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Appointment

Associate Professor of History, 2014-
Tenured 2017
Binghamton University, State University of New York
Binghamton, NY

Associate Professor of History, 2005-2007; 2009-2014
Tenured 2011
Appointed Ray and Madeline Johnston Chair of American History, 2012
Shepherd University
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, 2007-2009
College of William & Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Education

Ph.D., University of Virginia, May 2005
Dissertation: “*Enemies of the People: The Revolutionary War and Race in the New American Nation*”

Fellowships

Patrick Henry Writing Fellow, C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience,
Chestertown, Maryland, 2018-2019

Fellow, West Virginia Humanities Council, 2011-2012

Institute-NEH Postdoctoral Fellow, Omohundro Institute of Early American History
and Culture, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, 2007-2009

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, Library Company, Philadelphia, 2004

Research fellow, Rockefeller Library, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 2004

Publications

[The Heart of American Darkness: Bewilderment and Horror on the Early Frontier](#)
(New York: Norton, May 2024).

[Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence](#)
(Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2021).

[The Common Cause: Creating Race and Nation in the American Revolution](#) (Chapel Hill:
University of North Carolina Press, 2016).

Won 2017 James A. Rawley Prize, Best Book on U.S. Race Relations, OAH

Won 2017 best book on journalism and mass communication, Association for Education
in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), History Division

“Friends and Enemies in the Declaration of Independence,” Jeffersonians in Power: The Rhetoric of Opposition Meets the Realities of Governing, Joanne B. Freeman and Johann Neem, eds. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2019).

“War and the Imperative of Union,” invited comment in Forum on David Waldstreicher and Staughton Lynd, “Free Trade, Sovereignty, and Slavery: Toward an Economic Interpretation of American Independence,” *William & Mary Quarterly* 3rd series 68 (October 2011): 631-634.

“From Indian Killer to Worthy Citizen: The Revolutionary Transformation of Michael Cresap,” *William and Mary Quarterly* 3rd series 63 (January 2006): 97-122.

“Fake News? That’s a Very Old Story,” *Washington Post* op-ed, November 25, 2016
<http://wapo.st/2fx6KkQ>

- Featured in Mathew Ingram, “Fake News Isn’t a New Problem, and We’re Better Equipped to Fight it Now,” *Fortune*, February 8, 2017.
<http://fortune.com/2017/02/08/fake-news-history/>

“A Declaration of Fear,” *New York Times* op-ed, July 4, 2016
Online title: “Did a Fear of Slave Revolts Drive American Independence?”
<http://nyti.ms/29gt8yl>