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Current Employment

Associate Professor of History, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama.

Course Offerings: American History to 1865, American History from 1865, American History to 1865 (Honors), American History from 1865 (Honors), American History to 1865 (online), American History from 1865 (online), The American Civil War and Reconstruction (undergraduate level and graduate seminar), The American South before 1865, Introduction to African History, History of American Women, Readings in American Women's History (graduate seminar).

Named Phi Alpha Theta "Professor of the Year," Jacksonville State University, 2005-2006.

Dissertation

"'Good Angels': Confederate Widowhood in the Reassurance of Patriarchy in the Postbellum South" Committee: Professors Emory M. Thomas (Chair), Jean E. Friedman, John C. Inscoe, Bryant Simon, Barbara McCaskill

Education

Ph.D. in History, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, December 2001.
Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, The University of Georgia, June 1998.
M.A. in History, The University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 1995.
B.A. in History, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 1993

Publications

"The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause: 'We Must Not Forget or Neglect the Widows' *Women on Their Own: Interdisciplinary Approaches* (Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2008).

"Augusta Jane Evans Wilson," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

"Confederate Widows' Pensions," in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil*

War, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

“Civil War Literature,” in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

“Confederate Widows,” in *The Encyclopedia of Women and the American Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

“‘And for the Widow and Orphan’: Confederate Widows, Poverty, and Public Assistance,” *Inside the Confederate Nation: Essays in Honor of Emory M. Thomas*, edited by Leslie J. Gordon and John C. Inscoe (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2005).

Civil War Crossword, (Athens, Ga.: Hill Street Press, 2004).

“‘Lonely Lives are Not Necessarily Joyless’: Augusta Jane Evans’s *Macaria* and the Creation of a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South,” *American Nineteenth-Century History* (a refereed publication), Spring, 2001.

“‘Let us stress the educational clause of our constitution’: Georgia’s United Daughters of the Confederacy,” *Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians* (a refereed publication), 2000.

“‘Good Angels’: Confederate Widows in Virginia,” *Southern Families at War*, edited by Catherine Clinton (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).

Research Consultant, *The Lines are Drawn: Political Cartoons of the Civil War*, editor Kristen Smith (Athens, Ga.: Hill Street Press, 1999).

“Pensions” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler (ABC-CLIO, 2001).

“The United Daughters of the Confederacy” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, edited by David S. Heidler and Jeanne T. Heidler (ABC-CLIO, 2001).

Book Reviews: *The Historian*
 H-Civil War, H-South, H-Women (Internet discussion lists)
 Anniston Star

Scholarly Conference Papers

“Southerners, the Lost Cause, and the Creation of a ‘Cult of Dead Generals’” to be presented at the first biennial conference of the Society of Civil War Historians,

held at the Union League, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 15-17 June 2008.

“Dead Generals’ Wives and Their Place in the New South” to be presented at the sixth biennial Race and Place in the American South Conference, held at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 10-12 April 2008.

“Widows in Confederate Fiction: ‘The Lives of the Men Would be Changed Comparatively Little’” presented at the Symposium on 19th Century Press, The Civil War, and Free Expression, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 8-10 November 2007. This paper was awarded “Outstanding Paper” of the conference.

“The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Widows, and the Lost Cause: ‘We Must Not Forget or Neglect the Widows’” presented at the first annual conference on the Civil War, “Remembering the Civil War,” at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 26-28 May 2005.

“Confederate Widows and the Gendering of the Civil War Era in American History: Incorporating Confederate Women into the Teaching of American History” presented at the regional meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 8-11 July 2004, in Atlanta Georgia.

“Confederate Widows and the UDC” presented at international conference on widowhood 1-3 April 2004, at the Research Center for Historical Analysis at Rutgers University, New Jersey.

“Augusta Jane Evans, Grace King, and Thomas Nelson Page: Creating a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South,” presented at the national meeting of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, 11-14 April 2001 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“‘A Federal pension is worse than Confederate poverty’: Confederate Pension Systems and the Re-establishment of Patriarchy,” presented at the annual Southern Historical Association Conference, 8-11 November 2000 in Louisville, Kentucky.

“‘Lonely Lives are Not Necessarily Joyless’: Augusta Jane Evans’s *Macaria* and the Creation of a Place for Single Womanhood in the Postbellum South,” presented at the Fifth Southern Conference on Women’s History conducted by the Southern Association of Women’s Historians, 15-17 June 2000 at the University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

“Confederate Widowhood in Virginia” presented at the “Conference on Women and the Civil War,” June 1999 at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

“Freedom Under the Banner of the ‘Lost Cause’: Georgia’s United Daughters of the Confederacy” presented at the annual Georgia Association of Historians conference, 16-17 April 1999 in Savannah, Georgia.

“‘Let us stress the educational clause of our constitution’: Georgia’s United Daughters of the Confederacy” presented at the “Georgia Women Meeting Challenges” conference, 26-27 March 1999 at Shorter College in Rome, Georgia.

“‘Good Angels’ or Dangerous Women: Confederate Widows in Virginia” presented at the “Families at War” conference 24-25 April 1998 at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia.

Fellowships/Awards

Selected as an Alabama Humanities Foundation Speaker, 2003-2004. Under the auspices of this position, I have delivered numerous talks to community groups throughout Alabama.

Lecturer and Travel Guide for LASTING Program (federal grant funded program to encourage continuing education among primary and secondary history teachers in Calhoun County, Alabama), Jacksonville State University, 2002-2004. I gave lectures on Jacksonian America, Antebellum America, The American Civil War, Reconstruction, Culture and Society during the Progressive Era, and Culture and Society during the Great Depression.

Technology grant (\$2,500) to create and implement an online version of “American History to 1865,” Jacksonville State University, Summer 2001.

Research and Writing Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1999-2000.

Women’s Studies Research Grant, Special Collections Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 1999.

Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia, 1999.

Center for Humanities and Arts Research Grant, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1998.

Research Scholarship, Colonial Dames, Georgia Division, 1998-1999.

University-wide Research Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, 1998-1999.

Douglas Southall Freeman Scholarship, Department of History, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, 1993-1994.

Scholarship, North Carolina Vietnam Veteran's Association, 1991-1995 (four year limit).

Professional Experience

Consulted by Steven Bitgood on National Slavery Museum, Fredericksburg, VA.

Website Contributor to Robert Divine, et. al., *America Past and Present*, 2006. (I prepared 15 question pre-tests and post-tests for chapters 1-33.)
http://wps.ablongman.com/lonf_divine_app_7.

Review of proposal for biographical reader, *Lives and Times*, for Longman Publishers, 2006.

Internet source contributor for McGraw Hill *The American Record* (Fall 2004).

Sole contributor to Longman Publishers internet study guide for Divine, *America: Past and Present* (Fall 2004). http://wps.ablongman.com/long_divine_app_7.

Review of primary source reader for Longman Publishers, primary source reader to accompany textbook entitled, *This Terrible War*, 2004.

Contributor to Longman Publishers American History website, 2004.
http://www.ablongman.com/long_longman_lah_1.

Studying America: Past and Present, Volumes I and II, Study Guide to the Seventh Edition (with John Walker Davis) New York: Addison-Wesley Education Publishers, 2004.

Review of book proposal for Longman Publishers, primary source reader for family history entitled, *American Families, American History*, 2003.

Website Contributor to Stefan Haag, et. al., *Texas Politics and Government: Ideas, Institutions, and Policies*, third ed., (New York: Longman, 2003).
http://wps.ablongman.com/long_haag_tpg_3.

Studying America: Past and Present, Volumes I and II, Study Guide to the Fifth Brief Edition (with John Walker Davis) New York: Addison-Wesley Education Publishers, 2002).

Website Contributor to Robert A. Divine, et al., *America: Past and Present*, Volume I,

(New York: Longman, 2002) Flexchoice Project.

http://wps.ablongman.com/long_divine_app_7.

Review of book proposal for Longman Publishers, *Southern Peoples, Southern Pasts: A History of the American South*, 2001.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Georgia, Department of Women's Studies, 2000-2001.

Instructor of History, History Department, University of Georgia, Summer 2000.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Georgia, Department of History, 1995-1999.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Richmond, Department of History, 1993-1995.

Editorial Assistant, *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, 1998-1999.

Editor, *The Southern Historian: A Journal of Southern History*, 1998-2000.

Editor, Townsend Family Papers, in the possession of Dana Dunbar King, Richmond, Virginia, since 1994, publication anticipated.

Editor, Woodward Family Papers, in the possession of Dana Dunbar King, Richmond, Virginia, since 1994, publication anticipated.

Professional Service

Appointed to STAMATS committee, Jacksonville State University, Goal 2, 2006.

Search Committee Chair, Assistant Professor of Early American History, Jacksonville State University, 2005.

Member of the Institutional Review Board, Jacksonville State University 2003-2006.

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Populist/Progressive Era United States, Jacksonville State University, 2004.

Search Committee Member, Instructor Position in American History, Jacksonville State University, 2004.

Chair of Workshop, "So You Want to Get that Article Published," at the Sixth Southern Conference on Women's History conducted by the Southern Association of Women's Historians, 5-7 June 2003 at The University of Georgia, Athens,

Georgia.

Chair and Commentator for two panels at the annual Phi Alpha Theta Conference held at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, March 2003.

Member of Judging Committee for best graduate and undergraduate papers, annual Phi Alpha Theta Conference held at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama, March 2003.

Provided commentary, viewing of HBO documentary, *Unchained Memories*, Jacksonville State University, 10 February 2003.

Member of Ad Hoc “Committee to Create a Mentoring Program” for SAWH, 2003. In this capacity I participated in the development of a mentoring program for the SAWH. Our work included the creation of questionnaires for potential mentors and mentorees as well as the development of a matching/selection process for the organization.

Faculty Mentor, Orientation Program, Jacksonville State University, 2002-2003.

Member of Faculty Council, 2002-2005.

Representative to the Committee on Graduate Students, Southern Association of Women’s Historians, 2001-2004.

Co-Advisor for Jacksonville State University service fraternity, Tau Sigma Lambda, 2001-2004.

Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Ancient/Medieval History, Jacksonville State University, 2001-2002.

Reading Tutor, Athens Tutorial Service, Athens, Georgia, 2000.

Graduate Representative to the Southern Association of Women’s Historians, 1999-2001.

Speaker Coordinator, History Graduate Student Association, 1997-1999.

Representative from the History Department to the Women’s History Month Committee, University of Georgia, 1997-1999.

Graduate Representative, Spalding Chair Search Committee, History Department, 1996-1997.

Professional Memberships

Organization of American Historians, since 2000

American Historical Association, since 1998.

Southern Historical Association, since 1994.

Southern Women's Historical Association, since 1995.

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, since 1993.