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EDUCATION

State University of New York at Buffalo

Ph.D., History, September 2004, **M.A.**, History, September 1998
Dissertation: "Courting Commerce: *Gibbons v. Ogden* and the Transformation of
Commerce Regulation in the Early Republic," Advisors: Richard E. Ellis (chair),
Michael H. Frisch, Donald M. Roper, Tamara Plakins Thornton
Academic Fields and Interests: American Constitutional and Legal History; American
History to 1877; American History from 1877; Latin American History

Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama

B.A., History, **B.S.**, Political Science-Sociology, with honors, May 1994
Magna Cum Laude Graduate, Phi Beta Kappa

Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Budapest, Hungary

Coursework in Central European History, Political Science, Economics, and Law, Fall 1993

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Language Study and Residence, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, 2009-2010
Institute for Constitutional Studies, Teaching Workshop for College Instructors, 2007
Sam Houston State University, Writing Across the Disciplines Seminar, 2007
Law and Society Association, Graduate Student Workshop, 2003
Supreme Court Historical Society, Seminar on Teaching Federalism, 2002
Supreme Court Historical Society, Teaching the Constitution Workshop, 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, **Sam Houston State University**, Huntsville, Texas, 2005 to Present
Visiting Fulbright Professor, **Northeast Normal University**, Changchun, China, 2009-2010
Visiting Assistant Professor, **University of Nebraska at Kearney**, 2003-2005
Adjunct Instructor, **State University of New York at Buffalo**, 1999-2001

COURSES TAUGHT

Survey Level: American History to 1877; American History from 1877; Western Civilization to 1500;
Western Civilization from 1500

Upper Division Level: American Constitutional History to 1860; American Constitutional History from
1860; Early America to 1783; Revolutionary America, 1750-1800; American Thought and Culture, 1620-
1865; American Religious History; Atlantic World, 1400-1865; Pre-Contact America: Mayans, Aztecs,
Incas; American Indian History; History of the Modern Middle East; Historiography; Directed Readings;
Independent Study

Graduate Level: Colonial and Revolutionary America; Revolutionary America; Early National America,
1780-1860; American Constitutional and Legal History to 1865, American Thought and Culture,
American History Core Seminar

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, American History, People's Republic of China, 2009
Major Grant for Media Projects (Co-Participant), Humanities Texas, 2009
CHSS Excellence in Research Award, Sam Houston State University, 2008
Library Research Grant, Princeton University, 2007
Faculty Enhancement Grant, Sam Houston State University, 2006
College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Writing Fellowship, SUNY at Buffalo, 2002
Larry J. Hackman Research Award, New York State Archives, 2001, 2002
Gilder Lehrman Dissertation Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Institute, 2001
Mark Diamond Research Grant, Graduate Student Association, SUNY at Buffalo, 2001
Clements-DeGolyer Research Grant, Southern Methodist University, 2001
Lockwood Dissertation Fellowship, SUNY at Buffalo, 1999, 2001
Young Scholars Fellowship, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 1994

BOOKS

Gibbons v. Ogden, *Law, and Society in the Early Republic* (Athens: Ohio University Press, Sept. 2009).

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Soliloquies for a Slave Trader: The Civil War and New York City Politics in the Arguelles Affair,” under revision and resubmission to *Civil War History*.

“Contesting Commerce: *Gibbons v. Ogden*, Steam Power, and Social Change,” in *Journal of Supreme Court History* 34 (March 2009), 55-73.

“Frontier Framers: Constitution Making in Nineteenth Century Nebraska,” in *The History of Nebraska Law* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2008), ed. Alan Gless, 11-27.

“From Centerpiece to Center Stage: Kelly Ingram Park, Segregation, and Civil Rights in Birmingham, Alabama” in the *Southern Historian* 18 (Spring 1997): 5-28.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Contributor, *Documenting American History* (Sam Houston State University, 2009), ed. Jeffrey Littlejohn. Chapter on “The Great Depression, 1920-1940,” 71-81.

Contributor, *Encyclopedia of African American History* (Oxford University Press, 2009), ed. Paul Finkelman. Entry on “The Birmingham Campaign,” Vol. I, 186-187.

Contributor, *Milestone Documents in American History* (Schlager Group, 2008), ed. Paul Finkelman. Articles on *Gibbons v. Ogden* and *Martin v. Hunter's Lessee*, 434-463, 512-539.

Contributor, *The Encyclopedia of American Federalism* (Greenwood Press, 2005), eds. Ellis Katz, Joe Marbach, and Troy Smith. Entry on *Gibbons v. Ogden*, 742-744.

Contributor, *The Encyclopedia of New York State* (Syracuse University Press: 2005), eds., Robert Mandel and Peter Eisenstadt. Entries on *Gibbons v. Ogden* (1824), Edward Livingston, and Robert R. Livingston, 641-643, 912-916.

Contributor, *Dictionary of American History* (Charles Scribner's Sons: 2003), ed. Stanley Kutler. Entry on the *Shreveport Rate Case* (1914), Vol. 7, 352.

Book reviews for *American Journal of Legal History* and *Journal of Legal History*.

PRESENTATIONS

“From Paternalist to Industrialist: The Complex Career of Thomas Gibbons,” presented at the *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting*, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield IL, July 2009

“Constitutional History of the United States,” Guest Lecturer, Teaching American History Grant Program, McNeese State University, Lake Charles LA, June 2009.

Panel Chair, “Reshaping Identities in Antebellum New Orleans” at the *Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Monroe LA, March 2009.

“Soliloquies for a Slave Trader: The Civil War and New York City Politics in the Arguelles Affair,” presented at the *Urban History Association Conference* (panel organizer), Houston TX, November 2008.

“Advocate of Change: Samuel L. Southard and the Articulation of Capitalism in the Early Republic,” presented at *Princeton University Library*, Princeton NJ, July 2008.

“Engineering Success: The Fulton-Livingston Steamboat Monopoly, Business Reputations, and the Articulation of Commercialism in the Early Republic,” presented at the *Livingston-Fulton Steamboat Bicentennial Symposium*, Bard College, Annandale NY, June 2007.

“The Defenders: Virginia’s Neo-Bourbons and Massive Resistance,” presented at the *Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Chicago IL, April 2006.

“*Gibbons v. Ogden*, Commerce Regulation, and Social Change,” presented at the *Southwest Social Studies Association Convention*, San Antonio TX, April 2006.

“Wartime Civil Liberties in Historical Perspective,” with Jeffrey Littlejohn, presented at the *Sam Houston State University Constitution Day Celebration*, Huntsville TX, September 2005.

“Encouraging Improvements: *Gibbons v. Ogden* and the Promotion of the American System,” presented at the *Society for Historians of the Early Republic Annual Meeting*, Brown University, Providence RI, July 2004.

“Steaming Mad: The Gibbons-Ogden Feud and Notions of Honor in the American Steamboat Industry,” presented at the *Missouri Valley History Conference*, Omaha NE, March 2004.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Sam Houston State University

Manuscript Reader, Oxford University Press, Bedford/St. Martin Press, 2008-present

Chair, History Department NEH Digital Humanities Start Up Grant Committee, 2008-Present

Member, History Department Undergraduate Committee, 2008-Present

Member, Constitution Day Celebration Planning Committee, 2005-present

Member, Faculty Research Support Committee, 2007-2008

Senator, Faculty Senate (Academic Affairs Subcommittee), 2007-2008

Secretary, History Rhetoric Group, 2005-2007

Coordinator, Distinguished Lecturer Series (visit for Dr. Paul Finkelman), 2006

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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