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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. – The Ohio State University, History
 Fields Early American/Atlantic/Latin American History, 2015
Dissertation: “The Plight and the Bounty: Squatters, War Profiteers & the Transforming Hand of Sovereignty in Indian Country, 1750-1774”
- M.A., Duquesne University, History
 Field of Study: Early American History, 2007
- B.A., The University of Pittsburgh, History, 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- [Visiting Assistant Professor of American Indian and African American History](#)
 Kenyon College, Gambier, OH 2021-Present
- Faculty in Residence, History 2018-2021
 Co-Director, Sustainability Studies 2020-2021
 Capital University, Columbus, OH
- Guest Editor
 Ohio Valley History Journal, Louisville, KY 2017-2018
- Fulltime Senior Lecturer
 The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 2016 to 2018
- Visiting Assistant Professor
 Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, OH 2015 to 2016

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Manuscript: “The Unfortunates: Squatters in the Wastelands of the Ohio River Valley, 1750 to 1800” (MSS under review University of North Carolina University Press)

Article: “Teach LGBTQ+ Early American History, A hybrid pedagogy and new research piece for *The Commonplace: The Journal of Early American Life* (August, 2021)

NEW COURSES DEVELOPED FOR CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

SUST 100 Big Questions in Sustainability Studies

UC 320 History of Capitalism

HIST 392 Race in America

HIST 142 American Indian History to the Present

HIST 193 LGTB+ US History 1600 to 2018

[Chimes, Inaugural LGBTQ+ history class begins next semester, 2019](#)

SELECT STUDENT WORKSHOPS

Graduate School Application Workshop

Job Market Preparation Workshop

Proposal and Grant Writing Workshop

Upper Division Orientation & Experiential Learning Fair

SELECT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

Sustainability Studies

Program Co-Coordinator/Co-Director. Designed and developed multidisciplinary program and foundational course (SUST 101: Big Questions in Sustainability Studies). Program coordination included work across six disciplines and four administrative departments. Authored program proposal and SUST 101 course proposal, including program objectives and mission. Outlined course rotation, course distribution requirements, minor/major admissions process and standardized interdisciplinary capstone project enrollment and assessment. Produced financial, marketing and enrollment plans. Program proposal and SUST 101 course proposal are currently under review.

2020-Present

Focus on Transfer Organization Committee and Report

Authored the organizational action plan and report to formalize partnership between Capital University and Columbus State. Envisioned essential actionable processes relating to admissions, marketing, financial aid, and advising. Designed process for determining course equivalencies across all Capital University and Columbus State departments and programs. Created collaborative social and academic organizations and a transfer cohort, “Journey” that prevent transfer liminality by creating a culture and

supportive bonds through shared goals and experiences. Outlined a new 300 level Cultural Pluralism course aimed at sharing our core Cap values with transfer students at an academically appropriate level while in parallel also introduces them to Cap systems and expectations to support success. Envisioned transfer student orientation program as an event geared toward new and existing students entering their final years of university. Scheduled sessions include new student needs while others emphasis experiential learning opportunities, career planning, professionalization. Combining new and existing students assists transfer students in making new connections important for retention and graduation while also reintroducing existing students to opportunities that strengthen their resume in preparation for the job market.

2018-2020

The Ohio State University Committee on Semesters

The Committee on Semesters directed an over ten-million-dollar project that transitioned OSU from terms to semesters in a process that took four years to complete and impacted 115,000 OSU employees and students. I played instrumental roles in the intimate planning phase and Review Process for Programs which ensured all 200+ OSU programs were redesigned to maintain academic assessment and accreditation integrity along with financial solvency. Equally, reviewed Course Conversion Proposals for OSU's 12,000 odd level courses for leveling and credit conversion assessment to meet the requirements of the new semester while retaining OSU's mission and learning outcomes.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Standing for Ohio Academy of History, Secretary & Treasure 2021-Present
- Transfer on Focus, Organization Dimension Committee 2019-Present
- Director of Diversity and Inclusion search Committee, 2019-2020
- Community Engagement Community of Practice 2019-2021
- Social Justice Community of Practice, 2020-2021
- Planning Committee, The Filson Historical Society, annual meeting, 2018, 2017
- Local Arrangements Committee, Ohio Academy of History April 2017 annual meeting, 2017,
- Warner *Woodring Chair* in Early American History search committee, 2014
- The Ohio State University Committee on Semesters, 2008-2011
- Council of Graduate Students, History Department Delegate, 2008-10
- Doctoral Program Assessment Committee, representative for the entire graduate student body, 2008-10

SELECT GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Community Engaged Learning Initiative Grant, Bonner Foundation Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Initiative

- Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture, Scholar’s Workshop, 2016
- Filson Historical Society, Fellowship, 2015
- OSU Presidential Fellowship, January 2013 -January 2014
- David Library of the American Revolution, Resident Research Fellowship, 2012
- Bradley Fellow, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2012
- Kauffman Family Summer Research Award, 2012
- Ohio State Department Summer Funding Award, 2012
- Ohio State Department Graduate Research Fellowship, 2012
- Program in Early American Economy and Society Fellowships, Long Term Library Company Dissertation Fellowship, 2011
- Retrieving the American Past, Research Grant, 2011
- Snow Publication Endowment Award, 2011
- The Ohio State University Art & Humanities Research Award, 2010
- Retrieving the American Past, Research Grant, 2009
- Bradley Fellow, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2009
- Long Term Scholar-in-Residence, Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission, 2008
- Keystone Grant for Graduate Research, Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission, 2007

MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

“Republicanism and the resurgence of Settler Colonialism,” Motionmasters production for West Virginia Public Broadcasting, November, 2020.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Book review, David Preston, *Braddock's Defeat: The Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution*, Oxford University Press, 2015, *Ethnohistory*, (June 2020).

Book review, Patrick Griffin, Ed. University of Virginia, 2017, *Experiencing Empire: Power, People, and Revolution in Early America*, *The William and Mary Quarterly* Vol. 76, No. 2 (April 2019), pp. 336-340.

“Unlikely Squatter: The intimate exchanges of Anne Christian, 1770 to 1787,” <https://filsonhistorical.org/filson-finds-the-bullitt-family-papers/> (May 2018)

Guest Editor, “Special Native American Issue ,” *Ohio Valley History*, Vol 18 no. 2 (Spring 2018)

“Agency and Opportunity: Isaac Craig, the Carpenter who became a Gentleman,” William Pencak, *Pennsylvania’s Revolution*, Penn State University Press, 2010, 231 – 257.

Co-edited , “‘This Wretched World’: John Michael Lindenmuth, A Common Soldier’s Journal during the 1758 Forbes Campaign to Capture Fort Duquesne,” *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*, Vol. 74, No. 3, Summer 2007, 374-393.

SELECT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & PAPERS

“‘Strong and Firm when Collected and Untied:’ The Pennsylvania Delaware’s multiethnic identity on the eve of the new republic” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, annual meeting, New Haven, July, 2017

Chair & Comments “Native American Sovereignties,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, annual meeting, New Haven, July 22, 2016

Chair & Comments, “Commons Within and Beyond Nation: Early National Print Culture and the Struggle Over American Identity,” The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, annual meeting, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 13, 2014.

“Land Jobbers, Speculators, & Traders: The First Lobbyists and the Grooming of Colonial Land Policy,” Policy History Conference, Columbus, Ohio, July 21, 2014.

“The Guardians of the Rights of Men in this Frontier Country: Reestablishing the Commons in North America,” American Studies Association, Washington D.C., annual meeting, November, 2013.

“Murder, Accidents & Pretending: Delaware and Squatter Community Building in the Monongahela-Youghiogeny Panhandle, 1769-74,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture meeting, annual meeting, June, 2012, at Johns Hopkins.

“‘To Dispose and Destroy Us:’ Preemptive Settlers in the Ohio River Valley & the American Revolution, 1770 -1782” SUNY Upstate Early American History Workshop, February, 2012.

“‘By Beat of Drum Declared themselves Independent:’ The Squatter Ethnogenesis of ‘Dangerous Men,’ 1763-1782,” McNeil Center for Early American studies Brownbag series, 2012.

“‘The Ravages of a Cruel and Savage Economy:’ Ohio River Valley Squatters and the Formation of a Communitarian Political Economy, 1768-1782,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, annual meeting, Philadelphia, 2011.

“The Long War for Land: The untold history of the western theater of the American Revolution and the Indian Wars of the 1790s,” Library Company, Philadelphia, February, 2011.

“The Unfilled Promise of Independence: The Squatter Exodus of 1784,” Pennsylvania History Association, annual meeting, October 2010.

“Soldier Up: Social and Economic Mobility in America’s War for *Independence*,”
James A. Barnes Club Conference, Temple University, Philadelphia, 2009.

“The Social Revolution: changing class dynamics during the Revolutionary era,”
Pennsylvania History Association, annual meeting, 2007.

“Isaac Craig: Social Advancement and Frontier Development in Eighteenth Century
Pittsburgh,” Western Pennsylvania Revolutionary War Roundtable, Fort Pitt Museum,
Pittsburgh, 2007.

SELECT MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED FOR

Journal of the Early Republic

Ethnohistory

Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies

Ohio Valley History

RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE LANGUAGES

Unami (Delaware dialect)

Michif-Cree (Iroquois dialect)

French

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

American Studies Association

Pennsylvania Historical Association

Society of Historians of the Early Republic