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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2019-present Assistant Professor, Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University
2017-2019 Lecturer, Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. American Religious History, University of Missouri, 2017
M.A. Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2011
B.A. History, University of Arkansas, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Fall 2025 *The Gridiron Gospel: Faith and College Football in 20th-Century America*, with University of Illinois Press.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Forthcoming “It is not sissy to be a Christian”: Kanakuk Kamps, Postwar Evangelicals, and Muscular Christianity

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

2022 “Salvation on the Gridiron: Fundamentalism, Football, and Christian Manhood at Wheaton College, 1900-1949,” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 39, no. 4: 425-441.

2022 Vásquez, D.A., Ponte, L., Rumens, N., **Hampton, H.M.**, & Caze, T.J. “Brief Research Report: Masculine Gender Role Conflict in Men’s Career Mentoring

Relationships” [Special Issue 15]. *The Chronicle of Mentoring and Coaching*, 6, 158-164.

2016 “‘Religion is Truly Manly’: Endicott Peabody, Muscular Christianity, and Reform in Tombstone, Arizona,” *The Journal of Arizona History* 57, no. 3: 197-220.

Book Chapters:

Forthcoming “Knut Rockne: Coaching American Catholicism,” in *Companion to Christianity and Sport in Europe and North America*, ed. Brian Bolt (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols Publishers).

2021 “Saints Embrace Savagery: BYU Football and the Making of Modern Mormonism” in *The History of American College Football: Institutional Policy, Culture, and Reform*, eds. Christian K. Anderson and Amber C. Fallucca (New York: Routledge, 2021), 110-132.

Academic Articles:

2023 “What Can the CFH Do to Help Christian Historians Teaching at State Universities?” in “Forum: Faith at State U,” *Fides et Historia*, 54, no. 2, 122-125.

Book Reviews:

2023 Zev Eleff, *Dyed in Crimson: Football, Faith, and Remaking Harvard’s America*, for *Journal of Sport History*. Vol 50 no 3.

2023 Randy Balmer, *Passion Plays: How Religion Shaped Sports in North America* for *The Journal of Presbyterian History*. Vol 101 no 2.

2021 Kathleen M. Sands, *America’s Religious Wars: The Embattled Heart of Our Public Life*, for *The Historian*. Vol. 83 no. 1.

2019 Lincoln A. Mullen, *The Chance of Salvation: A History of Conversion in America*, for *Western Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 50 no. 2.

2019 John Fea, *Believe Me: The Evangelical Road to Donald Trump*, for *The Historian*. Vol. 81 no. 3.

2018 Michael Hurd, *Thursday Night Lights: The Story of Black High School Football in Texas*, for *East Texas Historical Journal*. Vol 56 no. 2.

2018 Marie W. Dallam, *Cowboy Christians*, for *Journal of Church History*. Vol. 87 no. 3.

2018 Thomas P. Oates, *Football and Manliness: An Unauthorized Feminist Account of the NFL*, for *Journal of Sport History*, Vol. 45 no. 2.

2017 Steven Elliott Tripp, *Ty Cobb, Baseball, and American Manhood*, for *Journal of American Culture*. Vol. 41, no.1.

2016 Julie Des Jardins, *Walter Camp: Football and the Modern Man*, for *Journal of American Culture*. Vol. 39, no. 4.

2014 Robert C. Fuller, *The Body of Faith: A Biological History of Religion in America*, for *Fides et Historia*. Vol. 47, no. 1.

- 2014 Shelly McKenzie, *Getting Physical: The Rise of Fitness Culture in America*, for *Fides et Historia*. Vol. 46, no. 1.

Reference Articles:

- 2021 “Max Lucado,” *American Religious History: Belief and Society through Time*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
2017 “Y.M.C.A.,” *Reforming America: A Thematic Encyclopedia and Document Collection of the Progressive Era*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
2017 “The NCAA,” *Reforming America: A Thematic Encyclopedia and Document Collection of the Progressive Era*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Non-academic Publications:

- 2023 “Football Power Was Always Part of the Plan for Liberty University,” *TIME*, December 28, (<https://time.com/6549712/liberty-university-fiesta-bowl/>).
2021 “Losing Our Religion: Texas’s College Football Identity Crisis,” *Texas Monthly*, August 17, (<https://www.texasmonthly.com/arts-entertainment/texas-college-football-religion/>).

The Anxious Bench Blog
Religion in American History Blog
History of Christianity Blog
Sport in American History Blog

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stephen F. Austin State University

U.S. History to 1877
U.S. History 1877 to Present
Religion in America
History of American Sports
Senior Capstone Seminar
The American West
Historical Research, Writing, and Editing
Historiography

University of Missouri

American History 1865 to Present
Religion in American History

Stephens College

20th-Century US History: A Global Perspective
American Religious History

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Teaching Awards:

2019	Honoree, Teaching Bright Spots, Stephen F. Austin State University
2015-2016	Donald K. Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Missouri
2015	Professor of the Year, ROAR Awards, University of Missouri
2015	Honorary Coach for University of Missouri Men's Basketball Team
2014	Honorary Coach for University of Missouri Gymnastics Team
Spring 2013	T.A. Choice Award, University of Missouri
Fall 2012	T.A. Choice Award, University of Missouri
Spring 2012	T.A. Choice Award, University of Missouri

Fellowships:

2016-2017	Department of History Teaching Fellowship, University of Missouri
2015-2016	Department of History Dissertation Fellowship, University of Missouri
2015	Visiting Scholar, M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Vancouver, WA
2014-2015	Department of History Teaching Fellowship, University of Missouri

Grants:

2024	Summer Research Grant, College of Liberal and Applied Arts, Stephen F. Austin State University
2023	Faculty Development Leave, Department of History, Stephen F. Austin State University
2023	Summer Research Grant, College of Liberal and Applied Arts, Stephen F. Austin State University
2017	James S. Rollins Slavery Atonement Endowment Research Award, Black Studies at the University of Missouri
2017	Professional Presentation Travel Award, University of Missouri
2017	Wilcher Endowment Travel Fellowship, University of Missouri
2016	AHA Council Annual Meeting Travel Grants, American Historical Association
2016	Torrey M. Johnson, Sr. Scholarship Fund, Billy Graham Center for Evangelism
2016	Annual Small Project Grant, Bell County Historical Commission
2016	Mini-Grant, Humanities Texas
2015	Wilcher Endowment Travel Fellowship
2014	Ruth Viles Memorial Scholarship Fund
2014	Allen Cook White, Jr. History Scholarship Fund

Scholarships:

2011	Graduate School Supplemental Graduate Fellowship, University of Missouri
2010	Frederick W. and Bernice S. Bush Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
2010	Charles E. Fuller Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized:

- Forthcoming “Context and Religious Biography in 20th-Century America” with John Wigger, Jonathan Root, Blake Ball, and Andrew Jones, The Conference on Faith and History, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, October 10-12.
- 2022 “Gender, Sport, and Religion in Postwar America” with Cassie Yacovazzi, Darin Tuck, Nathan Valle, and Allie Roberts, The Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 30 – April 2.
- 2022 “Allah, Football, and Lipstick: Finding Faith and Gender Identity in Late 20th-Century America,” with Beth Barton Schwieger, Joseph R. Stuart, and Cassie Yacovazzi, American Society of Church History, New Orleans, LA, January 7.
- 2016 “Gender, Christianity, and Popular Culture in 20th-Century America,” with Elesha Coffman, Mandy McMichael, Paul Putz, and Andrea Turpin, The Conference on Faith and History, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 20-22.
- 2015 “The Myth and Reality of an Indigenous Childhood,” with Phillip Deloria, Brenda Child, Margaret Jacobs, and Preston McBride, Annual Conference of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, April 16-19.
- 2013 “Seeking Souls in Scorched Soil: Muscular Christianity, Theological Debates, and Denominational Competition in the American West,” with Jessie Embry and Tash Smith, Annual Conference of the Western Historical Association, Tucson, AZ, October 3-6.

Papers Presented:

- Forthcoming “Faith and the Fedora: Tom Landry’s Evangelical Manhood,” The Conference on Faith and History, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, October 10.
- 2024 “Saint Rockne: The Making of America’s Catholic Football Saint,” North American Society for Sport History, Denver, CO, May 27.
- 2022 “Religion at State U,” The Conference on Faith and History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, April 1.
- 2022 “‘The Heroes of Texas’: Wiley College Football, Religion, and African American Manhood in the Long Civil Rights Movement,” with Beth Barton Schwieger, Joseph R. Stuart, and Cassie Yacovazzi, American Society of Church History, New Orleans, LA, January 7.
- 2020 “‘God is doing a nu thang’: The Rise of Christian Hip Hop in the Culture Wars,” American Society of Church History, New York City, January 3-6.
- 2019 “Salvation on the Gridiron: A Historical Perspective on College Football at Christian Colleges,” Second Global Congress on Sport and Christianity, Grand Rapids, MI October 23-27.
- 2018 “Roundtable: Teaching Religious History in the U.S. History Survey,” Conference on Faith and History, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, October 4-6.
- 2018 “‘That’s real manhood’: Promise Keepers, Racial Reconciliation, and Muscular Christianity,” American Society of Church History, Washington DC, January 4-7.

- 2017 “Our Faith is Strong”: BYU Football, Muscular Christianity, and the Making of Mormon Manhood,” Mormon History Association, St. Louis, MO, June 1-4.
- 2017 “Saints Embracing Savagery: BYU Football and the Making of Mormon Manhood,” American Society of Church History, Denver, CO, January 5-8.
- 2016 “Eleven Fight Irishmen:’ Notre Dame Football, American Catholic Manhood, and Muscular Christianity,” The Conference on Faith and History, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, October 20-22.
- 2015 “It’s Not Sissy to be a Christian’: Kanakuk Kamps, Cold-War Evangelicals, and Muscular Christianity, 1926-1970,” The Spirit of Sports, 2015 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX, November 5-7.
- 2015 “Impersonating Indians at Kanakuk Kamps: The Lessons of a Mythic Indigenous Childhood in Twentieth-Century America,” Annual Conference of the Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO, April 16-19.
- 2014 “Building Rugged Physique and Christian Character: Kanakuk Kamps and the Development of Muscular Christianity” The Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, October 19-22.
- 2013 “Follow Me and I Will Make You Pitchers to Men: Muscular Christianity and Baseball in the American West” Annual Conference of the Western Historical Association, Tucson, AZ, October 9-12.
- 2012 “Religion and Baseball in the American West” The Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, October 3-6.
- 2010 “Fun Killing on the Frontier: The Protestant Churches Advocacy for Peace and Justice in Tombstone, Arizona, 1880-1885” The Conference on Faith and History, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, October 7-9.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “The Transition from Graduate Student to Assistant Professor,” Department of History, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, September 30.
- 2019 “Wiley College and the Early Civil Rights Movement in Texas,” Department of History, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, April 12.
- 2019 “Podcasting the Past,” Center for Presidential Research, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, April 12.
- 2015 “The Curious Case of College Football: Violence, Corruption, and the Founding of the NCAA,” William Woods University, Fulton, MO, October 26.
- 2015 “Muscle Up: Muscular Christianity and the Making of 20th-Century American Religion,” M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Vancouver, WA, August 26.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2019 “Podcasting the Past,” Teaching Showcase, Center for Teaching and Learning, Stephen F. Austin State University, February 20.
- 2017 “What I Wish I Knew as a TA – Experienced TA’s Tell All,” Teaching Renewal Week, University of Missouri, January 11.
- 2016 “What I Wish I Knew as a TA,” Graduate Assistant Teaching Orientation, University of Missouri, August 19.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer:

The International Journal of the History of Sport
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
The European Journal for American Studies
Religions

Departmental Service:

Chair, Committee on Majors (2019-present)
Social Media Coordinator (2020-present)

University Service:

Faculty Senate (2023-present)
New Faculty Orientation Committee (2021- 2023)

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016 Grant Writer, Salado Museum and College Park, Salado, TX
2015 Visiting Scholar, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Vancouver, WA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2018 Online Teaching Certification – Stephen F. Austin State University
2017 Teaching Renewal Week – University of Missouri
2016-2017 Preparing Future Faculty Course – University of Missouri
2015 Celebration of Teaching – University of Missouri

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association (2015-present)
Conference on Faith and History (2012-present)
North American Society for Sport History (2017-present)

REFERENCES

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