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**EDUCATION:**

**2013: Ph.D., History, Yale University, New Haven, CT**

Dissertation: "Embattled Memories: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War"  
Winner, 2014 John Addison Porter Prize (Yale University, University-wide prize)  
Winner, 2014 George W. Egleston Prize (Best U.S. History Dissertation at Yale)  
Passed Comprehensive Examinations "With Distinction" (April 17, 2012)  
Dissertation Committee: David W. Blight (chair); Bruno Cabanes; Joanne Freeman

**2012: M.Phil., History, Yale University, New Haven, CT**

**M.A., History, Yale University, New Haven, CT**

**2009: B.A., History/Civil War Era Studies, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA**

Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Class Valedictorian (1 of 607)  
Jeffrey Pierce Memorial Award in History (2009)  
Charles H. Glatfelter Phi Beta Kappa Leadership Prize (2009)  
Anthony M. diPalma Award in History (2009)  
Edwin T. Greninger Prize in History (2007)

**2005: Diploma with Honors, Tallmadge High School, Tallmadge, OH**

Class Valedictorian

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**2015—: Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State Univ., Huntsville, TX**

Courses Taught: HIST 1301: U.S. History to 1876  
HIST 3380: The American Civil War  
HIST 5373: The American Civil War and Reconstruction (grad)

**2014-2015: Lecturer, Civil War Era Studies, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA**

**2012-2014: Instructor, Civil War Era Studies, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA**

Courses Taught: FYS 185-2: The Long Shadow of the Civil War  
CWES 205: Introduction to the Civil War Era  
CWES 337: Reconstruction and the Legacy of the Civil War  
CWES 400: Gender and the American Civil War  
CWES 425: Field Experience in Civil War Era Studies  
GLI 502: The American Civil War (co-taught, online grad course)

**Fall 2012, Fall 2014: Adjunct Professor of History, Messiah College, Grantham, PA**  
Courses Taught: HIST 344: Civil War America, 1848-1877

**2014-2015: Professor, Yale Alumni College, Washington, DC**  
Courses Taught: Reconstruction and the Legacy of the Civil War (Fall 2014)  
The American Civil War Era (Spring 2015)

**2011-2012: Teaching Fellow, Department of History, Yale Univ., New Haven, CT**  
Courses Taught: The Civil War and Reconstruction (head teaching fellow)  
Problems in American Historical Memory (seminar, co-taught)

#### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS:**

2016: Governor John Andrew Award for Civil War History, Union Club of Boston  
2014: John Addison Porter Prize, Yale University  
2014: George Washington Egleston Prize, Department of History, Yale University  
2012: John F. Enders Dissertation Research Fellowship, Yale University

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

##### Books and Book Chapters:

5. "Learning from Rebel Barbarities," in Andrew F. Lang and Andrew Bledsoe, eds., *War Is The Remedy: Toward a New Civil War Military History* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, forthcoming).
4. "Sortir d'une guerre civile: le cas de la guerre civile américaine," in Bruno Cabanes et al., eds., *Historie de Guerre* (Paris, France: Le Seuil, forthcoming).
3. "The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln," in Michael S. Green, ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Abraham Lincoln* (Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishing, forthcoming).
2. *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War* (New York: Liveright/W.W. Norton, 2015). An alternate selection of the History Book Club. Also released as an audio book by Audible [on RecordedBooks bestseller list for first quarter of 2015]. Reviewed by *Publisher's Weekly*, *KIRKUS*, *Library Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Civil War News*, the *Seattle Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *History News Network*, *Civil War Book Review*, *Journal of Military History*, *Journal of Southern History*, and *Civil War Memory* to date.
1. "The Petersburg Campaign," in Aaron Sheehan-Dean, ed., *The Blackwell's Companion to the American Civil War* (Malden, Mass: Blackwell Publishing, 2014), 1:521-539.

Peer Reviewed Articles:

5. "The Hibernation That Wasn't: Rethinking Union Veterans Immediately after the Civil War," *The Journal of the Civil War Era* (invited article; forthcoming, December 2015).
4. "'Remembrance will cling to us through life': Kate Bushman's Memoir of the Battle of Gettysburg," *Adams County History* 20 (Fall 2014): 4-21.
3. "We Stand on the Same Battlefield: The Gettysburg Centenary and the Shadow of Race," *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 135, no. 4 (October 2011): 433-473.
2. "Living Monuments: Union Veteran Amputees and the Embodied Memory of the Civil War," *Civil War History* 57, no. 2 (June 2011): 121-152.
1. "'A Beautiful Dream Realized': John S. Rice and the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg," *Adams County History* 13 (2007): 5-25.

Popular Writing, Articles, and Professional Notes:

7. "The Books That Built Me," *The Civil War Monitor* 5, no. 2 (Summer 2015): 69-71.
6. "When the Soldiers Went Home," *New York Times*, April 24, 2015.
5. "Closing the Book on the Civil War: The Best Reads on the Conflict's Last Chapter," *The Civil War Monitor* 5, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 71-72.
4. "Memory of the Civil War," *Essential Civil War Curriculum* (online essay published by the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, forthcoming).
3. "The Last Reunion and the Light of Peace," *Gettysburg College Magazine* (Spring 2013): 14-15.
2. "Fighting for South Mountain: How the Army of the Potomac Won a Crucial Battle But Lost Control of its Legacy," *The Civil War Monitor* 2, no. 2 (Summer 2012): 52-59, 77-79.
1. "Captive Memories: Union Ex-Prisoners of War and the Work of Remembrance," *The Civil War Monitor* 1, no. 1 (Fall 2011): 58-67, 77-78.

Reviews:

*More than thirty reviews to date in the pages of Civil War History, Journal of the Civil War Era, Civil War Book Review, Civil War News, H-Net.org, The Civil War Monitor, Ohio Valley History, North Carolina Historical Review, Florida Historical Quarterly, and The Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association:*

35. Vitor Izecksohn, *Slavery and War in the Americas: Race, Citizenship, and State Building in the United States and Brazil, 1861-1870* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2014), for *Civil War News* (forthcoming, 2015).
34. Ira Berlin, *The Long Emancipation* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (forthcoming, 2015).
33. Mark Dunkelman, *Patrick Henry Jones* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (forthcoming, 2015).
32. Jonathan A. Noyalas, *Civil War Legacy in the Shenandoah: Remembrance, Reunion & Reconciliation* (Charleston, SC: Arcadia, 2012), for *Civil War News* (June 2015).
31. Chris Brenneman, Sue Boardman, and Bill Dowling, *The Gettysburg Cyclorama: The Turning Point of the Civil War on Canvas* (El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie, 2015), for *Civil War News* (June 2015).
30. Sharon Kennedy-Nolle, *Writing Reconstruction: Race, Gender, and Citizenship in the Postwar South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (forthcoming, 2015).
29. Gregory Downs, *After Appomattox* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (forthcoming, 2015).
28. Martha Hodes, *Mourning Lincoln* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015), for *North Carolina Historical Review* (forthcoming, 2015).
27. Scott Martelle, *The Madman and the Assassin: The Strange Life of Boston Corbett, the Man Who Killed John Wilkes Booth* (Chicago: Chicago Review Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (2015).
26. Thomas J. Brown, *Civil War Canon: Sites of Confederate Memory in South Carolina* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015), for *Civil War News* (2015).
25. Dick Lehr, *The Birth of a Nation: How a Legendary Filmmaker and Crusading Journalist Reignited America's Civil War* (New York: Public Affairs, 2014), for *Civil War News* (March 2015).
24. Eugene D. Schmiel, *Citizen General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2014), for *Civil War News* (December 2014).
23. Kevin M. Levin, *Remembering the Battle of the Crater: War as Murder* (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2012), and Linda Barnickel, *Miliken's Bend* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013), for H-Net.org.
22. Jonathan W. White, *Emancipation, The Union Army, and the Reelection of Abraham*

*Lincoln* (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2014), and Thomas Horrocks, *Lincoln's Campaign Biographies* (Carbondale: SIU Press, 2014), for *The Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (forthcoming).

21. Ethan S. Rafuse and Charles Bowery, Jr., *The U.S. Army War College Guide to the Richmond-Petersburg Campaign* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2014), for *Civil War News* (September 2014).

20. Ian Binnington, *Confederate Visions* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2014), for *Civil War News* (June 2014).

19. Michael Kreyling, *A Late Encounter with the Civil War* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2014), for *Civil War Book Review*.

18. Earl Hess, *Kennesaw Mountain: Sherman, Johnston, and the Atlanta Campaign* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2013), for *The Journal of the Civil War Era*.

17. Kathryn Shively Meier, *Nature's Civil War: Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013), for *Civil War News* (February 2014).

16. J. David Petruzzi and Steven Stanley, *The Gettysburg Campaign in Numbers and Losses* (El Dorado Hills: Savas Beatie, 2013), for *The Civil War Monitor*.

15. Carol Reardon and Tom Vossler, *A Field Guide to Gettysburg* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2013), for *Civil War History*.

14. Brooks D. Simpson, Stephen W. Sears, and Aaron Sheehan-Dean, eds., *The Civil War: The First Year* (New York: Library of America, 2011), for *The Civil War Monitor* (2013).

13. Nichole Etcheson, *A Generation at War: The Civil War Era in a Northern Community* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012), for *Ohio Valley History*.

12. Gary W. Gallagher, *Becoming Confederates* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2013), for *Florida Historical Quarterly*.

11. John D. Cox, *Gettysburg: A History for the People* (St. Paul: North Star Press, 2013), for *Civil War News* (September 2013).

10. William Link, *Atlanta: Cradle of the New South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013), for *Civil War News* (August 2013).

9. Lance J. Herdegen, *The Iron Brigade in Civil War and Memory* (El Dorado Hills, CA: Savas Beatie, 2012), for *Civil War News* (May 2013).

8. John David Hoptak, *Confrontation at Gettysburg* (Charleston, SC: The History Press,

2012), for *Civil War News* (February 2013).

7. William J. Cooper, Jr., *We Have The War Upon Us* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2012), for *Civil War News* (November 2012).

6. Scott Bowden, *Robert E. Lee at War: Volume 1: Tragic Secessionist* (Boalsburg, Pennsylvania: Military History Press, 2011), for *Civil War News* (November 2012).

5. Robert F. O'Neill, *Chasing Jeb Stuart and John Mosby: The Union Cavalry in Northern Virginia from Second Manassas to Gettysburg* (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland, 2012), for *Civil War News* (August 2012).

4. David Alan Johnson, *Decided on the Battlefield: Grant, Sherman, Lincoln, and the Election of 1864* (New York: Prometheus Books, 2012), for *The Civil War Monitor*.

3. Michael Thomas Smith, *The Enemy Within: Fears of Corruption in the Civil War North* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011), for H-Net.org.

2. Matthew Warshauer, *Connecticut in the American Civil War: Slavery, Sacrifice & Survival* (Middletown: Wesleyan University Press, 2011), for *Civil War History*.

1. James Marten, *Sing Not War: The Lives of Union and Confederate Veterans in Gilded Age America* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2011), for *The Civil War Monitor*.

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:**

Book Review Editor, *The Civil War Monitor* (2014—present). Have edited, solicited, and published more than 120 book reviews to date.

Jury, Society of Civil War Historians Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2014).

I have refereed manuscripts for the following presses and publications:

The University of Massachusetts Press

The University of Tennessee Press

*Civil War History*

*New York History*

### **INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **2015:**

“War, Words, Wisdom: The Veterans’ Experience,” Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site, Huntington Station, NY, September 26.

“The War Over the Peace: Reconstruction and the Legacy of the Civil War,” National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, PA, September 19.

Guest, Living History Podcast, hosted by Wes Phelps and Jeff Littlejohn, August 20.

“Our Work is Not Yet Finished: Union Veterans Confront the Peace,” Gettysburg Foundation Sacred Trust Lecture, Gettysburg, PA, July 4.

“South Mountain, Antietam, and Gettysburg,” five-day seminar and battlefield tour for Yale Educational Travel, Inc., June 24-28.

“The War Goes On,” Panel Discussion with Michael Ross, Edna Medford, Benjamin F. Cooling, The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C., June 13.

“Rethinking Reconstruction,” The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C., June 13.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” The Metropolitan Club of Washington Civil War Luncheon Series, June 9.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” Guthrie Memorial Library, Hanover, PA, June 8.

Guest on Civil War Talk Radio, May 13.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” Ohio County Public Library, Wheeling, WV, April 21.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” National Archives, Washington, D.C., April 18.

“When Johnny Came Marching Home,” Drayton Hall Plantation Distinguished Lecture Series, Charleston, SC, April 17.

“Union Veterans Confront the Peace,” Society of Military Historians Meeting, Montgomery, AL, April 10.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” Shenandoah University Civil War Institute, March 28.

“The Civil War’s End,” Shenandoah University Civil War Institute, March 28.

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and The Unending Civil War,” Seminary Ridge Museum Symposium, Gettysburg, PA, March 22.

“Reunion and Reconciliation,” Panel with Barbara Gannon and Caroline Janney, Seminary Ridge Museum Symposium, Gettysburg, PA, March 21.

“Thinking About Civil War Veterans,” President Lincoln’s Cottage, “Cottage Conversation” Series, Washington, D.C., March 5.

“Marching Home,” interview with WAMC “The Roundtable” with Joe Donahue, February 11.

**2014:**

“Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War,” Adams County Historical Society Annual Dinner Lecture, Gettysburg, PA, November 12.

“Gettysburg and A New Birth of Freedom,” five-day seminar and battlefield tour for Yale Educational Travel, Inc. June 25-29.

“The Election of 1864,” Civil War Institute, Gettysburg, PA, June 22.

“The Civil War in 1864,” Civil War Institute, Gettysburg, PA, June 20.

“Not in Good Humor with the Rebels Yet: Union Veterans and the Problem of the Postwar,” Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 16.

“The Gettysburg Address in History and Memory,” Gettysburg Foundation First Corps Breakfast, Gettysburg, PA, April 6.

“The Gettysburg Address in Myth and Memory,” Union League Club of New York City [in Gettysburg, PA], March 29.

**2013:**

“The Gettysburg Address at 150,” ABC-27 television, Harrisburg, PA, November 19.

“The Gettysburg Address in History and Memory,” Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln Annual Lecture, Gettysburg, PA, November 19.

“Gettysburg and the Civil War in 1863,” The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C., July 13.

“Taking Stock of the Sesquicentennial,” The Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C., July 13.

“Gettysburg: The First Day,” live commentator on Pennsylvania Cable Network, July 1.

Guest on Civil War Talk Radio, April 5.

“Understanding Battlefield Trauma from a Long Historical Perspective,” The Future of Civil War History Conference, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA, March 16.

**2012:**



“The Maryland Campaign of 1862,” Liberty University Civil War Seminar, Lynchburg, VA, September 30.

“The Battle of South Mountain in History and Memory,” Chambersburg Civil War Seminar, Chambersburg, PA, September 29.

“Rutherford B. Hayes, South Mountain, and Civil War Memory,” Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont, OH, August 19.

“Healing Veterans as Reconstruction,” Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Conference, Lexington, KY, June 15.

“Union Veterans and Civil War Memory,” Popular Culture/American Culture Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 14.

“Union Veterans and Civil War Memory,” The Future of Civil War History, Drew University, Madison, NJ, March 30.

“Home to War: Union Veterans and the Challenge of Homecoming,” Gettysburg College Civil War Sesquicentennial Lecture, March 20.

**2011:**

“Glorious Discontentment: Union Ex-Prisoners of War and the Work of Remembrance,” Chestnut Hill College, Chestnut Hill, PA, November 12.

“Narrative and Public History at Andersonville NHS,” National Council on Public History Annual Meeting, Pensacola, FL, April 7.

“The Not So Better Angels of Our Nature: De-sanitizing the Civil War,” North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, March 26.

**2010:**

“Glorious Discontentment: Union Ex-Prisoners of War and the Work of Remembrance,” 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 9.

“Remembering Dismembering: Union Veteran Amputees and the Embodied Memory of the American Civil War,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, February 25.

**2009:**

“Abraham Lincoln and the Battle of Gettysburg,” tour for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers’ Seminar, Gettysburg, PA, July 9.

“Lincoln’s Assassination: Beyond Ford’s Theater” advanced tour for Gettysburg College Civil War Institute in Washington, D.C., June 23.

“Remembering Dismembering: Union Veteran Amputees and the Embodied Memory of the American Civil War,” Bloom Memorial Lecture, Gettysburg College Civil War Institute, Gettysburg, PA, June 22.

“Why Does Lincoln Matter in 2009?,” 15-minute interview on “The Jeff Whitaker Show,” WOND 1400 AM, Atlantic City, NJ, February 12.

“Lincoln, Race, and the Long Road to Emancipation,” William Jeanes Memorial Library, Lafayette Hills, PA, February 12.

**2008:**

“Lincoln, Race, and the Road to Emancipation,” Lecture for the Opening of the Gilder-Lehrman Exhibit, “Abraham Lincoln: A Man for His Time, A Man for All Times,” Carroll County Public Library, Eldersburg, MD, December 12.

**2007:**

“The Gettysburg Address,” 45- minute interview on “Kresta in the Afternoon,” Ave Maria Radio, nationally syndicated radio broadcast, November 20.

“The Battle of Gettysburg Reconsidered,” lecture to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, PA, November 5.

“Leadership Successes and Failures in the Battle of Gettysburg,” tour for the LEAD New York Group of Cornell University, Gettysburg, PA, September 25.

“The Battle of Gettysburg,” tour for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Landmarks of American History Underground Railroad Seminar, July 23.

“Abraham Lincoln and the Battle of Gettysburg,” tour for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers’ Seminar, Gettysburg, PA, July 3.

“First Blood: Reassessing the First Day at Gettysburg,” advanced tour for Gettysburg College Civil War Institute, June 26.

“Reconstruction: The Age of Citizenship,” National Committee on U.S.-Chinese Relations [in Gettysburg, PA], October 7.

“The Battle for the Brickyard,” advanced tour for Gettysburg College Civil War Institute, June 24.

## **PUBLIC HISTORY/OUTREACH:**

*Over fifty lectures for various organizations, including but not limited to:*

Kent Civil War Roundtable (Kent, Ohio – 4 occasions)  
Civil War Forum of Metropolitan New York (New York City – 2 occasions)  
Cuyahoga Valley Civil War Roundtable (Peninsula, Ohio – 2 occasions)  
A.C. Voris Camp, Sons of Union Veterans (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio – 2 occasions)  
Stark County Civil War Roundtable (Greentown, Ohio – 4 occasions)  
Tallmadge Civil War Roundtable (Tallmadge, Ohio – 11 occasions)  
Lakeside Civil War Days (Lakeside, Ohio)  
Ohio Valley Civil War Roundtable (Wheeling, West Virginia – 4 occasions)  
Binghamton Civil War Roundtable (Binghamton, New York – 2 occasions)  
Southern Connecticut Civil War Roundtable (New Haven, Connecticut)  
Central Massachusetts Civil War Roundtable (Worcester, Massachusetts – 2 occasions)  
Olde Colony Civil War Roundtable (Dedham, Massachusetts)  
Western Reserve Civil War Roundtable (Cleveland, Ohio – 5 occasions)  
York Springs Historical Society (York Springs, Pennsylvania)  
Reading Civil War Roundtable (Reading, Pennsylvania)  
Constitution Hall State Historic Site (Lecompton, Kansas – 2 occasions)  
White Plains Civil War Roundtable (White Plains, New York)  
Rhode Island Civil War Roundtable (Providence, Rhode Island)  
Delaware Civil War Roundtable (Wilmington, Delaware)  
Capitol Hill Civil War Roundtable (Washington, D.C. – 2 occasions)  
Leesburg Civil War Roundtable (Leesburg, Virginia)  
Charlottesville Civil War Roundtable (Charlottesville, Virginia)  
Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania)  
California University of Pennsylvania Civil War Roundtable (California, Pennsylvania)  
Indianapolis Civil War Roundtable (Indianapolis, Indiana)  
Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Civil War Roundtable (Brunswick, Maine)  
Central Delaware Civil War Roundtable (Dover, Delaware)

## **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

*Waving the Bloody Shirt: The Radical Life and Times of Benjamin F. Butler* (book for trade publication, expect to deliver 250,000 word manuscript in late 2017)

“A New Look at the New Departure: Rutherford B. Hayes, Race, and the End of Reconstruction” (article project with Matthew Norman)