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EDUCATION

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Ph.D., August 2009.

Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.

M.A., American History, with distinction, 2002.

B.S., Anthropology, *Summa cum laude*, 2000.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Early Republic, Ethnohistory, Southeastern Indians, and North Carolina History.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Western Carolina University, 2008-present, Visiting Instructor

American Lives: Dreamers, Lunatics, and Ordinary People (HIS 142)

Turning Points in American History: Paths Taken and Paths Rejected (HIS 141)

Turning Points (HIS 141-online)

Turning Points in European History: Paths Taken and Paths Rejected (HIS 151)

Native American Civilizations: An Introduction to Native American History (HIS 175)

North Carolina History (HIS 341-online)

Cherokee Arts and Crafts (ANT 379)

Cherokee History (HIS 445/545)

Native American History Graduate Seminar (HIS 620)

Southwestern Community College-Macon Campus, 2010-2018, Adjunct Instructor

American History I (HIS-131)

American History II (HIS-132)

Introduction to Global Studies (HIS-115)

World Civilizations I (HIS-111)

World Civilizations II (HIS-112)

General Anthropology (ANT-210-Distance Learning and on campus)

Cultural Anthropology (ANT-220)

Introduction to American Government (POL-120)

Southwestern Community College-Oconaluftee Institute for Cultural Arts, Cherokee Campus, 2009-2012, Adjunct Instructor

Cultural Anthropology (ANT-220)

Haywood Community College, 2009-2010, Adjunct Instructor

U.S. Early History (HIS 131-online)

U.S. Modern History (HIS 132)

U.S. Modern History (HIS 132-online)

Western Civilization II (HIS 122)

College Transfer Success (ACA 122-online)

Appalachian Culture (HUM 123)

Auburn University, 2007, Visiting Instructor

U.S. History Survey to 1877 (HIS 2010)

American Environmental History (HIS 3970)

History of Southeastern Indians (HIS 3000)

Auburn University, 2002-2006, Visiting Lecturer

Historical Methods, Auburn University, 2006

Appalachian Studies, Auburn University, 2006

Old South, Auburn University, 2006

Auburn University, 2002-2006, Teaching Assistant

World History, Auburn University, 2002-2004

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Forging a Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War: From Creation to Betrayal. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2015.

“Cherokees in the Creek War: ‘A Band of Brothers.’” In *Tohopeka: Rethinking the Creek War & the War of 1812*. Ed. Kathryn E. Holland Braund. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2012.

“The Cherokee Beloved Occupation: Warfare, Gender, and Community.” In *New Men: Essays on Manliness in Early America*. Ed. Thomas A. Foster. NY: New York University Press, 2011.

JOURNAL AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

“The Battle of Talladega: Andrew Jackson’s First Victory in the Creek War.” *Alabama Heritage Magazine*, commissioned article. October, 2015.

“‘To Keep Bright the Bonds of Friendship:’ The Making of a Cherokee-American Alliance during the Creek War.” War of 1812 Bicentennial Issue. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 71 (Fall 2012).

“Shedding their Blood in Vain: Cherokee Challenges after the Redstick War.” *Journal of Cherokee Studies* 28 (2010): 31-59.

BOOK REVIEWS

Cherokee Diaspora: An Indigenous History of Migration, Resettlement, and Identity. By Gregory D. Smithers. *American Historical Review* 122 (April 2017).

Carolina in Crisis: Cherokees, Colonists, and Slaves in the American Southeast, 1756-1763. By Daniel J. Tortora. *Ethnohistory*, 64 (April 2017).

Yuchi Folklore: Cultural Expression in a Southeastern Native American Community. By Jason Baird Jackson with contributions by Mary S. Linn. *Alabama Review*, 70 (January 2017).

Tennesseans at War, 1812—1815: Andrew Jackson, the Creek War, and the Battle of New Orleans. By Tom Kanon. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. Summer, 2016.

Massacre at Cavett’s Station: Frontier Tennessee during the Cherokee Wars. By Charles Faulkner. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*. Summer, 2014.

Creek Paths and Federal Roads: Indians, Settlers, and Slaves and the Making of the American South. By Angela Pulley Hudson. *H-AmIndian Review*. September, 2013.

Deconstructing the Cherokee Nation: Town, Region and Nation among Eighteenth-Century Cherokees. By

- Tyler Boulware. *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, April 2012.
- Sustaining the Cherokee Family: Kinship and the Allotment of an Indigenous Nation*. By Rose Stremmlau. *Journal of North Carolina Association of Historians*, Spring 2012.
- Public Indians, Private Cherokees*. By Christine Beard-Moose. *Alabama Review*, July 2010.
- Race and the Cherokee Nation: Sovereignty in the Nineteenth Century*. By Fay A. Yarbrough. *Journal of American Society for Ethnohistory*, Fall 2009.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Native American Removal.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, ed. Paul Boyer, 2 vols. (NY: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- “Sequoyah.” *Encyclopedia of Alabama* (online), May 21, 2009;
<http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/face/Article.jsp?id=h-2159>.
- “The Cherokees in Alabama.” *Encyclopedia of Alabama* (online), March 8, 2007; Top Ten List, 2009;
<http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/face/Article.jsp?id=h-1087>.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Hidden in Plain View: Valleytown Cherokee Women in the Removal Era, 1819-1842,” Southern Association of Women Historians, Annual Meeting, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 9, 2018.
- “Minimalizing the Cherokee Participation in the Red Stick War: The Importance of the Erasure of Andrew Jackson’s Native Alliance in the Forging of Jacksonian America.” Symposium: Toward a Larger Stage: The War of 1812, the Creek War, and the Idea of America.” March 21-22, 2014. Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, National Park Service, Auburn, Alabama.
- “A Reinterpretation of the Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War, 1813-1814.” Symposium: “The 1813 Creek War 200 Years Later: New Directions and Investigations.” American Society for Ethnohistory, Annual Meeting, September 1813, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “The Battle of Horseshoe Bend and the Cherokees.” Tennessee War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, Second War of 1812 Bicentennial Symposium, March 2013, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- “Shedding Their Blood in Vain.” National Trail of Tears Association, Annual Meeting, October 2011, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “Cherokee Women: Sixty Years of Resistance of American Expansion, 1770-1830.” Symposium: “Arts of Resistance”: Connecting Subversive Women across Native American. American Society for Ethnohistory, Annual Meeting, October 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Cherokee Warriors at the Horseshoe: Changes, Challenges, and Conflicts in the Creek War.” The Creek War and War of 1812 in the South: A Symposium. May 22-23, 2009. Auburn University and Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Alabama.
- “War, Gender, and Community in the Making of Cherokee Men into the 19th Century.” Society for American Ethnohistory, Annual Meeting, November 2007, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- “Squatters and Spoliators: The Truth about the Cherokee Alliance during the Creek War.” Society for American Ethnohistory, Annual Meeting, November 2006, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- “‘Our Beloved Occupation’: Expressions of Cherokee Masculinity during the Creek War.” Ohio Valley History Conference, Annual Meeting, October 2006, Johnson City, Tennessee.
- “‘Our Part in the Late War’: A Cherokee ‘Band of Brothers’ in the Creek War.” Alabama Historical Association Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting 2006, Fairhope, Alabama.

- “Revisiting the Horseshoe: A Reexamination of Cherokee Military Presence in the Creek War.” Southern Historical Association, Annual Meeting, November 2005, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “The Foundation of Life-A National Ritual: A Cherokee Response to Allotment, Conscriptio, and World War I.” First Sequoyah Symposium on Southeastern Indians, Conference, April 2003, Cullowhee, North Carolina

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

- Symposium Organizer, “Cherokee Challenges & Tribulations: Exploring Scholarship, Memory, and Commemoration: A Symposium Commemorating the Cherokee Removal (180 yrs) & to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act,” Western Carolina University, April 11, 2018, Cullowhee, North Carolina.
- Committee Chair, 175th Commemoration of the Trail of Tears Symposium, North Carolina Chapter Trail of Tears Association, November 2013, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “Tragedy and Triumph: The 175th Anniversary of the Trail of Tears.” Cherokee History and Culture Workshop presenter. Tennessee Council for the Social Studies. July 2013, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- Local Arrangements Committee, North Carolina Chapter of the National Trail of Tears Association, Annual Meeting 2011, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “Reacting to the Past.” Workshop, December 2009, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina.
- Panel Organizer, *Challenges to Southeastern Indian Identity into the 19th Century*, Society for American Ethnohistory, Annual Meeting, November 2007, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- “Teaching the Cherokee Perspective in the Red Stick War.” War of 1812 Symposium for Teachers, presenter. June 2009. Atlanta History Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Teaching Cherokee Removal: An Updated Strategy.” Georgia Association for History, Annual Meeting presenter, February 2008, Fort Valley, Georgia.
- Local Arrangements Committee, Alabama Historical Association, Annual Meeting 2007, Opelika, Alabama.
- Article referee, *Alabama Review*, 2006.
- Panel Moderator, Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Colloquium, Auburn University, 2005 and 2006.
- Secretary/Treasurer, Phi Alpha Theta, Auburn University, 2003-04.

OUTREACH

- “‘You Have to Start a Thing’: North Carolina Women Breaking Barriers.” Symposium Examining the History of Women’s Agency, Voice, and Scope in Western North Carolina. Sponsored by UNC Asheville, Vance Birthplace State Historic Site, Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site, and the Friends of the North Carolina Room. September 13, 2019, Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, North Carolina.
- Master of Ceremonies. “Dedication of National Trail of Tears Historic Trail Sign Marking the Junction of the Trail of Tears and the Scenic Appalachian Trail.” 50th Anniversary of the National Trail Systems Act. October 29, 2018. Nantahala Outdoor Center, Wesser, North Carolina.
- “Forging a Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War: From Creation to Betrayal,” Food for Thought Lecture Series, Alabama Department of Archives and History, April 19, 2018, Montgomery, Alabama.

- “Forging a Cherokee-American Alliance: Cherokee Participation in the Red Stick War,” James Cooper Memorial Lecture Series, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, February 8, 2018, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “The Trail of Tears National Historic Trail in North Carolina,” Remember the Removal Bike Ride Send-off Speaker, Kituwah Mound, June 2, 2017, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “The Ridge’s Role in the Making of a Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War,” Chieftain’s Museum/Major Ridge Home, March 22, 2016, Rome, Georgia.
- “The Cherokee-American Alliance in the Creek War,” Red Clay State Historic Park, Annual Symposium, March 2016, Cleveland, Tennessee.
- “Establishing the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail,” Remember the Removal Bike Ride Send-off Speaker, Kituwah Mound, June 5, 2015, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “The Cherokees in Alabama,” Russell Cave National Monument, October 17, 2014, Bridgeport, Alabama.
- “The Cherokees in the Creek War (1813-1814): The Forging of an Alliance with Andrew Jackson.” Chieftain’s Museum/Major Ridge Home and the Georgia Humanities Council, “Forward March: The Cherokee and the War of 1812” Program, September 19, 2014, Rome, Georgia.
- “The Cherokees and the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Horseshoe Bend.” North Carolina Trail of Tears Association Chapter Meeting, March 29, 2014, Cherokee, North Carolina.
- “The Trail of Tears and Those Left Behind: The 175th Year, 1838-2013.” East Tennessee Historical Society Annual Meeting, Keynote Speaker, May 2013, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- “Cherokee Involvement in the Creek War.” Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center, Summer Lecture Series, June 2012, Danville, Alabama.
- “Cherokee Women: Then and Now.” Native American Workshop. Five Worlds Productions, April 2010, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- “Cherokee Women” and “Junaluska.” Native American Workshop. Five Worlds Productions, September 2009, Johnson City, Tennessee.
- “Sequoyah and Cherokee Myths.” DeKalb County Historical Society, May 21, 2009, Collinsville, Alabama.
- “‘Our Band of Brothers:’ The Cherokee Role in the Creek War.” Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, Muster on the Tallapoosa, August 2005, Daviston, Alabama.
- “William Bartram: Romantic Naturalist among the Southeastern Indians.” Pintlala Historical Society, Membership Meeting, February 2004, Pintlala, Alabama.

HONORS/AWARDS

- Anne B. & James B. McMillan Prize for Most Deserving Manuscript in Alabama or Southern History or Culture, 2013
- Walter T. Durham Prize for Best Article in the *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 2013
- Crystal Apple Award for Exemplary Course Web Design, 2013, Southwestern Community College
- Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, 2011 and 2012, Southwestern Community College
- Marguerite Scharnagel Writing Fellowship Award, 2008
- Graduate School Fellowship Travel Award, 2006
- Claire D. and Jane A. Heidler Memorial Award, 2005-06
- Robert L. Partin Award, 2003-04
- Graduate Colloquium Award, 2003
- Most Outstanding Anthropology Student Award, 1999-2000
- Helen B. Ramsey Scholarship, 1999-2000
- Alice Matthews Scholarship, 1998-99
- Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Gamma Mu member

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

American Society for Ethnohistory

Bartram Trail Conference

Organization of American Historians

Qualla Boundary Historical Society

Society for Appalachian Historians

Society for Historians of the Early Republic

Southern Historical Association

Southern Association of Women Historians

Trail of Tears Association (NC Chapter: Pres., 2015-2018; Vice Pres., 2008-2010; Sec., 2013-2014; 2018-present)

RESEARCH AND MUSEUM EXPERIENCE

Research

Research Assistant, Auburn University, commissioned and juried online *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, 2004-07.

Research Assistant, Auburn University, 2003 Bartram Trail Conference and 2003 project for Horseshoe Bend National Military Park.

Research Assistant, Western Carolina University, Payne-Butrick Papers (a NEH grant project), 2000-02.

Consultant

Consultant, "History of Catoosa County, Georgia: Native Americans," Ringgold Telephone Company, ferroGold Media, Ringgold, Georgia, 2008.

Consultant and researcher "Cherokee: The Principle People," Significant Communication, Asheville, North Carolina, 1998.

Consultant, *National Geographic Magazine*, "The Cherokees," Cherokee, North Carolina, May 1995.

Consultant, "The Snowbird Cherokee", South Carolina Public Education Television, 1995.

Consultant and researcher, Trail of Tears Commemorative Park Museum, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 1988-89.

Museum Experience

Co-director, Cherokee Heritage Museum and Gallery, Cherokee, North Carolina, 1982-2010; co-founded the museum in 1982.

Curator, "Flowing Waters: Cherokee River Cane Baskets." Chelsea Gallery, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, 2002.

Researcher, On-loan traveling exhibits from the Cherokee Heritage Museum and Gallery:

Pickens County Museum, Pickens, South Carolina

McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, Athens, Tennessee

Guilford Native American Association Art Gallery, Greensboro, North Carolina

Parthenon, Nashville, Tennessee

Sycamore Shoals State Historical Site, Elizabethton, Tennessee

Greenwood Museum, Greenwood, South Carolina

Roswell Nature Center, Roswell, Georgia

Arts and Science Museum, Statesville, North Carolina
Angel Mounds State Historical Site, Evansville, Indiana

REFERENCES

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