

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

MA, PhD History, University of California, San Diego, 1979, 1987
BA History, California State University, Chico, 1978

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

1986 to 2010: Department of History, Texas State University at San Marcos
Fall 1985: San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

SCHOLARSHIP

Books:

The Free State of Jones: Mississippi's Longest Civil War, Movie Edition, University of North Carolina Press, 2016 (1st edition, 2001).
The Free State of Jones, the movie, was produced by STX Entertainment in 2016.
The Long Shadow of the Civil War: Southern Dissent and Its Legacies. University of North Carolina Press, 2010
Unruly Women: The Politics of Social and Sexual Control in the Old South. University of North Carolina Press, 1992.

Articles and chapters in books:

“Disordered Households: Reconstruction, Klan Terror, and the Law,” *Household War: How Americans lived and fought the Civil War*, edited by Lisa Tendrich Frank and LeeAnn Whites, University of Georgia Press, 2020.
“Newt Knight and the Free State of Jones: Myth, Memory, and Imagination,” *Journal of Mississippi History*, Spring 2018.
“East Texas Unionism: Warren J. Collins, Big Thicket Jayhawker,” *Lone Star Unionism and Dissent: The Other Civil War Texas*, edited by Jesus F. de la Teja, University of Oklahoma Press, 2016.
“The Seduction and Suicide of Mariah Murray: A Civil War Era Tragedy,” *Ohio Valley History*, Spring, 2015.
Afterword, *The Civil War Guerrilla: Unfolding the Black Flag in History, Memory and Myth*. Edited by Matthew Hulbert and Joseph Beilein Jr., University Press of Kentucky, 2015.
“Class and Culture in the White South,” *The American South: a Reader and Guide*, edited by Daniel Letwin. Edinburgh University Press, 2011
“Negotiating Boundaries of Race and Gender in Jim Crow Mississippi: The Women of the Knight Family” *Crossroads of Circumstances: Women, Race, and Culture in Mississippi, 1690-2001*, edited by Elizabeth A. Payne, Martha Swain, and Marjorie J. Spruill. University of Georgia Press, 2010.

- “Occupied At Home: North Carolina Women Confront Confederate Forces,” *Occupied Women: Protection, Violation, and the Sexual Politics of the Union Military*, edited by LeeAnn Whites and Alecia Long. Louisiana State University Press, 2009.
- “‘We Never Yielded in The Struggle:’ The Home Front,” *Struggle for a Vast Future: The American Civil War*, edited by Aaron Sheehan-Dean. Osprey Publishing, April 2006.
- “Telling and Retelling the Legend of the Free State of Jones.” *Guerrillas, Unionists, and Violence on the Confederate Home Front*, edited by Daniel E. Sutherland. University of Arkansas, 1999
- "Misshapen Identity: Memory, Folklore, and the Legend of Rachel Knight." In *Discovering the Women in Slavery: Emancipating Perspectives on the American Past*, edited by Patricia Morton. University of Georgia Press, 1996.
- "Mothers, Lovers, and Wives: Images of Poor White Women in Edward Isham's Autobiography." *The Confessions of Edward Isham: A Poor White Life of the Old South*, edited by Charles C. Bolton and Scott P. Culclasure. University of Georgia Press, 1998
- “‘White Negroes’ in Segregated Mississippi: Miscegenation, Racial Identity, and the Law.” *Journal of Southern History*, May 1998.
- "Reshaping the Bonds of Womanhood: Divorce in Reconstruction North Carolina." In *Divided Houses: Gender and the Civil War*, edited by Catherine Clinton and Nina Silber. Oxford University Press, 1992.
- "The Lowest Rung: Court Control Over Poor White and Free Black Women," *Southern Exposure*, Nov/Dec. 1984.
- "War Within a War: Women's Participation in the Revolt of the North Carolina Piedmont, 1863-65," *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies*, fall 1987.

Personal Blog

Renegade South: Histories of Unconventional Southerners.

Invited Talks:

- “Race and Class in the Story of America: Perspectives on the New York Time’s 1619 Project,” via Zoom, King’s College, Wilkes-Barr, PA, Feb 21, 2022.
- “Newt Knight and the Free State of Jones,” via Zoom, Mississippi Museum, “Many Stories,” Jackson, MS, June 3, 2021.
- “The Free State of Jones: Class, Kinship and Revolt in Civil War Era Mississippi,” Keynote Speaker, Texas Center for Working Class Studies Conference, Collin County College, McKinney, TX, Mar 23, 2018.
- “The Free State of Jones: The Politics of Race, Class, and Memory,” Center for the Study of the Civil War, Virginia Tech College, Blacksburg, VA., Oct 2, 2017.
- “The Free State of Jones,” Walz Lecturer, Southern Arkansas University, Sept 8, 2017.
- “The Free State of Jones: The Politics of Race, Class, and Memory,” Civil War and Reconstruction Lecture Series, Lynchburg College, VA, Apr 5, 2017
- “Class, Race, and Politics in America,” and “The Hidden Civil War,” Tucson Festival of Books, Mar 11-12, 2017
- “The Free State of Jones: Facts, Meaning, and Truth,” McCallie School for Boys, Chattanooga, TN, Feb 27, 2017
- “The Long Shadow of the Civil War & the Free State of Jones,” Civil War Talk Radio with Gerald Prokopowicz, Nov 2, 2016.

- “The Free State of Jones: The Politics of Race, Class, and Memory,” The Austin Civil War Roundtable, Austin, TX, Oct 20, 2016.
- “Researching the Free State of Jones,” Honors Program, Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Mississippi, Sept 15, 2016.
- University Forum Series, “The Free State of Jones: History and Memory,” Honors Program, University of Southern Mississippi, Sept 13, 2016.
- “The Free State of Jones: Legend, History, and Movie” Mark Twain House & Museum, Hartford, Connecticut, Aug 11, 2016.
- “The Free State of Jones,” Interview with David Walsh and Joanne Laurier, the World Socialist Web Site, July 16, 2016
- “The Free State of Jones: Legend, History, and—soon—a Movie,” Keynote Speaker, Mississippi Historical Society, Jackson, Mar 4, 2016.
- “The Free State of Jones,” Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel, Mississippi, Sept 5, 2015.
- “The Free State of Jones,” Interview with Thorne Dreyer, Rag Radio, Austin, TX, July 4, 2015.
- “The Free State of Jones: Community, Race, and Kinship in Civil War Mississippi,” Marsalek Lecture Series, Mississippi State University, Mar 18, 2015.
- “The Suicide of Mariah Murray: A Civil War Era Tragedy,” Annual Great River History Colloquium, Quincy University, Illinois, April 26, 2014.
- “East Texas Unionism: Warren J. Collins, Big Thicket Jayhawker,” Symposium on Lone Star Unionism and Dissent, Center for the Study of the Southwest, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, April 5, 2014.
- “Communities at War: Men, Women, and the Legacies of Anti-Confederate Dissent,” University of Calgary, Canada, Nov 12, 2012.
- “Communities at War: Men, Women, and the Legacies of Anti-Confederate Dissent,” Jonas “Steine” Jonasson lecturer, Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon, Oct 10, 2012.
- “The Free State of Jones: Community, Race, and Kinship in Civil War Mississippi,” Littlefield Lecture Series, University of Texas, Austin, Mar 6-7, 2012.
- “The Free State of Jones: Community, Race, and Kinship in Civil War Mississippi,” Richard D. McKinzie Symposium, University of Missouri, Jan 27, 2012
- “Newt Knight, Southern Renegade: Patriot or Traitor?” Laurel-Jones Public Library, Laurel, Mississippi, July 15, 2011.
- “The Long Shadow of the Civil War,” Civil War Sesquicentennial, interview, Veronica Rueckert Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, July 8, 2011.
- “The Free State of Jones: Unionists and Dissenters in Jones County,” American Studies Lecture Series: The American Civil War, Leiden University, Netherlands, April 26. 2011.
- “Remembering the Civil War,” Civil War Sesquicentennial, Interview with Anne Strainchamps, To The Best of Our Knowledge, Wisconsin Public Radio, May 8, 2011.
- The Long Shadow of the Civil War*, James A. Hutchins Lecture Series, Center for the Study of the American South, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Nov. 9, 2010.
- “Dissent and Outrage within the Confederacy,” Gregory Guest Lecturer, Dept. of History, University of Georgia, Athens, Oct. 20, 2010.
- “Defying Convention: Women, Race, and Class in the Civil War Era South,” Moncure Conway Foundation, Falmouth, VA., Mar 21, 2010
- “This Land is *Whose* Land? Civil Identities and Civil Conflicts,” Keynote Speaker, Sixth Graduate Conference on History, University of Missouri, Columbia, April 11-12, 2008
- “The Long Shadow of the Civil War,” Civil War Talk Radio, with Gerald Prokopowicz, Mar 21,

2008

- “Guerrilla Wars: Plain Folk Resistance to the Confederacy,” Civil War Symposium, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, May 5, 2007
- “Military Desertion,” WBEZ, Odyssey talk show, Chicago Public Radio, July 27, 2004
- “‘Bandits and Miscreants’: The ‘Free State of Jones,’” Mississippi Historical Society, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, March 3, 2002.
- “The Free State of Jones: Mississippi’s Longest Civil War,” Keynote Speaker, Fifth Biennial Historic Natchez Conference, MS, February 14, 2002.
- “Revisiting the Free State of Jones,” University Forum Lecture Series, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, fall 2001.
- “Unruly Women,” Howard Thurman Lecture Series, Stetson College, Florida, Sept. 13, 2001.
- “‘The Women is as Bad as the Men’: Unionist Women in North Carolina,” North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, Nov. 9, 1999.
- “Mississippi’s Longest Civil War: Deserters, Slaves, and the Legacy of the ‘Free State of Jones’,” University of Missouri, Columbia, October 25, 1999.
- “Telling and Retelling the Legend of the Free State of Jones, Houston Area Southern Historians, Rice University, January 1998.
- “Women and Domestic Violence in the Old South,” Department of History, University of Texas, Austin, April, 1989.
- “Women and the Law in Antebellum North Carolina,” San Diego Chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Foundation, San Diego, CA, Feb. 1984.

Research Grants, Contracts, and Awards

- Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Texas State University, 2011.
- Dean’s Award for excellence in scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University, San Marcos, 2007, 2005, 2004.
- University Award for excellence in scholarship, Texas State University, San Marcos, 2006.
- Lawrence T. Jones III Research Fellowship, Texas State Historical Association, 2003.
- Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, 2000.
- Research Enhancement Grant, Office of Sponsored Projects and Research, Texas State University, San Marcos, 1992, 1995, 1996
- Phi Alpha Theta Best Book Award, 1994, category of author’s first book, for *Unruly Women: The Politics of Social and Sexual Control in the Old South*.
- Lena Lake Forrest Fellowship, Business and Professional Women's Foundation, Washington, D.C., 1984-85.
- Dissertation Fellowship, University of California at San Diego, 1982-83.
- San Diego Fellowship, University of California at San Diego, 1979-81.

TEACHING

Courses Taught, History Dept., Texas State University, 1986-2009

U.S. History Surveys, colonial to present
Women in American Society

Politics and Culture in Antebellum America
The Early Republic
Survey of African-American History (team-taught pilot course)
Women in Antebellum America (graduate seminar)
The Old South (graduate seminar)
General Research Seminar (graduate seminar)
Oral History: Emphasis on Texas Music History (graduate seminar)
Sociology Dept. Texas State University:
Images of Women (team-taught Women's Studies course)
Honors Program, Texas State University:
Intersection of Race and Gender in American History
Women's Studies Department, San Diego State University, CA. 9/85 to 12/85:
Socialization of Women
Life Cycles of Women

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Distinguished Lectureship Program, Organization of American Historians (OAH)

Appointed Distinguished Lecturer, fall 2010-spring 2013.

Committee and Council Memberships

Executive Board, *Journal of Southern History*, 2012-2015

Board of Editors, *Journal of Southern History*, 2006-2010.

Executive Council of the Southern Association of Women Historians (SAWH), 1999-2002

Advisory Council of the Lincoln Prize, Gettysburg College, April 1999.

Chair, Graduate Student Committee, Southern Association of Women Historians, 1994-1997.

Chair, Jacquelyn Hall Prize Committee, Southern Association of Women Historians, 1997.

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association (SHA), 1996.

Program Committee, Southern Historical Association (SHA), 2002-03

Program Committee, Southern Association of Women Historians (SAWH), 2002-03

Texas State University at San Marcos

Acting Director, Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, 1990-91, 2000-2001

Live-in faculty, Residential College, Fall 1995-Spring 1997

Chapter President, Texas Faculty Association (TFA), 1992-94

Coordinator, Second Annual Conference of Women Historians in Texas, 1992