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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., History, College of William and Mary
2009 M.A., History, Brigham Young University
2007 B.A., History, Brigham Young University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017- Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of History, Brigham Young University
HIST 220: United States History to 1877
HIST 366: Slavery and the Slave Trade in Africa and the Atlantic World
HIST 390R: Missions and Missionaries in American History
HIST 490: Religious Encounters

2016-17 Instructor
Department of History, Brigham Young University
HIST 220: United States History to 1877
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University
REL C324: History of Early Mormon Scripture

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Methodism, Slavery, and Freedom in the Revolutionary Atlantic World (book manuscript in preparation to submit to an academic press)

Articles

2016 “Evangelical Religion in the Revolutionary South: An Atlantic Perspective,”
Journal of Southern Religion 18 (2016): jsreligion.org/vol18/jones.

2012 “Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: James Covell and the Historical
Background of Doctrine and Covenants 39-40,” *BYU Studies Quarterly* 51:1 (2012): 67-98.
• Best Article Award, Mormon History Association

2011 “The Power and Form of Godliness: Methodist Conversion Narratives and
Joseph Smith’s First Vision,” *Journal of Mormon History* 37:2 (Spring 2011): 88-114.

Book Chapters

2015 “‘An Encroachment on our religious rights’: Methodist Missions, Slavery, and

- Religious Toleration in the British Atlantic World,” in Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., *The Lively Experiment: Religious Toleration in America from Roger Williams to the Present* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015): 101-116.
- 2014 “Except among that Portion of Mankind”: Early Mormon Conceptions of the Apostasy,” in Miranda Wilcox and John Young, eds., *Standing Apart: Mormon Historical Consciousness and the Concept of Apostasy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014): 55-76. Co-authored with Stephen J. Fleming.

Book Reviews

- 2019 *New Directions in the Study of African American Recolonization*, ed. by Beverly C. Tomek and Matthew J. Hetrick, in *Journal of the Early Republic* (forthcoming)
- 2019 *The Spirit of Early Evangelicalism: True Religion in a Modern World*, by D. Bruce Hindmarsh, in *Journal of British Studies* (forthcoming).
- 2018 *Christian Slavery: Conversion and Race in the Protestant Atlantic World*, by Katharine Gerbner, in *Black Perspectives*
- 2018 *Directions for Mormon Studies in the Twenty-First Century*, ed. by Patrick Q. Mason, in *Mormon Historical Studies* 19:1 (Spring 2018): 143-45.
- 2018 *Leonard Arrington and the Writing of Mormon History*, by Gregory A. Prince, in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religion* 21:4 (May 2018): 139-41.
- 2017 *Jacob Green’s Revolution: Radical Religion and Reform in a Revolutionary Age*, by R. Scott Rohrer, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 141:1 (January 2017): 93-95.
- 2016 *Embracing Protestantism: Black Identities in the Atlantic World*, by John W. Catron, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 73:4 (October 2016), 741-44.
- 2014 *The Letters of Dr. Thomas Coke*, ed. by John A. Vickers, in *Methodist History* 52:3 (April 2014): 187-88.
- 2012 *God’s Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the American Civil War*, by George C. Rable, in *Methodist History* 50:2 (January 2012): 119-20.
- 2011 *Sacred Borders: Continuing Revelation and Canonical Restraint in Early America*, by David F. Holland, in *Mormon Historical Studies* 12:1 (Spring 2011): 195-98.
- 2011 *Joseph Noble Bates: Polygamy and the Temple Lot Case*, by David L. Clark, in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religion* 15:1 (August 2011): 99-100.

Other Publications

- 2016 “Rise of African-American Churches (18th and 19th Centuries)” and “Dedication of the first Mormon Temple in Kirtland, Ohio (1836),” in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, eds. Florin Curta and Andrew Holt (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2016), 824-826; 841-843.
- 2010 “The Meanings of Mormon Devotion: Robert Orsi and the Possibilities of Studying Mormon Lived Religion,” *The Mormon Review* 2:2 (September 2010): 1-4.
- 2010 “Ungathered” and “Smith, Joseph F.” in *Mormonism: A Historical Encyclopedia*, eds. W. Paul Reeve and Ardis E. Parshall (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2010), 117-119; 184-187.
- 2009 “The Holdings of the Nauvoo Library and Literary Institute,” *Mormon Historical Studies* 10:1 (Spring 2009): 153-176.

Current Projects

Dorcas Lillie: A Quaker Life on the Margins of the Atlantic World (book manuscript in progress)

“A very poor place for our doctrine’: Polygamy, Race, and Empire in the 1853 Mormon Mission to Jamaica.” (submitted to *Journal of Caribbean History*)

“The religion is assailed by most in the Country’: A Letter from the First Mormon Converts in Jamaica, 1854.” Co-authored with Rachel Felt (submitted to *Mormon Historical Studies*)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2015-16 E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Fellowship in Early American Religious Studies and Friends of the MCEAS Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 Religious Education Dissertation Grant, Brigham Young University
- 2014-15 Bicknell Scholarship, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims
- 2014-15 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate Studies and Research, Arts & Sciences, College of William and Mary
- 2014 Conference Travel Grant, Arts & Sciences OGSR/Graduate Student Association, College of William and Mary
- 2014 Excellence in Scholarship Award, Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary
- 2013 George Washington Fellowship, General Society of Colonial Wars
- 2013 Best Article Award, Mormon History Association, for “Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: James Covell and the Historical Background of Doctrine and Covenants 39-40,” *BYU Studies Quarterly* 51:1 (2012): 67-98.
- 2013 Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society
- 2013 The World is My Parish United Methodist History Grant, General Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church
- 2013 Provost’s Summer Research Grant for Graduate Research, College of William and Mary
- 2013 Bridwell Library Fellowship, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2012 Kenneth Callaway King, Jr. Memorial Fellowship, Order of First Families of Virginia
- 2012 Religious Education Dissertation Grant, Brigham Young University
- 2012 John E. Selby Graduate Teaching Award, Department of History, College of William and Mary
- 2012 Virginia Crouch Memorial Summer Research Grant, Roy R. Charles Center, College of William and Mary
- 2012 Provost’s Summer Research Grant for Graduate Research, College of William and Mary
- 2009 William J. Snow Award – Best Graduate Paper in Western or Mormon History, Brigham Young University History Department
- 2008 Mark Earl Brotherson Memorial Scholarship, Brigham Young University History Department
- 2008 William J. Snow Award – Best Graduate Paper in Western or Mormon History, Brigham Young University History Department

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2019 “Lands of Liberty: Methodist Migrations and the Politics of Slavery, Church, and State,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019.
- 2018 “‘A very poor place for our doctrine’: Polygamy, Race, and Empire in the 1853 Mormon Mission to Jamaica,” Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship Brown Bag Series, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, June 2018.
- 2018 “Methodist Missions and Divisions in Britain’s Maritime and Canadian Colonies, 1785-1815,” Religion and Politics in Early America Conference, John C. Danforth Center, Washington University in Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri, March 2018.
- 2017 “From Philadelphia to Freetown: The Beginnings of Independence Black Methodism in Transatlantic Perspective,” Friday Seminar, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2017.
- 2017 “In Search of the Land of Liberty: Southern Methodism, Migration, and the Politics of Slavery” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, November 2017.
- 2016 Panelist, Roundtable: “The Revolution Will Be Blogged: Founding Digital Worlds of Intellectual History,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Conference, Palo Alto, California, October 2016.
- 2016 Response, Undergraduate Research Workshop and Symposium, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2016.
- 2016 “The Atlantic World is my Parish: Early American Methodism in Transatlantic Perspective,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, April 2016.
- 2016 “Ecclesiastical Borderlands in the Revolutionary Atlantic World,” Constitutional Thought and History Seminar, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, February 2016.
- 2015 “Religion and Revolution in the Atlantic World: Methodism in North America and the Caribbean,” Alt-Wednesday, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, October 2015.
- 2015 “Edward Dromgoole and the Shifting Spectrum of Evangelical Attitudes Toward Slavery in Virginia, 1780-1815,” Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary, March 2015.
- 2014 “Finding and Using U.S. Church Records,” Family History Center Brown Bag Lunch Series, Williamsburg, Virginia, September 2014.
- 2014 “Itinerant Preachers and Ecclesiastical Borderlands: Methodist Missionaries in British North America and the Caribbean, 1784-1815,” Ecclesiastical History Society/American Society of Church History, Oxford, UK, April 2014.
- 2014 “In Search of the Land of Liberty: Methodist Migrations and Antislavery in Virginia, 1780-1810,” Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary, March 2014.
- 2014 “Evangelical Religion and Revolution in the Atlantic World: The Methodist Experience in Canada and the Caribbean,” American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2014.
- 2013 “Imperial Spaces and Ecclesiastical Borderlands: Methodism in British North America, 1776-1815,” North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, Oregon, November 2013.
- 2013 “An Encroachment on our religious rights?: Race and Religious Toleration in the Methodist Atlantic World,” No Person Shall Bee Any Wise Molested: Religious Freedom, Cultural Conflict, and the Moral Role of the State, Newport, Rhode Island, October 2013.
- 2013 Panel organizer and chair, “Racializing Religion: Mormons and Race in America, 1830-2012,” Mormon History Association, Layton, Utah, June 2013.

- 2013 “In Search of the Land of Liberty: Methodist Migration and the Politics of Slavery, 1780-1805,” Religion on the Move: Movement, Migration, Missions and new Media across Religious Traditions, Columbia University, New York, April 2013.
- 2012 “Mormons and Mormonism in U.S. Religious History,” Guest Lecture, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, November 2012.
- 2012 “Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: A Comparative Study of Three Early Mormon Converts,” Mormon History Association, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 2012.
- 2012 “‘A prodigy with many hundred heads’: Early Latter-day Saint Conceptions of the Great Apostasy,” with Stephen J. Fleming, Exploring Mormon Conceptions of Apostasy Conference, Provo, Utah, March 2012.
- 2012 Panelist, “The Worst Fights are Behind Relatives: Mormons and Methodists in the Nineteenth Century,” At the Crossroads, Again: Mormon and Methodist Encounters in the Nineteenth and Twenty-First Centuries, Washington, D.C., February 2012.
- 2011 Panel Organizer and Commenter, “Living Mormonism: Lived Religion in Latter-day Saint History,” Mormon History Association, St. George, Utah, May 2011.
- 2010 Chair and Panel Discussant, “New Ways In: Writing Interdisciplinary Mormon History,” Mormon History Association, Independence, Missouri, May 2010.
- 2010 “Lorenzo Dow and the Boundaries of Denominational Space in Early American Methodism,” Chesapeake American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., March 2010.
- 2009 “The Un-gathered: The Religious Lives of Mormons in the American South, 1875-1910,” Mormon History Association, Springfield, Illinois, May 2009.
- 2009 “Conferences, Camp Meetings, and Charismatic Religion: Methodist Converts to Mormonism and the Transmission of Sacred Space,” American Society of Church History, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 2009.
- 2008 “‘We Latter-day Saints are Methodists’: The Influence of Methodism on Early Mormon Religious Experience and Discourse,” Mormon History Association, Sacramento, CA, May 2008.

DIGITAL PROJECTS AND ONLINE WRITING

- 2016 Research Assistant and Producer, *Ben Franklin’s World* podcast (<http://www.benfranklinworld.com/>)
- 2016 Research Assistant, *The Pox Hunter* (<http://loki.stockton.edu/~games/PoxHunter.html>)
- 2015 Contributor, *The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American Textbook* (<http://www.americanyawp.com>)
- 2014- Contributor, *The American Converts Database* (<http://americanconverts.org>)
- 2014- Founding Editor, *Transcribing Early American Manuscript Sermons Project* (<http://earlyamericansermons.org>)
- 2012- Contributor, *The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History* (<http://earlyamericanists.com>)
- 2010-2015 Contributor, *Religion in American History* blog (<http://usreligion.blogspot.com>)
- 2007- Founding Editor, *The Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog* (<http://juvenileinstructor.org>)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Program Committee, Mormon History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2017
- 2016-17 Organizing Committee, Sixth Biennial Faith and Knowledge Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 2017
- 2014-15 Organizing Committee, Fifth Biennial Faith and Knowledge Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, February 2015
- 2011-13 Board, Mormon History Association
- 2009 Graduate Student Assistant, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2009

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2013-14 Preceptor, History Writing Resource Center, The College of William and Mary
- 2006-09 Research Assistant, Joseph Smith Papers Project

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- 2016- Society for U.S. Intellectual History
- 2014- Organization of American Historians
- 2012- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
- 2011- American Historical Association
- 2009- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
- 2008- American Society of Church History
- 2007- Mormon History Association

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