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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Rutgers University
M.A. History, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
B.A. History, *magna cum laude*, Muhlenberg College

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2006-present	Binghamton University Full Professor (2019 to present), Associate Professor of History (2008-2019); Vice Chair and Director of Graduate Studies (2013 to 2016), Director of Undergraduate Studies (2009-2011); Visiting Associate Professor of History (2006-2008),
1999-2006	Fairleigh Dickinson University Associate Professor of History (2005-2006); Assistant Professor of History (1999-2005); Director of Women's Studies (2001-2004); Department Chair (Jan. 2006-Aug. 2006),
1998-1999	Lafayette College , Visiting Assistant Professor of History,
1995-1998	Princeton University , Lecturer, American History,

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Aberration of Mind: Suicide and Suffering in the Civil War Era South (University of North Carolina Press, 2018)

- Lincoln Prize finalist
- Willie Lee Rose Prize for best book on southern history by a woman

Rape and Race in the Nineteenth-Century South (University of North Carolina Press, 2004)

- Phi Alpha Theta Best First Book Award, 2005
- 2005 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title

Reviewed in: *Alabama Review*, *American Journal of Legal History*, *American Historical Review*, *Choice*, *Civil War History*, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *Journal of African American History*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *Reviews in American History*, *Slavery and Abolition*. Online Reviews: H-SAWH (Southern Association for Women Historians), H-South.

ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS

- “‘Bent on Suicide’: The Political Rhetoric of Suicide in the Civil War Era South,” in *The Long Civil War: New Explorations of America’s Enduring Conflict*, eds. John David Smith and Raymond Aursenault (University of Kentucky Press, 2021):75-101.
- “‘The Exciting Circumstances of the Rebellion,’ or, The Civil War Made Me Do It: Civil War and Emotional Trauma in Kentucky Governors’ Petitions,” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 17:2 (Spring 2019): 283-299.
- “‘Now You Are Ready for *Mandingo*’: Sex, Slavery, and Historical Realism,” in *Writing History with Lightning: Cinematic Representations of Nineteenth-Century America*, eds. Matthew Hulbert and John Inscoe (Louisiana State University Press, 2019): 112-124.
- “‘Cumberer of the Earth’: Suffering and Suicide among the Faithful in the Civil War South,” *Death and the American South*, eds. Craig Thompson Friend and Lorri Glover (Cambridge University Press, 2015):153-180.
- “‘A Burden Too Heavy to Bear’: War Trauma, Suicide, and Confederate Soldiers,” 59:4 *Civil War History* (December 2013): 53-491. John T. Hubbel Prize, Best article published in *Civil War History* in 2013.
- “‘Will They Ever Be Able to Forget?’ Confederate Soldiers and Mental Illness in the Defeated South,” in *Weirding the War: Stories from the Civil War’s Ragged Edges*, ed. Stephen Berry (University of Georgia Press, 2011): 321-339.
- “Moonlight, Magnolias, and Brigadoon, or ‘Almost Like Being in Love’: Mastery and Sexual Exploitation in Eugene Genovese’s Plantation South.” *Radical History Review* 88 (Winter 2004):68-82.
- “‘I was very much wounded’: Rape Law, Children, and the Antebellum South,” in *Sex Without Consent: Rape and Sexual Coercion in America*, ed. Merril Smith (New York University Press, 2002)
- “Rape, Race and Castration in Slave Law in the Colonial and Early South,” in *The Devil’s Lane: Sex and Race in the Early South*, eds. Catherine Clinton and Michele Gillespie (Oxford University Press, 1997)
- “The Rape Myth in the Old South Reconsidered,” *Journal of Southern History* 61:3 (August 1995): 481-518. Reprinted in *Myths America* (Brandywine Press, 1997) and in *A Question of Manhood: A Reader in U.S. Black Men’s History and Masculinity*, edited by Darlene Clark Hine and Earnestine Jenkins (Indiana University Press, 2001). A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the Best Article in Southern Women’s History, Southern Association for Women Historians (1996)

ONLINE & POPULAR PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

- Participant in Rogue Historian podcast, “What is Dark History?” (November 1, 2020). Part I <https://keithharrishistory.com/the-rogue-historian-podcast/2020/11/1/the-dark-turn-in-civil-war-history-with-sarah-handley-cousins-jonathan-jones-and-diane-miller-sommerville> and Part II <https://keithharrishistory.com/the-rogue-historian-podcast/2020/11/4/the-dark-turn-in-civil-war-history-with-sarah-handley-cousins-jonathan-s-jones-and-diane-miller-somerville-part-ii>
- Diane Miller Sommerville, “Yes, Civilians Experience PTSD in Wartime, As We Know from the Civil War,” *Washington Post* (January 13, 2020)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/01/13/yes-civilians-experience-ptsd-wartime-we-know-civil-war/>

Interviewed by Cameron Sauers for Civil War Institute, about *Aberration of Mind* (October 30, 2020). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mTfeoUUKIU&feature=youtu.be>

Interviewed by Rev. Jeff Kellam about *Aberration of Mind* for “Encounter,” a local radio and television program sponsored by the Broome County Council for Churches; tie-in for suicide prevention and awareness (June 21, 2019)

Diane Miller Sommerville, “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the American Civil War,” *National Museum of Civil War Medicine blog* (May 2, 2019)

Tom Barber, “Author Interview: Diane Miller Sommerville,” *Civil War Book Review* 21:2 (May 2019) <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol21/iss2/4/>

https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol21/iss2/4/?fbclid=IwAR0dBQAVXHc3LmOuaGz_EduGJjR_FadAcrPlfCglE2sceVO2l-1BhXBmrE

Sarah Handley-Cousins, “Understanding Trauma in the Civil War South: A Conversation with Diane Miller Sommerville,” *Nursing Clio* (March 20, 2019):

<https://nursingclio.org/2019/03/20/understanding-trauma-in-the-civil-war-south-a-conversation-with-diane-miller-sommerville/>

Neils Eichhorn, “Author Interview: Diane Miller Sommerville,” H-CivWar Interview, H-CivWar (February 28, 2019): https://networks.h-net.org/node/4113/discussions/3786767/author-interview-diane-miller-sommerville-aberration-mind?fbclid=IwAR2sLzMKWmwzVVwrmMxbFjIQt0AFUIY4X_QBRMoz4qcTKh_a2DsvXbwu8Ho

“Play Ball – Everywhere!” *USA Today Magazine* 145: 2858 (November 2016): 48-55.

Blogpost for WSKG, “The Battlefield is Hard on a Boy: Suicide in the Civil War,”

February 19, 2016, <http://wskg.org/history/the-battlefield-is-hard-on-a-boy-suicide-in-the-civil-war/?c=history>

“‘A Burden Too Heavy to Bear’: War Trauma, Suicide, and Confederate Soldiers,” *New York Times DISUNION Blog* (April 2, 2012)

http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/04/02/a-burden-too-heavy-to-bear/?_r=0

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Interracial Sex,” *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation*, ed. Paul Finkelman (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2005)

“Black Women and Rape,” in *Black Women In America: An Historical Encyclopedia*, ed. Darlene Clark Hine, et al (Oxford University Press, 2005)

“Southern Rape Complex,” in *Encyclopedia of Rape*, ed. Merril Smith (New York University Press, 2004)

“Rape-Lynch Scenario,” in *Encyclopedia of Rape*, ed. Merril Smith (New York University Press, 2004)

BOOK REVIEWS:

Carole Emberton, *To Walk About in Freedom: The Long Emancipation of Priscilla Joyner*. *Civil War Book Review* 25:2 (Spring 2023): 242+

Dillon J. Carroll, *Invisible Wounds: Mental Illness and Civil War Soldiers*, *Civil War History* 69:2 (April 2023): 88-92.

- Steven M. Stowe, *Keep the Days: Reading the Civil War Diaries of Southern Women*, Journal of the Civil War Era 10:1 (March 2020)
- Robin C. Sager, *Marital Cruelty in Antebellum America*, Civil War History 65:1 (March 2019): 92-94.
- Judith Giesberg, *Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers, Pornography, and the Making of American Morality*, Journal of Military History 82:3 (July 2018)
- Terri L. Snyder, *The Power to Die: Slavery and Suicide in British North America*, The Journal of the Civil War Era 7:3 (September 2017): 471-73
- Chris Walsh, *Cowardice: A Brief History*, Journal of the Civil War Era 6:4 (December 2016): 624-626.
- David Blight, *American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era*, Journal of American Ethnic History 32:4 (June 2013): 118-120
- David Silkenat, *Moments of Despair: Suicide, Divorce and Debt in Civil War Era North Carolina*, Civil War History 58:4 (December 2012): 502-504.
- Crystal N. Feimster, *Southern Horrors: Women and the Politics of Rape and Lynching*, Journal of Southern History 77:2 (May 2011): 457-58
- A. Cheree Carlson, *The Crimes of Womanhood: Defining Femininity in a Court of Law*, "PMS Made Me Do It' and Other Gendered Legal Defenses," Reviews in American History 38:3 (September 2010): 499-505
- Barbara L. Voss, *The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco*, Journal of American History 96:1 (June 2009):183-84
- Lisa Lindquist Dorr, *White Women, Rape and the Power of Rape, 1900-1960*, North Carolina Historical Review 82:3(July 2005): 411-12
- Thomas E. Buckley, J.J., *The Great Catastrophe of My Life: Divorce in the Old Dominion*, American Journal of Legal History 46:1 (January 2004): 96-97
- Janet L. Coryell, Thomas H. Appleton, Jr., Anastasia Sims, and Sandra Goia Treadway, eds. *Negotiating Boundaries of Southern Womanhood: Dealing with the Powers That Be*, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography 109:3 (2001): 347
- Martha Hodes, ed. *Sex, Love, Race: Crossing Boundaries in North American History*, Journal of Southern History 67:1 (February 2001): 226
- Christie Ann Farnham, ed., *Women of the American South: A Multicultural Reader*, Journal of American History 85:4 (March 1999): 1563-64
- Martha Hodes, *White Women, Black Men: Illicit Sex in the Nineteenth-Century South*, American Journal of Legal History 42:4 (October 1998): 438-441
- Leslie A. Schwalm, *A Hard Fight for We: African-American Women's Transition from Slavery to Freedom in South Carolina*, Georgia Historical Quarterly 82:4 (Winter 1998): 902-04
- William E. Wiethoff, "A Peculiar Humanism": *The Judicial Advocacy of Slavery in High Courts of the Old South, 1820-1850*," Journal of the Early Republic 18:3 (November 1998): 558
- Laura F. Edwards, *Gendered Strife and Confusion: The Political Culture of Reconstruction*, Journal of Southern History 64:3 (August 1998): 566
- Lou Falkner Williams, *The Great South Carolina Ku Klux Klan Trials, 1871-1872*, Florida Historical Quarterly 76:2 (Fall 1997): 228-30
- Eric W. Rise, *The Martinsville Seven: Race, Rape, and Capital Punishment*, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography 104:2 (Summer 1996): 295-96
- Margaret Ripley Wolfe, *Daughters of Canaan: A Saga of Southern Women*, Maryland Historical Magazine 91:1 (Spring 1996): 100-02

George C. Rable, *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism*, Maryland Historical Magazine 88:1 (Spring 1993): 118-19

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

NEH Fellowships Open E-Book Grant, along with sponsor University of North Carolina Press, \$5500 (2021)

Willie Lee Rose Prize (Best book on southern history by a woman), Southern Association for Women Historians (2019)

Distinguished Alumni Award, Muhlenberg College (September 2019)

Lincoln Prize Finalist, Gilder-Lehrman Institute (2018)

Harpur Dean's Research Grant, \$9000 (2019-20)

John T. Hubbel Prize, Best article published in *Civil War History* in 2013, \$1000 (2014)

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, \$54,000 (2011-12)

Harpur College Research Grant Award, \$12,000 (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2013-14)

Lynn E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville (2010)

Archie K. Davis Research Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society (1993, 2009)

Phi Alpha Theta, Best First Book Award, 2005

Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society (2005-06)

Maddy Award for Excellence, Becton College Teacher of the Year, FDU, 2001-2002 (student award)

Becton College Teacher of the Year, FDU, 2000-2001 (faculty award)

Golieb Post-Doctoral Fellowship, New York Law School (1998-99, 1999-2000). Declined.

A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the Best Article in Southern Women's History, Southern Association for Women Historians (1996)

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Semi-finalist (1994)

Littleton-Griswold Research Grant in Legal History, American Historical Association (1993)

Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society (1993)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

Chair and Commentator, "The Invisible Wounds of War: Trauma, Experience, Morale, and Recovery," Society of Military History, San Diego, California, March 25, 2023

Chair and Commentator, "'Remembering and Resisting: Violence and Emotion in Post-slavery Testimonies,'" 12th Annual Triennial, Southern Association for Women Historians, University of Kentucky, June 11, 2022

Chair and Commentator, "Emotions, Senses, and the Civil War," Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians, Philadelphia, June 2-4, 2022

Roundtable Moderator, "PTSD and the Civil War," Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, Alabama, November 8-11, 2018.

Paper, "'All is Dark Before Me': Confederate Women and the Postwar Landscape of Suffering and Suicide," Eleventh Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, June 7-10, 2018.

- Paper, “‘Laboring Under Mental Derangement’: War Trauma and Suicide in the Confederate Military,” British American Nineteenth-Century Historians 24th Annual Conference, University of Warwick, Coventry, England, October 7, 2017.
- Paper, “‘De lan’ of sweet dreams’: Suicide and Slaves in the Antebellum South,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 21, 2017.
- Paper, “‘The Exciting Circumstances of the Rebellion,’ or, The Civil War Made Me Do It: Civil War and Emotional Trauma in Kentucky Governors’ Petitions,” Civil War Governors of Kentucky Symposium, Frankfort, KY, June 9, 2017.
- Paper, “Social History, Suicide, and the American South: Musings on Sources,” Social Sciences History Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 11, 2016.
- Paper, “‘Somethin’ went hard agin her mind’: Suffering, Suicide and Emancipated Slaves,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, November 5, 2016.
- Roundtable Discussant, “Yes, Virginia, There Was Civil War PTSD’: The Case for Studying Psychological Trauma among Civil War Veterans, and Beyond,” for “New Directions in the Study of Civil War Veterans,” Society for Civil War Historians, Chattanooga, TN, June 4, 2016.
- Chair, “Civil War Soldiers Fighting for Spaces and Commodities,” Society of Military Historians,” Ottawa, April 2016.
- Commentator, “Mothers, daughters, and the Contested Meanings of Suicide in Modernizing America,” 10th Southern Conference on Women’s History, Charleston, SC, June 11, 2015
- Paper, “‘Bent on Suicide’: The Political Rhetoric of Suicide in Civil War-Era America,” Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, April 12, 2013.
- Moderator, “Understanding Battlefield Trauma from a Long Historical Perspective,” Gettysburg National Park and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, March 14-16, 2013.
- Chair and commenter, “Weeping Women: Grief in the Antebellum and Civil War South,” Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, June 9, 2012.
- Chair, “New Strands of Second-Wave Scholarship,” Upstate New York Women’s History Organization Conference, April 21, 2012, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York.
- Paper, “Mental Illness and the Civil War,” The Future of Civil War History Conference, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, March 30, 2012.
- Commentator, “‘Everywhere Yet Nowhere’: Women and the Gendered Violence of Slavery and Resistance in the Post-Revolutionary South,” Society for the History of the Early Republic, Philadelphia, July 2011.
- Paper, “Cumberer of the Earth: Suicide and Faith in the Post-Civil War South,” “‘*Death, ‘tis a melancholy day*’: *Dying, Mourning, and Memory in the American South*,” Interdisciplinary conference, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, April 1-2, 2011.
- Paper, “‘A Burden Too Heavy to Bear’: Confederate Soldiers, Manhood, and the Psychological Toll of Warfare,” Organization of American Historians, Houston, Texas, March 2011.
- Paper, “Masculinity, Failure, and Suicide among Confederate Men,” Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, N.C., November 4-7, 2010.

- Paper, “‘Will They Ever Be Able to Forget?’ Confederate Soldiers and Mental Illness in the Defeated South,” “Weirding the War,” Interdisciplinary conference, Athens, Georgia, October 22-24, 2009.
- Paper, “Confederate Women and Mental Illness: The Psychological Toll of Defeat and Loss,” Eighth Southern Association for Women’s History Conference on Women’s History,” Columbia, S.C., June 4-6, 2009.
- Moderator, “A Modern, Transnational South? New Interpretations of the Slave South and the Question of Civil War Causation – A Roundtable,” at the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Worcester, Massachusetts, July 22, 2007.
- Chair and Commentator, “Conceptions of the Other: Violence and Order in the New South,” Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, November 2005
- Paper, “Rape in the 19th-Century South,” at the Library of Virginia Symposium, “Virginia Women through Four Centuries,” Richmond, Virginia, March, 18-19, 2005.
- Chair and Commentator, “The Legal, Social, and Sexual Regulation of Black and White Women in the Post-Bellum South,” at the Sixth Southern Conference on Women’s History, Southern Association for Women Historians, Athens, Georgia, June 6, 2003.
- Paper, “‘Rarely Known to Violate a White Woman’: Slave Rape Cases in War-torn Virginia,” Southern Intellectual History Circle, Richmond, Virginia, February 21-22, 2002.
- Roundtable Discussion, “The New Legal History,” Society for the History of the Early Republic, Lexington, Kentucky, July 1999.
- Roundtable Discussion, “Winthrop Jordan’s White Over Black: A Retrospective,” Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, April 1998.
- Paper, “The Politicization of Black-on-White Rape in the Reconstruction South,” Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, November 1997.
- Chair, “Gender and Authority in the South and Southwest,” Society for the History of the Early Republic, Penn State University, July 1997.
- Paper, “Civil War and the Specter of Black Rape on the Confederate Homefront,” Fourth Southern Conference on Women’s History, Southern Association for Women’s Historians, Charleston, June 1997.
- Paper, “Changing the Meaning of Protection: White Women, the Rape Myth, and the Transformation of Power in the South, 1800-1930,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Vassar College, June 1993.
- Paper, “Sexual Anxiety and the Rape Myth in the Antebellum South” Works in Progress, Rutgers University, May 1992.
- Paper, “The Response of Charlotte’s White Protestant Church Community to the Desegregation of Public Schools,” Graduate History Forum, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, April 1989.

INVITED PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, and WORKSHOPS:

- Invited Talk, “Civil War Soldiers and War Trauma,” Gettysburg Foundation, Sacred Trust Talk, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1, 2022.
- Invited Talk, “The Southern Homefront During the American Civil War,” Women’s History Month, Good Shepherd Village, Endwell, New York, March 31, 2022
- Invited Talk, “The History of Reproductive Freedom,” Reproductive Rights Rally, Binghamton, NY, October, 2, 2021.

- Invited Talk, "Blueprint for a Historical Study of Suicide in the Civil War-Era South," Clinical Case Conference, Department of Psychology, Binghamton University, November 11, 2020 [via ZOOM].
- Keynote Address, Central State Symposium, 150th Anniversary of Central State Hospital, Richmond, VA, October 23, 2020 [via Webcast].
- Workshop on Ch. 2 "A Dark Doom to Dread: Women, Suicide, and Suffering on the Confederate Homefront," in *Aberration of Mind*, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, October 20, 2020 [via Zoom].
- Facilitator in Second Book Workshop for Society of Civil War Historians, June 25, 2020 [via ZOOM]
- Invited Talk, "Blueprint for a Historical Study of Suicide in the Civil War-Era South," Center for Disability Studies, University of Buffalo, September 24, 2019.
- Invited Talk, "War Trauma, Suicide, & Confederate Soldiers in the American Civil War," Binghamton University Foundation, Board of Directors, June 7, 2019
- Invited Talk, "'Yes, Virginia, There Was PTSD in the Civil War': Confederate Veterans and War Trauma," Binghamton Civil War Roundtable, May 21, 2019
- Invited Talk, "Dialogues of Honor and Sacrifice: Experiences in the Civil War and the Vietnam War," NEH Summer Program, Jefferson Community College, Watertown, NY, August 8, 2018
- Invited Talk, "Slavery and Violence: A History," George Washington Teachers Institute: Legacy of Slavery, Mount Vernon, VA, June 23, 2017
- Invited Talk, "The Accursed Ills I Cannot Bear": Confederate Veterans and Their Families: Suicide, and Suffering in the Defeated South," Chemung County Historical Society, May 4, 2017.
- Invited Talk, "Reproductive Rights in Trump's America," TEACHIN-IN: "Trump's America – What Now?" Binghamton University quad, April 28, 2017
- Keynote Talk, "The Accursed Ills I Cannot Bear": Confederate Veterans and Their Families: Suicide, and Suffering in the Defeated South," Lycoming College, April 3, 2017.
- Invited Talk, "Slavery and Violence: A History," George Washington Teachers Institute: Legacy of Slavery, Mount Vernon, VA, July 29, 2016
- Presenter & Participant, "The Return of the Confederate Veteran," Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2016
- Mini-lecture, "Rebecca Lattimer Felton," Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2016
- Invited Talk, "War Trauma, Suicide, and the Confederate Army," Chemung County Historical Society, Elmira, NY, May 12, 2016
- Invited Talk, "'A Dark Doom to Dread': Confederate Women, Suicide and Psychological Crisis on the Southern Home Front," Binghamton Civil War Round Table, September 22, 2015
- Invited Talk and Co-curator, "Broken Bodies, Broken Minds: Confederate Veterans, Suffering and Suicide," Special Collections, Binghamton University Library, April 15, 2015
- Invited Talk, "War Trauma, Suicide and Confederate Soldiers," Binghamton Civil War Round Table, September 16, 2014
- Invited Talk, "Suicide and Confederate Soldiers in the Civil War," SUNY Orange, Newburgh Campus, April 10, 2014
- Invited Talk, "War Trauma, Suicide and Confederate Soldiers," Scranton Reads, Penn State Worthington Scranton, Dunmore, Pa., October 25, 2013

- Broadcast Interview, “Women’s History Month,” on *Encounter*, a public service program sponsored by the Broome County Council of Churches, aired on March 25, 2012 on WSKG-TV, Binghamton, New York.
- Invited Paper, “‘A Burden Too Heavy to Bear’: Confederate Soldiers, Manhood, and the Psychological Toll of Warfare,” New Jersey Historical Commission Annual Conference, “New Jersey in the Crucible of the Civil War,” Princeton, New Jersey, November 19, 2011.
- Invited Lecture, “The History of Mental Illness,” FYE students, Harpur College, October 27, 2010
- Invited Paper, “‘This Grievous Spring’: Confederate Women, Mental Illness and Suicide: The Psychological Toll of Defeat and Loss,” Upstate Early American History Workshop, Binghamton University, May 1, 2009
- Invited Talk, “Counterfactual History,” Vestal High School, AP European History Class, Vestal, New York, May 29, 2009.
- Invited Talk, “Confederate Women and the Home Front During the Civil War,” Chemung Valley Historical Society, Elmira, New York, May 22, 2008.
- Invited Talk, “The Past Isn’t Dead; It Isn’t Even Past.” Keynote Address, University Honors Program, Annual Research Day and Dinner, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey, April 21, 2005.
- Invited Talk, “Women in the Era of the American Revolution,” Monticello-Stratford Hall Summer Seminar for Teachers, Stratford Hall Plantation, Stratford, Virginia, June 28, 1996.
- Invited Lecture, “Rape and Race in the Old South,” Victor L. Johnson Lecture, Phi Alpha Theta Society, Muhlenberg College, April 1995.

COURSES TAUGHT

Binghamton University

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

- HISTORY 103A *Foundations of America* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 354 *Civil War America* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 356 *American Legal History* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 263 *Sex in American History* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 355 *Race and Sex in American History* (Composition Course, Distance Learning and in-person)
 HISTORY 362 *Women, Family and Sex in Early America* (Writing Intensive)

Capstone Research Seminars for History Majors: Composition Courses (Very Heavy Writing Requirements):

- HISTORY 480x Seminar: *Death and Dying in America*
 HISTORY 480M/531G Seminar: *Civil War Medicine*
 HISTORY 480C Seminar *Issues in Civil War America*
 HISTORY 480H Seminar: *Racial Violence in Slavery & Freedom*
 HISTORY 480P Seminar: *History of Baseball*
 HISTORY 480Q Seminar: *Health, Medicine & Dying in Civil War America*
 HISTORY 480F Seminar: *Crime & Punishment in American History*
 HISTORY 480R Seminar: *Racial Violence in Slavery & Freedom*

HISTORY 480H Seminar: *Race and Sex in America*
 HISTORY 480H Seminar: *Sexuality in American History*
 HISTORY 480Y Seminar: *Slavery and Freedom in American History*

Graduate Courses:

HISTORY 531H *Health, Medicine & Dying in Civil War America*
 HISTORY 531D *Civil War America*
 HISTORY 513D *Readings in U.S. Women's History*
 HISTORY 531B *The Old South*
 HISTORY 512 *Early U.S. Women's History*
 HISTORY 520A *U.S. Colloquium to 1877*
 HISTORY 600 *Research Seminar*

Fairleigh Dickinson University

HISTORY 2320 *History of Sexuality in the U.S.*
 HISTORY 3498 *Practicum in Public History*
 HISTORY 2350 *Colonial and Revolutionary America*
 HISTORY 2351 *U.S. in the Early Republic*
 HISTORY 2352 *Civil War and Reconstruction* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 2358 *Twentieth-Century U.S. History* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 2360 *U.S. Women's History to 1877*
 HISTORY 2362 *U.S. Women's History since 1877*
 HISTORY 2359 *African American History to 1877* (Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 1205 *American Themes: Race and Sex in America* (Distance Learning and Writing Intensive)
 HISTORY 3358 *U.S. Constitutional History*
 CORE II *The American Experience*
 CORE II *The American Experience*, Honors
 WOMEN 2201 *Introduction to Women's Studies*

Lafayette College

HISTORY 108 *U.S. History to 1877*
 HISTORY 109 *U.S. History from 1877*
 HISTORY 367 Seminar: *The Early Republic*
 HISTORY 106 *Slavery and Freedom in the American Experience*
 HISTORY 264 *Women in American History*
 HISTORY 232 *The American Revolution*

Princeton University

HISTORY 400.09 Junior Research Seminar: *Race and Sex in the Americas*
 HISTORY 400.10 Junior Research Seminar: *Racial Violence in Slavery and Freedom*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RECORD

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE:

Southern Historical Association, member

Member, Nominating Committee, 2023-2026

Member, Executive Council, 2014-2017

Chair, Membership Committee, 2012-2013

Member, Holmes Award Committee, 2009-10

Member, Program Committee, 2007

Member, Membership Committee, 2006, 2008, 2011

Member, Fletcher M. Green and Charles W. Ramsdell Award Committee, 2002-03

Chair, New Jersey Membership, 1999-2001

Southern Association for Women Historians, lifetime member

President, 2020-21

1st Vice President, 2019-20

2nd Vice President, 2018-19

Member, Executive Council, 2012-2015

Chair, Willie Lee Rose Prize Committee, 2010

Chair, Julia Cherry Spruill Prize Committee, 2007

Nominating Committee, 2007

Nominating Committee, 2002

Chair, A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize Committee, 1997

Society for Historians of the Early Republic, member

Program Committee, 1999

Organization of American Historians, member

Chair, Civil War and Reconstruction Book Prize Committee, 2021

Society of Civil War Historians, member

Journal of Women's History

Editorial Board, 2018-2021

CONSULTATIONS:

Documentary, *The Central Lunatic Asylum for the Colored Insane*, by Shawn Etsey (2022)

HBO documentary “*Wartorn*” (aired 2010) – consulted on PTSD among Confederate soldiers in Civil War

The Learning Channel’s *Who Do You Think You Are?* (aired late 2016) – consulted on an early 20th-century suicide of a Confederate veteran

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR:

Journal of the Civil War Era

Journal of Southern History

Georgia Historical Quarterly

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ADVANCE QUOTES WRITTEN FOR BOOKS PUBLISHED BY:

Louisiana State University Press
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TENURE & PROMOTION REVIEWS FOR:

Louisiana State University, Department of History
 University of Alabama, Department of History
 Duquesne University, Department of History
 University of South Carolina, Department of History
 University of California at Santa Cruz, Department of History

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY:

Member, Graduate Committee, 2022-2024
 Member, Advisory Committee, 2021-22, 2023-24
 Chair, Search Committee, African-American/Latinx History, 2023
 Chair, Scholarship Sub-committee, Senior Personal Committee, 2023-24
 Interim Chair, Scholarship Sub-committee, Senior Personal Committee, 2023-24
 Chair, Service Sub-committee, Junior Personnel Committee, 2021-22
 Member, Professional Development Committee, 2021-22
 Member, Affirmative Action Committee, 2020-21
 Professional Development Officer, 2018-2019
 Member, Library Committee, 2017-2018
 Member, Graduate Committee, 2013-2017
 Vice Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, 2013-2016

- Drafted Assessment Plans for MA and PhD programs (2015)
- Revised Graduate Student Handbook (2015)
- Inaugurated BA/MA program in History (2014)
- Managed Graduate MA & Ph.D. Admission Programs
- Oversaw update to graduate program webpage
- Updated department information on AHA online member directory

 Chair, Scholarship Report for Tenure & Promotion Candidate, 2016
 Member, Visiting Assistant Professor, Modern U.S. History Search Committee, 2015
 Member, Visiting Assistant Professor, German History Search Committee, 2014
 Member, Visiting Assistant Professor, World History Search Committee, 2014
 Chair, Early U.S. History Search Committee, 2013-14
 Member, Latin American Search Committee, 2012-13
 Member, Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2012
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2009-11

- Authored report on Undergraduate Education for Middle States Evaluation, 2010

 Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2009-11
 Advisory Committee, 2009-11, 2013-16

Chair, Visiting Professor in American History Search, 2011
 Chair, Professional Development Committee, 2008-09
 Chair, Service Report for Tenure & Promotion Candidate, 2008
 Member, 20th-Century U.S. Search Committee, 2010-11

SERVICE TO HARPUR COLLEGE:

Member, University Personnel Committee, Arts and Sciences, 2022-2023
 Member, Individualized Major Program Committee, 2018-2019
 Academic Honesty Board, 2010-2017
 Academic Honesty Committee, 2008-present
 PPL Steering Committee (Philosophy, Politics and Law Interdisciplinary Major), 2010-2013

SERVICE TO BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY:

Member, Senior Personnel Committee, Distinguished Professor Nomination, 2023
 Member, General Education Task Force, 2022
 Co-chair, General Education Task Force, Diversity: Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice sub-group, 2022
 Member, Search Committee, Dean of the Graduate School, 2017
 Member, Ad Hoc Scientific Misconduct Committee, 2016
 Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2013-2015
 Member, Faculty Senate, 2013-2015, 2018-2021

STUDENT COMMITTEES

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair, Completed:

Melissa Franson, 2013-2022, “Their Eyes Saw Glory’: The Impact of the American Civil War on the Rural Catskills Region of New York State” (November 2022)
 Jonathan Jones, 2013-2020, “‘A Mind Prostrate’: Physicians, Opiates, and Insanity in the Civil War’s Aftermath” (June 2020); Inaugural Postdoctoral Scholar in Civil War History, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University (2020-2021); Assistant Professor, Department of History, Virginia Military Institute (2021-23); Assistant Professor, Department of History, James Madison University (starting Fall 2023). Recipient of the New York SUNY Chancellor Distinguished PhD Graduate Dissertation Award (awarded to the best PhD dissertation among all SUNY doctoral universities and programs, and the Anne Bailey Dissertation Prize, awarded by the Society of Civil War Historians for the best dissertation in the Civil War era.
 John Riley, 2010-2017, “‘This is the Last Time I Shall Ever Leave My Family’: Soldiering and Fatherhood in Civil War Era America” (August 2017); adjunct positions at Siena College and Union College; VAP, Binghamton University (2018-2019, 2021-22); VAP, Lycoming College (2019-20); Instructor, Emma Willard School, Troy, NY.
 Marcela Micucci, 2011-2016, “‘These Demons Who Thirst for Infanticides’: Unwanted Pregnancy and the Crimes of Abortion, Infant Abandonment and Infanticide in

- Mid-Nineteenth Century New York City” (September 2016); two-year post-doc, Museum of the City of New York (2016-2018); post-doc, Museum of the American Revolution, Philadelphia (2018-2019); Director, Greater Oneonta Historical Society (2021-present)
- Kelly Marino, Ph.D., 2010-2016, “Creating A Revolution in Educated Opinion: Young Women and the Activities of the College Equal Suffrage League, 1900-1917”(May 2016); received one-year post-doc, Center for the Historical Study of Women and Gender, Binghamton University; VAP Central Connecticut State University; Lecturer, Sacred Heart University (2019 to present)
- Kevin Murphy, Ph.D., “The Young Republic: Childhood in America, 1790-1860” (August 2015), Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Evansville (2015-16); Senior Administrative Assistant, International Education and Global Affairs, Binghamton University (2017-present)
- Mary Weikum, Ph.D. "Do Be Faithful To Yourself And To Your God: Women Missionaries' Activism and The Southeastern Cherokee, 1819-1839" (November 2010); Graduate Programs Recorder in the College of Business at the University of Michigan-Dearborn (currently)
- Laura Warren Hill, Ph.D., “‘Strike the Hammer While the Iron is Hot’: the Black Freedom Struggle in Rochester, NY, 1940-1970” (May 2010); recipient Charlotte Newcombe Pre-doctoral Fellowship (2008-09); associate professor of history, Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ (2011-present)

Member, Completed:

- Danielle St. Julien, “Locating the Black Middle Class: Race, Class and Public Policy in the 1970s” (July 17, 2020)
- Derek Lan, “The Sound of These Looms May Be Heard At All Hours”: Textile Manufacturing Work and Reform, Philadelphia County, 1788-1854” (May 30, 2017)
- Faherty Nielsen, “‘Obviously, this is not a Garden of Eden’: Race Relations in Buffalo, NY, 1940-1996” (February 29, 2016)
- Katherine Newell Conwell, “Moved by the Spirit: Itinerancy and the Evangelical Legacy of the Great Awakening” (August 19, 2014)
- Matthew Williams, 2008 to present, “‘An Empire of Strangers’: The Formation of Social Belonging in Colonial New York” (August 18, 2014)
- Brett Palfreyman, 2010-present, “Founding Loyalties: The Reintegration of the Loyalists in the Early Republic” (May 15, 2014)
- Joshua Canale, 2008 to present, "American Dictators: Executive Bodies during the American Revolution, 1775-1784" (May 16, 2014)
- Andrew Fagal, “The Political Economy of War in the Early American Republic, 1774-1821” (October 14, 2013)
- Christopher Pearl, “For the Good Order of Government: The American Revolution and the Creation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1740-1790” (May 16, 2013)
- Allyn Van Deusen, “Partners in Reform: Isabella Beecher Hooker and John Hooker” (February 27, 2013)
- Daniel Johnson, “Mid-Atlantic Metropolises: New York and Philadelphia in the Age of Sail” (May 2011)

Annette Varcoe, “‘To Move the Country’: Women and Benevolence in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, 1820-1890” (November 2011)

Laurie Gagne, “Mediating Eugenics: The Disenfranchised” (November 2011)

Chair, In progress:

Jason Tercha, “Networking Rural American Landscapes: Rural Perspectives on the Construction and Management of Internal Improvements in the Early American Republic” (expected defense December 2023)

Erica Schumann, “A Republic of Numbers: Enumeration and Ideology in the Early American Household, 1790-1840” (expected defense October 2023)

Gary Emerson, “In the Shadow of ‘Hellmira’: Elmira Remembers its Civil War Prison” (expected defense October 2023)

Youngin Jang, “Not to be ‘Useless or Depraved Members of Society’: Lower-Class Children and Childhood in Antebellum Baltimore” (expected defense 2025)

Member, In Progress:

Daniel Pearson, 2008-[withdrew from program], “‘Our Common Island’: The Unmaking of Empire, Civil War and Revolution along the New York Frontier, 1763-1785” Withdrew from program.

Matthew Hollis, 2015-[withdrew from program], "Supply and Demand: The Politicization of Military Supplies in the American Revolution" Withdrew from program.

Leonard Lederman,

Ph.D. QUALIFYING EXAM COMMITTEES:

Chair:

Morgen Conn (May 2025)

Youngin Jang (August 2022, February 2023)

Gary Emerson (January 2021)

Anna Steighner Rupprecht (Fall 2019)

Erica Schumann (passed August 2018)

Jonathan Jones (passed May 2017)

Melissa Franson (passed May 2017)

Erika Grimminger (December 2016)

Marcela Micucci (passed March 2014)

Kevin Murphy (passed August 2012)

John Riley (passed May 2012)

Michael Lipton (passed August 2010 - withdrew 2014)

Member:

Kevin Vogel (May 2024)

Christina Klein (August 2023)

Geoffrey Ramirez (May 2023)

Zachary Deibel (May 2022)

Leonard Lederman (August 2022)

Colin Kolhaas (June 2020)

Yung Kim (September 2020)
 Philip O'Reilly (June 2020)
 Joshua Kluever (May 2019)
 Colin Kohlhaas (May 2019)
 Gregg Gaal (May 2019) – withdrew from PhD program Dec. 2018
 Rachel Stevens (August 2015)
 Matthew Hollis (May 2015)
 Alex Jablonski (August 2014)
 Katie Stankiewicz (May 2014)
 Kenneth Lane (May 2014)
 Chelsea Gibson (August 2014)
 Jessica Derleth (May 2014)
 Tiffany Baugh-Helton (May 2014)
 Sarah King (May 2014)
 Michael Cangemi (February 2014)
 Noel Passeri (2012-2015 – withdrew)
 Katie Brown (November 2013)
 Kelly Marino (March 2012)
 Brett Palfreyman (April 2012)
 Danielle St. Julien (August 2012)
 Amanda Molina (2012-14 – withdrew)
 Daniel Pearson (Aug. 2011)
 Andrew Fagal (March 2010)
 Jessica Frasier (March 2011)
 Matthew Williams (February 2011)
 Laurie Gange (March 2011)
 Joshua Canale (August 2010)
 Christopher Pearl (May 2010)
 Faherty Nielsen (May 2010)
 Mike Timonin (2010)
 Kellie Hasselwander (May 2012)
 Ryan Asher (December 2008)

MASTER'S EXAM COMMITTEES:

Chair:

Melyssa Dawson (May 2024)
 Hailey Menze (Spring 2022)
 Rebecca Reed (Spring 2020) – withdrew May 2019
 Andrea Monteleone (Spring 2020)
 Rachel Crone (May 2018) – withdrew from PhD program July 2018
 Ethan Sconzo (May 2017)
 Melissa Franson (April 2015)
 Abigail Cliff (May 2014)
 David Nagle (May 2014)
 Marcela Micucci (October 2012)
 Kevin Murphy (February 2011)

Veronika Stevens (March 2009)

Member:

Jenna Bonner (September 2023)
 Danielle Snali (February 2023)
 Samuel Cummings (2022)
 Gregg Gaal (May 2018)
 Jason Tercha (May 2017)
 Andrew Ewing (April 2015)
 Joanna Allen (April 2015)
 David Nagle (May 2014)
 Meredith Sneider (May 2013)
 Kevin Vrevich (May 2013)
 Cassie Dragos (February 2013)
 Alex Jablonski (December 2013)

Debra Maloney (February 2012)
 Scott Nichols (February 2012)
 Kellie Hasselwander (February 2011)
 Kevin Murphy (February 2011)
 Cassandra Zenz (February 2011)
 Joshua Canale (February 2009)
 Brett Naccarato (February 2009)
 Alexander Finsel (February 2008)
 Carrie Randsall (February 2008)
 Faherty Nielsen (February 2007)

OUTSIDE EXAMINER, DISSERTATION DEFENSE

Tara Riggs, Political Science (April 2023)
 James Parisot, Sociology (May 2016)
 Miriam Bunow, Anthropology (May 2015)
 Scott S. Bodderly, Political Science (July 2015)
 Joshua N. Zingher, Political Science (July 2014)
 Leah Richier, Prospectus Committee, History Department, University of Georgia (January 2014)

MAJOR AND MINOR FIELDS OFFERED:

Comparative Race and Slavery in the U.S. and Latin America
 Nineteenth-Century U.S.
 Early U.S. History
 U.S. South
 Civil War and Reconstruction
 African-American History
 Early U.S. Women's History
 U.S. Women's History
 American Legal and Constitutional History
 Sex and Sexuality in U.S. History
 Native American and Western History

INDEPENDENT STUDIES:

Christopher Pearl – *OLD SOUTH* (2010)
 Matthew Williams – *CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION* (2009)
 Jessica Frazier – *RACE AND GENDER IN EARLY AMERICA* (2011)
 Daniel Pearson – *WESTERN AND NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY* (2011)
 Timothy Bryant – *U.S. SOUTH* (2011)
 Kevin Vrevich – *CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION* (2014)

Senior Honors Theses Advised

Advisor

Arturo Campos (2023)

Andrew Epstein (2010)

Second Reader

Sara Wilensky (2011)

Undergraduate Research Mentor

Andrew Menfi (Spring 2012)