressblog.com/2015/08/12/an-interview-with-author-sean-condon>

Interview for the Program "Inquiry" on WICN 90.5fm, an NPR station in Worcester, MA, regarding book on Shays's Rebellion, on July 30, 2015. Podcast available at <http://www.wicn.org/podcasts/audio/sean-condon-shays-rebellion>

"Challenging Slavery During the American Revolution: Maryland, 1775-1800," White Fund Lecture at the Lawrence History Center, Lawrence, MA, March 15, 2015.

Partnered with Andover Public Schools to write a Teaching American History Grant Proposal, 2011. (Application was submitted, but Congress cancelled funding and program ended).

Partnered with Andover Public Schools to write a Teaching American History Grant Proposal, 2010. (Application was unsuccessful).

"Abraham Lincoln and the Pratt Street Riot," presented as part of Irish Heritage Month at the Lawrence History Center, Lawrence, MA, March 6, 2011.

Panelist for Austin Scholars Forum entitled "The State of America: Where are We Now? Where are We Headed?" Merrimack College, North Andover, November 11, 2009.

Speech entitled "Abraham Lincoln and the Rule of Law," presented at Lawrence Bar Association's Annual Law Day Luncheon, Lawrence, MA, May 1, 2009.

Panelist for Austin Scholars Forum entitled "A Perfect America?" Merrimack College, North Andover, November 17, 2008.

Presentation for Austin Scholars entitled "The Ethics of Consumer Capitalism," January 21, 2007.

Panelist for Community Dialogue "Class, Poverty, Privilege and Race in the United States: Reflecting on the New Orleans Disaster," Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, February 21, 2006.

Teacher for *Accept the Challenge Program*, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, summers of 2006 and 2007.

HONORS/  
AWARDS:

*Merrimack College*

2015 Provost Innovation Fund Grant: *History Matters*: Launching an Online Undergraduate History Journal (\$5,600)

2014 Center for Excellence in Teaching and learning Travel Grant (\$1,295)



2014 Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Sustainable Program  
Assessment Grant (\$2,000)

2015 Faculty Development Grant: The Bonds of Family: Slavery and Freedom in  
Southern Maryland, 1760-1860 (\$4,000)

2014 Faculty Development Grant: Labor Obligations in the Atlantic World, 1400-1800  
(\$3,500)

2013 Faculty Development Grant: Chapter Four of *Shays's Rebellion: Conflicting  
Visions of Legitimate Authority in Post-Revolutionary Massachusetts* (\$3,500)

2012 Faculty Development Grant: Chapter Two of *Shays's Rebellion: Conflicting  
Visions of Legitimate Authority in Post-Revolutionary Massachusetts* (\$3,500)

2011 Faculty Development Grant: Narrative History of Shays's Rebellion (\$2,000)

2010 Faculty Development Grant: The Correspondence of John Nicols (\$2,000)

2008 Faculty Development Grant: Imagining Alternatives to Slavery in the Early  
national Period (\$2,000)

2007 Faculty Development Grant: Antislavery Activists Debate African Colonization  
(\$2,000)

*Adrian College*

Student Government Association Teaching Award, 2003  
Faculty Development Grant, 2003, 2004  
EXCEL Program: Excellent Instructor, 2003

*University of Minnesota History Department*

Paul L. Murphy Distinguished Teaching Award, 2001  
Endowed Dissertation Fellowship, 1999  
Macmillan Travel Grant, 1999

*Loyola College History Department*

Whiteford History Medal, 1992