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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 Interests*: American Constitutional and Legal History; American History to 1877; American History from 1877; Latin American History; Asian 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**

**Northeast Normal University**, Language Study and Residence, Changchun, China, 2009-2010

**Fulbright Program**, Teaching Liberal Arts Education in Chinese Universities Workshop, 2009

**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; Pre-Contact America: Mayans, Aztecs, Incas; Atlantic World, 1400-1865; Early America to 1783; Revolutionary America, 1750-1800; America in Mid-Passage, 1783-1877; American Thought and Culture, 1620-1865; American Religious History; 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 Constitutional History, American Thought and Culture, Turning Points in American History

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

**Excellent Foreign Expert Award**, Northeast Normal University, 2009  
**Fulbright Teaching Fellowship (\$24,000)**, American History, People's Republic of China, 2009  
**Major Grant for Media Projects (Co-Participant) (\$5,000)**, Humanities Texas, 2009  
**CHSS Excellence in Research Award**, Sam Houston State University, 2008  
**Library Research Grant (\$2,500)**, Princeton University, 2007  
**Faculty Enhancement Grant (\$16,000)**, Sam Houston State University, 2006  
**College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (\$4,000)**, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2002  
**Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Award (\$1,000)**, New York State Archives, 2001, 2002  
**Gilder Lehrman Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000)**, Gilder Lehrman Institute, 2001  
**Mark Diamond Research Grant (\$1,200)**, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2001  
**Clements-DeGolyer Research Grant (\$1,200)**, Southern Methodist University, 2001  
**Lockwood Dissertation Fellowship (\$10,000)**, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1999, 2001  
**Young Scholars Fellowship (\$15,000)**, Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 1994

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

"From Paternalist to Industrialist: The Complex Career of Thomas Gibbons," work-in-progress.

"Founders and Sages: Teaching the U.S. Constitution in Chinese Higher Education," work-in-progress.

## **BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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

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

## **PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

"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.

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

## **NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

"The Four Freedoms: Teaching Democracy at the Huntsville Prisoner of War Camp, 1942-1945," *Democracy and Diversity in Walker County, Texas* (On-Line project sponsored by Humanities Texas, 2010), ed. Jeffrey Littlejohn, [http://studythepast.com/democracy/pow\\_camp\\_home.htm](http://studythepast.com/democracy/pow_camp_home.htm).

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

"Gibbons v. Ogden," *Milestone Documents in American History* (Schlager Group, 2008), ed. Paul Finkelman, 434-463.

"Martin v. Hunter's Lessee," *Milestone Documents in American History* (Schlager Group, 2008), ed. Paul Finkelman, 512-539.

## **BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

Book Review of Steven Wilf, *Law's Imagined Republic: Popular Politics and Criminal Justice in Revolutionary America* in *Journal of American History*, forthcoming.

"The Birmingham Campaign," *Encyclopedia of African American History* (Oxford University Press, 2009), ed. Paul Finkelman, 186-187.

*Encyclopedia of New York State* (Syracuse University Press: 2005), eds., Robert Mandel and Peter Eisenstadt, 641-643, 912-916. Entries authored:

*Gibbons v. Ogden* (1824)

Edward Livingston

Robert R. Livingston

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

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

Book Review of David Ray Papke, *The Pullman Case: The Clash of Labor and Capital in Industrial America* in *American Journal of Legal History* 45 (July 2001), 331-332.

Book Review of Howard Ball, *The Bakke Case: Race, Education, and Affirmative Action* in *American Journal of Legal History* 44 (October 2000), 501-502.

Book Review of Harold M. Hyman, *The Reconstruction Justice of Salmon P Chase: In Re Turner and Texas v White* in *Journal of Legal History* 19 (October 1998), 184-185.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

"Founders and Sages: Teaching U.S. Constitutional History in Chinese Higher Education," to be presented at the *College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Colloquium*, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX, February 2011.

"Encountering the Worldview of the Founding Generation," to be presented to the *La Villita Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution*, Star of the Republic Museum, Washington, TX, September 2010.

"The U.S. Constitution in World History," presented at the *Annual Symposium of the China World Modern History Society*, Johns Hopkins University-Nanjing University Center for Chinese and American Studies, Nanjing, China, June 2010.

"Changing Views of the U.S. Constitution," presented at the *History Department*, Peking University, Beijing, China, June 2010.

"*Gibbons v. Ogden*, Commerce Regulation and Social Change in American Constitutional History," presented at the *International Symposium on Social Transactions in China and the West in Comparative Perspective*, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, June 2010.

"America's Living Constitution: Meeting the Challenges of Modernization," presented at the *Sichuan University-Fulbright Conference*, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, June 2010

## **PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

“Changing Views of the U.S. Constitution,” presented at the *History Department*, Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea, June 2010.

“Understanding American Higher Education,” presented at the *School of History and Culture*, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, June 2010.

“*Gibbons v. Ogden*, Commerce Regulation and Social Change in American Constitutional History,” presented at the *Law School*, Peking University, Beijing, China, May 2010.

“The U.S. Supreme Court and the Origins of American Capitalism,” presented at the *History Department*, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, April 2010.

“U.S. Constitution: Origins and Development,” presented at the *School of History and Culture*, Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China, December 2009.

Panelist, “Reflections on Implementing Liberal Arts Education in Chinese Universities,” at the *Liberal Arts Education in Chinese Universities Workshop*, United International University, Zhuhai, China, November 2009.

“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

Guest Lecturer, “Constitutional History of the United States,” *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 *University Library*, Princeton University, 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* (panel organizer) San Antonio TX, April 2006.

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

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Fulbright Program**

Grant Evaluator, Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar Program, 2009

### **Northeast Normal University**

Manuscript Reader, Northeast Normal University Press, 2009-2010

Graduate Student Advisor, History Department, 2009-2010

### **Sam Houston State University**

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

Member, History Department Graduate Affairs Committee, 2010-present

Member, History Department Curriculum Committee (Chair for spring 2011 semester)

Member, History Department Undergraduate Committee, 2008-2009

Member, Constitution Day Celebration Planning Committee, 2005-present

Chair, History Department NEH Digital Humanities Start Up Grant Committee, 2008-2009

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

### **University of Nebraska at Kearney**

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate History Club, 2003-2005

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

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