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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Professor,** Department of History, California State University, East Bay, September 2016 to date. Associate Professor, September 2011 to August 2016. Assistant Professor, September 2006 to August 2011.

**Assistant Professor,** Department of History, California State University, Fresno, August 2003 to August 2006.

**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Davis**

**PhD**, History, 2002. Major Field: United States History. Committee: Professors Karen Halttunen, Alan Taylor, and Clarence Walker.

**Barnard College,** New York, NY

**BA,** *magna cum laude,* History,Phi Beta Kappa, 1991.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Bonds of Union: Religion, Race, and Politics in a Civil War Borderland* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press), 2016.

“Flipping the Narrative on MOOCs in the Nation’s Largest University System,” *Process: a blog for American history,* January 26, 2016, <http://www.processhistory.org/flipping-the-narrative-on-moocs-in-the-nations-largest-university-system/>

“Black Spiritual Defiance and the Politics of Slavery in Antebellum Louisville,” *Journal of Southern History*, vol. 78, n. 1 (February 2012), 69-106.

“Beyond Cane Ridge: The ‘Great Western Revivals’ in Louisville and Cincinnati, 1828-1845,” *Ohio Valley History*, vol. 8, n. 4 (Winter 2008), 17-37.

**MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES**

Stanford University, Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, External Faculty Fellowship, 2011-2012

The Huntington Library, W.M. Keck Foundation Fellowship for Young Scholars, 2005-06

American Antiquarian Society, Mellon Post-Dissertation Fellow, 2002-2003

Yale University, Center for Religion and American Life, Research Fellow, 2002-03

University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1999-2000

Yale University, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Summer Dissertation Fellowship, 1999

American Antiquarian Society, Legacy Fellow, 1998-99

Western Association of Women Historians’ Graduate Fellowship, 1998

Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Billy Graham Center Research Travel Grant, 1998

American Historical Association, Albert J. Beveridge Grant, 1997-98

Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Graduate Fellowship, 1997

Associate Alumnae of Barnard College Graduate Fellowship, 1997-98

University of California, Davis, Graduate Fellowship, 1998-99

Senate Fellow, California State Senate, Sacramento, 1991-92

Phi Beta Kappa, 1991

Eugene H. Byrne History Prize, Barnard College, 1991 (for superior work by an undergraduate majoring in history)

National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholar, 1990

Jenny A. Gerard Award, Barnard College, 1990 (for the student who is most proficient in the study of colonial history)

**GRANTS AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

Chancellor’s Office Course Redesign Sustaining Success Lead Faculty, 2016-2017

Chancellor’s Office Course Redesign, Lead Faculty, 2014-2016

Chancellor’s Office Promising Course Redesign Grant, 2013-2014

Faculty Support Grant, California State University, East Bay, 2007-2008

Assigned Time for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, California State University, Fresno, 2004-2005

Graduate Student Travel Award for Professional Meetings, University of California, Davis, 1998

Humanities Graduate Research Award, University of California, Davis, 1997-98

Pro Femina Research Consortium Graduate Research Award, University of California, Davis, 1997-98

Cross-Cultural Women’s History Research Award, University of California, Davis, 1997

First-Year Fellowship, University of California, Davis, 1993-94

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Andrew K. Diemer, The Politics of Black Citizenship: Free African Americans in the Mid-Atlantic Borderland, 1817-1863 (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2016), forthcoming in the *Journal of American Ethnic History*.

Kim Tolley, Heading South to Teach: The World of Susan Nye Hutchinson, 1815-1845 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015) in the *History of Education Quarterly*, vol. 57, no. 2 (May 2017), 300-303.

Frank Towers, The Urban South and the Coming of the Civil War (Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2005), in the *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 26, no. 4 (Winter 2006), 707-709.

Gretchen Buggeln, Temples of Grace: The Material Transformation of Connecticut’s Churches, 1790-1840(Hanover and London: University Press of New England, 2003)*,* in the *Journal of the Early Republic*, vol. 25, no. 1 (Spring 2005), 143-146.

Judith Kelleher Schafer, Becoming Free, Remaining Free: Manumission and Enslavement in New Orleans, 1846-1862 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2003), in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, vol. 101 (Autumn 2003), 516-18.

Demetrius L. Eudell, The Political Languages of Emancipation in the British Caribbean and the U.S. South (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002), in *Reviews in American History*, vol. 31, no. 2 (June 2003), 228-235.

Marilyn J. Westerkamp, Women and Religion in Early America, 1600-1850: The Puritan and Evangelical Traditions (London: Routledge, 1999) and Carol K. Coburn and Martha Smith, Spirited Lives: How Nuns Shaped Catholic Culture and American Life, 1836-1920 (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1999) in *Women’s History Review,* vol. 9, no. 3 (2000), 647-650.

Catherine Brekus, Strangers and Pilgrims: Female Preaching in America, 1740-1845 (Chapel Hill and London: University North Carolina Press, 1998) on H-SHEAR@H-Net.msu.edu (listserve of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic), May 1999.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Roundtable Chair, “Undermining ‘Student Success?’: How US History Surveys Landed on the Chancellor’s Shortlist for ‘Low-Success’ Courses and What 30 CSU Historians Did About It,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, California, April 2018.

“Bonds of Union in a Civil War Borderland,” San Francisco Civil War Roundtable, San Francisco, California, May 2017.

“Bonds of Union,” The Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, California, April 2017.

“Unexpected Bonds of Union: Unlocking our Diverse Past to Imagine a More Inclusive Future,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University, East Bay, January 2017.

Participant, “Highest Impact: The Real Hunger Games via Reacting to the Past,” Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, San Francisco, California, January 2017.

“Unexpected Bonds of Union: Unlocking our Diverse Past to Imagine a More Inclusive Future,” University Library, California State University, East Bay, May 2016.

“Black Spiritual Defiance and the Politics of Slavery in an Antebellum Borderland,” Research Institute of Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, California, December 2011.

Chair and Commentator, “Slavery and Antislavery, Abolition and Citizenship,” San Francisco Rights Conference, San Francisco, California, September 2011.

Participant, “Generations of Historians/Generation of History: Roundtable Discussion by Members of Multi-Generational Families in the Historical Profession,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, California, January 2010.

“Black Spiritual Defiance and the Coming of the American Civil War,” New Faculty Research Colloquium, California State University, East Bay, January 2009.

“Black Churches and the Making of an Antebellum Borderland, 1840-1860,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2008.

“Religious Conflict and the Making of an American Civil War Borderland,” Western Association of Women Historians’ Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 2008.

“Debates and Reenactments: Giving Authority to Students in the Classroom,” California State University Regional Symposium on University Teaching, Cal Poly Pomona, April 2008.

“Black Spiritual Authority in the Antebellum Upper South,” Bay Area Seminar for Early American History, Davis, California, March 2005.

“Borderlands of Belief: Religion and Race in Cincinnati and Louisville on the Eve of the Civil War,” Cincinnati Seminar on the City (jointly sponsored by the Cincinnati Historical Society and the University of Cincinnati), Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2003.

“‘Bringing glad tidings of great joy to all men’: Religion and Nationalism in the Ohio RiverValley, 1820-1860,” The Filson Institute for the Advanced Study of the Ohio Valley and the Upper South, Louisville, Kentucky, May 2003.

“‘Come all ye true friends of your nation’: Religion and Race in a Nineteenth-Century American Borderland,” New England Seminar in American History, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, December 2002.

“New Hearts Bound in Sympathy: Race and the Poetic Turn in Nineteenth-Century Evangelicalism,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2002.

“‘Come out of Egypt’: Revivalism and Reform among Black Protestants in the Upper South, 1830-1860,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Berkeley, California, July 2002.

“A Transatlantic Trade: British Romantics, Provincial American Women, and the Poetry of Antislavery,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, June 2002.

“Understanding Another’s Plight: Memoirs by Black and White Humanitarian Reformers, 1850-1900,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, California, 2001.

“Fragile Bands and Troubled Souls: Protestant Disappointments in the Antebellum American West,” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, New Haven, Connecticut, March 2001.

“New Stories for Children: Antislavery Fiction and Child-Centered Reform in Nineteenth-Century America,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2001.

“Gothic Sacred Architecture and the Pursuit of Beauty in the Nineteenth-Century American West,” Western Humanities Alliance Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, October 2000.

“Romanism, Race, and Sentimental Reform in the Ohio Valley, 1830-1860,” Early American History Seminar, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2000.

“The Apotheosis of the Child: Race and Sentimental Piety in the Ohio River Valley, 1830-1860,” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 2000.

“Race, Childhood, and the Decline of Pity as a Nineteenth-Century Sentimental Ideal,” Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians, Pacific Grove, California, May 1999.

“Piety and Pity: Interpreting Sentimental Antislavery Literature from the Ohio River Valley,” American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, November 1998.

“Evangelical Alliances: Antislavery and Respectability in the Antebellum West,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, July 1998.

**TEACHING FIELDS**

Civil War and Reconstruction, Early Republic, Teaching Methods, Single Subject Matter Preparation, United States survey course, Historical Writing, Historical Research Methods, Introduction to the History Major, MA courses in Civil War era.

**RECENT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Diversity Advocate,** Search Committee, Department of History, 2016-2017.

**Chair,** Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, Department of History, 2016-2017

**Director,** University Honors Program, 2013-2017

**Coordinator,** Single Subject Matter Preparation Program in Social Science, 2007 to date.

**Faculty in Residence,** Office of Faculty Development, 2013.

 Facilitated the work of seven faculty in designing syllabi and course assignments that integrate team-based, collaborative learning opportunities to enhance student success and learning.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Legislative Aide,** Office of California State Assemblywoman Barbara Friedman, Sacramento, California, 1992-93.

* Developed legislative proposals, directed ten bills through Legislature, negotiated five into law.
* Responsible for women’s issues, including domestic violence and economic equity, and state economic development, tax, and low-income housing issues.