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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC.
Ph.D., Colonial North America. May 1996.

Duke University, Durham, NC.
M.A., American History. December 1991.

Columbia University, New York, NY.
B.A., History. Phi Beta Kappa and Cum Laude. May 1989.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- Black, White, and Indian: Race and the Unmaking of an American Family (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005).

Winner of the 2005 Clements Prize for the best non-fiction book on Southwestern America. Awarded by the Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University.

- A New Order of Things: Property, Power, and the Transformation of the Creek Indians, 1733-1816 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999).

Winner of the 2000 Charles S. Sydnor Award for the best book on Southern history. Awarded by the Southern Historical Association.

Winner of the 2000 Wheeler-Voegelin Award for the best book in ethnohistory. Awarded by the American Society for Ethnohistory.

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES:

- "Go West: Mapping Early American Historiography," The William and Mary Quarterly 65 (Oct. 2008): 745-78.
- "Telling Stories: The Political Uses of Myth and History in the Cherokee and Creek Nations," Journal of American History 93 (Dec. 2006): 673-97.
- "'Our Indians': European Empires and the History of the Native American South," in The Atlantic in Global History, 1500-2000, eds. Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra and Erik R. Seeman (New York: Prentice-Hall, 2006), 61-76.

Reprinted in Interpretations of American History, edited by Couvares et al. (eighth ed., Bedford, 2009).

- "The Graysons' Dilemma: A Creek Family Confronts the Science of Race," in Powhatan's Mantle: Indians in the Colonial Southeast, ed. Peter H. Wood, Gregory A. Waselkov, and M. Thomas Hatley (Second edition, Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2006), 503-520.
- "Rethinking Race and Culture in the Early South," in Ethnohistory 53:2 (spring 2006): 399-406. (Coauthor)
- "Contact and Colonial History: 1500-1776," in the Smithsonian Handbook of North American Indians: Southeast, ed. Raymond D. Fogelson (Smithsonian Institution, 2004), 128-138.
- "The Paradox of Freedom: Tribal Sovereignty and Emancipation during the Reconstruction of Indian Territory," The Journal of Southern History 70 (Feb. 2004): 63-94.

Winner of the 2006 Green and Ramsdell Award for the best article published in The Journal of Southern History in 2004 and 2005.

- "Taking Account of Property: Social Stratification among the Creek Indians in the Early Nineteenth Century," The William and Mary Quarterly 24 (2000): 733-760.

Reprinted in American Encounters: Natives and Newcomers from European Contact to Indian Removal, 1500-1850, edited by Peter C. Mancall and James Merrell (second ed., Routledge, 2006).

- "'The English has now a Mind to make Slaves of them all': Creeks, Seminoles, and the Problem of Slavery," American Indian Quarterly 22 (1998): 157-181.

Winner of the 1999 Bolton-Kinnaird Award for the best journal article on Spanish borderlands history. Given by the Western History Association.

- "'Domestick...Quiet being broke': Gender Conflict among Creek Indians in the Eighteenth Century," in Contact Points: North American Frontiers from the Mohawk Valley to the Mississippi, 1750-1830, eds. Fredrika J. Teute and Andrew R.L. Cayton (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press for the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 1998), 151-174.

POPULAR ARTICLES:

- "Jim Crow and the Indians," lead article, Salon.com, Feb. 21, 2006.
- "Black, White, and Indian," Muskogee Phoenix, Aug. 21, 2005.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES:

- "Creeks," Dictionary of American History (New York: Charles Scribner's, 2002).
- "Southeastern Tribes," Dictionary of American History (New York: Charles Scribner's, 2002).
- "Indian Policy, 1775-1830," Dictionary of American History (New York: Charles Scribner's, 2002).

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Cynthia Cumfer, Separate Peoples, One Land: The Minds of Cherokees, Blacks, and Whites on the Tennessee Frontier, in Ethnohistory (forthcoming).
- Ned Blackhawk, Violence over the Land: Indians and Empires in the Early American West, in The William and Mary Quarterly 65 (2008): 197-199.
- Andrew K. Frank, Creeks and Southerners: Biculturalism on the Early American Frontier, in The Journal of Interdisciplinary History 37 (2006): 299-300.

- John Missall and Mary Lou Missall, The Seminole Wars: America's Longest Indian Conflict, in The Journal of American History 92 (2006): 1424-1425.
- Andrew Denson, Demanding the Cherokee Nation: Indian Autonomy and American Culture, 1830-1900, in The Journal of Southern History 72 (2006): 166-167.
- Nancy Shoemaker, A Strange Likeness: Becoming Red and White in Eighteenth-Century North America, in American Anthropologist 107 (June 2005): 311.
- Susan A. Miller, Coachoochee's Bones: A Seminole Saga, in The American Historical Review 109 (2004): 1225-1226.
- "New Anthropological Perspectives on Southeastern Indians," review article in American Anthropologist 105 (2003): 363-367.
- James F. Brooks, Captives and Cousins: Slavery, Kinship, and Community in the Southwest Borderlands, in The William and Mary Quarterly 60 (2003): 436-439.
- Alan Gallay, The Indian Slave Trade: The Rise of the English Empire in the American South, 1670-1717, in The Journal of American History 89 (2003): 1506-1507.
- Jo Ella Powell Exley, Frontier Blood: The Saga of the Parker Family, in The Journal of Southern History 69 (2003): 418-419.
- Bonnie G. McEwan, ed., Indians of the Greater Southeast: Historical Archaeology and Ethnohistory, in Louisiana History 43 (2002): 100-102.
- Michael P. Morris, The Bringing of Wonder: Trade and the Indians of the Southeast, 1700-1783, in The Journal of Southern History 67 (2001): 146-147.
- Bernard Romans, A Concise Natural History of East and West Florida, in The Georgia Historical Quarterly 84 (2000): 140-141.
- James Taylor Carson, Searching for the Bright Path: The Mississippi Choctaws from Prehistory to Removal, in The William and Mary Quarterly 24 (2000): 850-852.
- Fred B. Kniffen, et al., The Historic Indian Tribes of Louisiana: From 1542 to the Present, in Gulf South Historical Review 15 (2000): 76-78.

- Michael Leroy Oberg, Dominion and Civility: English Imperialism and Native America, 1585-1685, for H-AmIndian, January 2000, <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=29186949945105>.
- Daniel H. Usner, Jr., American Indians in the Lower Mississippi Valley: Social and Economic Histories, in The Georgia Historical Quarterly, in The Georgia Historical Quarterly 83 (1999): 585-586.
- Kenneth W. Porter, The Black Seminoles: History of a Freedom-Seeking People, in the Pacific Historical Review 67 (1998): 124-125.
- Patricia Galloway, Choctaw Genesis, 1500-1700, in The Journal of Southern History 63 (1997): 379-380.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED:

- Littlefield Lectures. Biennial series of invited lectures, University of Texas, Austin, 2009.
- "The Scale of Empire." Comments delivered at the Southern Intellectual History Circle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2008.
- "'My Medicine is punishment': A Case of Torture in Early California, 1775-1776." Paper delivered at the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, September 2007.
- "Race and Removal: How One Creek Indian Family Survived the Journey West." Invited lecture delivered at the University of North Carolina, Asheville, April 2006.
- "Black, White, and Indian: Race and Citizenship in Native America." Invited lecture delivered at Swarthmore College, January 2006.
- "Race and Removal." Invited lecture delivered at the annual meeting of the Society for Georgia Archaeology, Chatsworth, Georgia, April 2005.

- "From Slaves to Slaveholders: American Indians in the Atlantic World." Invited lecture delivered at "Comparative Slavery in the Atlantic World, 1500-1825," a workshop of the Harvard University International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Cambridge, November 2004.
- "From Creek Country to Slave Country: Alexander McGillivray and the Transformation of the Deep South." Address delivered at a symposium, "Alabama Frontier: Cultural Crossroads," sponsored by the Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Alabama, January 2004.

OTHER:

- "Mapping the Historiography of the Southeast." Paper delivered at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference, University of Georgia, April 2008.
- "Reading about Race: Alexander Posey and G.W. Grayson in Historical Context." Comments delivered at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Conference, University of Georgia, April 2008.
- "Race and Identity in Native North America." Comments delivered at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Williamsburg, November 2006.
- "Defining Early American History." Comments delivered at "Revised Lives: Early Transformations of Southeastern Indians," conference sponsored by the University of Georgia Institute of Native American Studies, Athens, Georgia, February 2006.
- "Indians and the Color Line: Surviving in Jim Crow Oklahoma." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, November 2005.
- "In the Spirit of Progress: A Black-Indian Family Whitewashes Its Past." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Atlanta, November 2004.
- "Culture and Demography in the Indians' South." Comments delivered at the annual meeting of the American Ethnological Society, Atlanta, April 2004.

- "Slavery, Family History, and the Five Tribes." Address delivered at the annual conference of the Descendants of Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes Association, Norman, Oklahoma, June 2003.
- "Race and the History of the Native Southeast." Address delivered at the Symposium on Georgia History, Athens, Georgia, February 2003.
- "Community and War in the Early Republic." Comments delivered at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, November 2001.
- "Southeastern Indians as Anthropologists: Native Americans Study Themselves, 1750-1900." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2001.
- "Southeastern Indians and the Origins of Colonial American History." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Tucson, Arizona, October 2001.
- "What Can Economic Historians Tell Us about Native American History?" Comments delivered at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2001.
- "Telling Histories: How Early American Indians Recounted the Past." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky, November 2000.
- "A History of Half-Truths: Blacks and Indians in the Southeast." Paper delivered at "Eating Out of the Same Pot": Relating Black and Indian (Hi)stories, a Cross-cultural Symposium at Dartmouth College, April 2000.
- "An American Family: The Graysons of the Creek Nation and the Legacy of Race." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Mashantucket, Connecticut, October 1999.
- "Frontier Conflict in the Colonial Southeast." Comments delivered at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Austin, TX, June 1999.

- "Taking Account of Property: Social Stratification among the Creek Indians in the Late Eighteenth Century." Paper delivered at the Triangle History Group, Duke University, December 1998.
- "The Wealth of a Nation: Property, Social Stratification, and the Creeks Indians in the Late Eighteenth Century." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory, Minneapolis, November 1998.
- "The Power of Writing: Literacy and the Colonization of Southeastern Indians." Paper delivered at the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, August 1998.
- "Red Savages and Fair Maidens: Moving Images of American Indians." Paper delivered at the Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, March 1998.
- "Forging a Social Compact: The Creek Indian Debate over Crime and Punishment in the Late Eighteenth Century." Paper delivered at the Third Annual Conference of the Institute of Early American History and Culture, Winston-Salem, June 1997.
- "Taking Account of Property: Social Stratification among the Creek Indians in the Late Eighteenth Century." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Nashville, April 1997.
- "'Worthless . . . , mischievous and troublesome': Literacy and Internal Conflict among the Creek Indians, 1783-1816." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, January 1997.
- "Black-Red Relations in the Eighteenth-Century Deep South Interior." Paper delivered at symposium, The Social and Environmental History of the Eighteenth-Century Southeast, University of Georgia, Spring 1994.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

American Philosophical Society Fellowship, spring and fall 2009.

Willson Center Research Fellowship, Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts, fall 2008.

Creative Research Medal, University of Georgia, 2006. Awarded in university-wide interdisciplinary competition to acknowledge exceptional accomplishments in creativity and research.

Lannan Summer Institute Fellowship, Newberry Library, D'Arcy McNickle Center, Chicago, summer 2001.

M.G. Michael Award, University of Georgia, 2001. Awarded in university-wide competition to outstanding new scholarship.

Center for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, University of Georgia, fall 2000.

Sarah H. Moss Fellowship, University of Georgia, summer 2000.

Faculty Research Grant, University of Georgia, summer 1999.

Mellon Fellow in History, the Society of Fellows, Columbia University. Postdoctoral fellowship, 1996-98.

National Endowment for the Humanities Dissertation Grant, 1995-96.

Francis Acomb Instructorship, Duke University, 1995. Awarded in university-wide competition to outstanding graduate student. Declined.

Richard Watson Teaching Fellowship, Duke University, Department of History, 1995.

Graduate School Dissertation Travel Award, Duke University, 1995. Declined.

RISM Landes Dissertation Grant, Research Institute for the Study of Man, New York, NY, 1993-94.

Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association, 1993.

Tinker Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation, 1992. Awarded for research in the Archivo General de la Nación de México.

Departmental Fellowship, Duke University, Department of History, 1991-93.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY,
1998-

"American Indian History to 1840."

"American Indian History since 1840."

"Colonial and Revolutionary America."

"U.S. History to 1865."

"Sitka to St. Augustine:
The American Continent before 1800."

"Colonial Encounters in Early America." (Graduate
seminar.)

"Studies in Ethnohistory." (Graduate seminar.)

"Readings in American History to 1865." (Graduate
seminar.)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, LECTURER, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, 1996-1998

"Contemporary Civilization." Columbia University's two-
semester core-curriculum course exploring the history of
western social thought.

DUKE UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR, DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, 1995

"Colonial Native America: Searching for the Middle
Ground."

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer, The Journal of American History, The
Journal of Southern History, The William and Mary
Quarterly, American Indian Culture and Research Journal,
Journal of the Early Republic, Southern Cultures, Boundary
2, Bedford-St. Martins Press, Cornell University Press,
Duke University Press, Houghton Mifflin, W.W. Norton and
Company, Oxford University Press, University of Alabama
Press, University of Georgia Press, University of Indiana
Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of
Oklahoma Press, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Historical Consultant and On-screen Participant, African American Lives, PBS television series, produced by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Program Committee Member, Southern Historical Association, annual meeting, Richmond, VA, 2007.

Graduate Program Reviewer, Western Carolina University, M.A. program in history, February 2006.

Editorial Board Member, History Compass, an online collection of nine journals, published by Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK.

Prize Committee Member, Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin Prize for the best book in ethnohistory, awarded by the American Society for Ethnohistory, 2002.

Historical Consultant, Estelusti: African and Native American Interactions, museum exhibit curated by the Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, 2004.

St. Philip's Archaeological Project, Old Salem, NC. Assistant Director, summer 1993.

REFERENCES

Frederick Hoxie, Swanlund Professor of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Nancy Shoemaker, Professor of History, University of Connecticut, Storrs.

Daniel H. Usner, Jr., Holland M. McTyeire Professor of History, Vanderbilt University.

Peter H. Wood, Professor of History, Duke University.