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Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments:

2021-present Associate Professor of History, North Dakota State University

2015-2021 Assistant Professor of History, North Dakota State University

Education:

2015 PhD, Northwestern University: History

2010 MA, Northwestern University: History

2009 MA, University of Delaware: Winterthur Program in American Material Culture

2006 BA, St. Mary's College of Maryland: History and Anthropology (*magna cum laude*)

Publications:

Book:

Occupied America: Military Rule and the Everyday Experience of Revolution (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020)

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“Ambiguous Allegiances: Urban Loyalties during the American Revolution.” *The Journal of American History* 104 (2017), 610-631.

“The Failure of Restored British Rule in Revolutionary Charleston, South Carolina.” *The Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 42 (2014), 22-40.

“From the Collection: Combing the Roots of Colonialism: Jamaican Tortoiseshell Combs and Social Status, 1655-1692.” *Winterthur Portfolio* 43 (2009), 313-334.

Book Chapter:

“Forgiving and Forgetting in Post-Revolutionary America” in Patrick Griffin, ed., *Experiencing Empire: People, Power, and Revolution in Early America*. (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2017), 171-188.

Book Reviews:

- Max M. Edling, *Perfecting the Union: National and State Authority in the US Constitution* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021). *Journal of the Early Republic* (forthcoming).
- Robert Parkinson, *Thirteen Clocks: How Race United the Colonies and Made the Declaration of Independence* (Williamsburg, VA and Chapel Hill, 2021). *William and Mary Quarterly* 79:1 (2022), 171-174.
- Katherine Carté, *Religion and the American Revolution: An Imperial History* (Williamsburg, VA and Chapel Hill, 2021). H-Early America (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=56872>), January 2022.
- Rebecca Brannon and Joseph Moore, ed., *The Consequences of Loyalism: Essays in Honor of Robert M. Calhoun* (Columbia, SC 2019). *Journal of the Early Republic* 40:3 (2020), 552-54.
- Kelly Ryan, *Everyday Crimes: Social Violence and Civil Rights in Early America* (New York, 2019). *Civil War Book Review* 22:2 (2020), <https://digitalcommons.lsu.edu/cwbr/vol22/iss2/13>.
- Adam Costanzo, *George Washington's Washington: Visions for the National Capital in the Early American Republic* (Athens, GA, 2018). *Journal of Southern History* 85:2 (2019), 425-26.
- John Oller, *The Swamp Fox: How Francis Marion Saved the American Revolution* (Boston, 2016). H-War (<https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=49642>), October 2017.
- Gautham Rao, *National Duties: Custom Houses and the Making of the American State* (Chicago, 2016). *William and Mary Quarterly* 74:1 (2017), 184-188.
- Diane Wenger, *A Country Storekeeper in Pennsylvania* (University Park, PA, 2008). *Winterthur Portfolio* 46:1 (2012), 103-104.

Non-Refereed Academic Writing:

- “The Electoral College as American Aristocracy.” In Eric Burin, ed., *Picking the President: Understanding the Electoral College*. Grand Forks, ND: Digital Press at the University of North Dakota, 2017. [Editor-reviewed]
- “Occupied Newport: A Revolutionary City under British Rule.” *Newport History* 84 (2015), 1-24. [Reviewed by the Newport Historical Society Publications Committee]
- Entries for “Dances/Balls,” “Food Shortages,” “Gambling,” “Plundering,” “Quartering of Soldiers,” “Rice,” “Soldiers,” and “Soldiers’ Fare,” in Merrill Smith, ed. *The World of the American Revolution: A Daily Life Encyclopedia* (Greenwood/ABC-CLIO, 2015). [Editor-reviewed]
- “Reconstructing Racial Identity in 17th-Century Maryland.” *Chronicles of St. Mary’s: Quarterly Bulletin of the St. Mary’s County (MD) Historical Society* 54 (2007), 431-435. [Editor-reviewed]

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants:

Awards:

- 2021 Society for Military History Distinguished Book Award in US Military History (for *Occupied America*)
- 2021 Harry M. Ward Book Prize, American Revolution Roundtable of Richmond (for *Occupied America*)
- 2021 Finalist, Gilder Lehrman Prize for Military History (for *Occupied America*)
- 2018 National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars Outstanding American History Teacher Award
- 2016 Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Dissertation Prize

External Fellowships and Grants:

- 2020 American Antiquarian Society: Jay and Deborah Last Short-Term Fellowship (scheduled for 2020; cancelled to due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies: Short-Term Fellowship
- 2019 American Philosophical Society: Library Resident Fellowship
- 2019 Library Company of Philadelphia: Richardson Dillworth Short-Term Fellowship
- 2017 Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington: Visiting Research Fellowship
- 2016 William L. Clements Library: Howard H. Peckham Fellowship on Revolutionary America
- 2016 Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture 2016 Scholars' Workshop, Williamsburg, VA
- 2014 Huntington Library: Robert Middlekauf Visiting Research Fellowship
- 2014 Newport Historical Society: Fellowship in Historical Interpretation
- 2013-14 McNeil Center for Early American Studies: Friends of the MCEAS and Society of the Cincinnati Dissertation Fellowship
- 2013 John Carter Brown Library: J Ruth and Lincoln Ekstrom Fellowship
- 2013 Society of the Cincinnati: Tyree-Lamb Library Fellowship

- 2012 David Library of the American Revolution: Visiting Research Fellowship
- 2012 William L. Clements Library: Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellowship
- 2012 Fort Dearborn (IL) Chapter DAR Annual American History Scholarship

Institutional Support:

- 2020-21 Faculty Fellowship, Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth at North Dakota State University
- 2017, 19 Research Development Travel Awards, North Dakota State University
- 2016, 19 International Conference Travel Grants, North Dakota State University
- 2017-18 Gateways-ND Faculty Pedagogical Training Grant
- 2015 Finishing Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2013 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University
- 2013, 2011 Conference Travel Grants, Northwestern University
- 2012-13, 09-10 Graduate Fellowships, Northwestern University
- 2007-09 Lois F. McNeil Fellowship, University of Delaware/Winterthur Museum

Presentations:

Conferences and Workshops:

As Presenter:

- 2022 “Shots Heard and Unheard: Inventing the Start of the American Revolutionary War.” McNeil Center for Early American Studies Conference: “War Stories: Conflict in the Atlantic World, 1600-1850.” Philadelphia, PA: Nov. 17-19, 2022 (*upcoming*).
- 2022 Panelist, “Roundtable: Governing the Revolution.” Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Conference, “For 2026: Revolutionary Legacies.” Williamsburg, VA: Oct. 28-29, 2022 (Session Organizer) (*upcoming*).
- 2022 “Committees, Councils, and Congresses: Constructing Local Authority in Revolutionary America, 1775-1776.” America 2026 International Symposium: “Historiographies of the American Revolution.” Lyon, France: October 14-15, 2022 (*upcoming*).
- 2022 “Coercion in the Cause of Liberty: The Popular Politics of Allegiance in Revolutionary America, 1775-76.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA: January 6-9, 2022.
- 2021 “Independence before the Declaration: Insurgent Regimes at the Local Level in Revolutionary North America, 1775-1776.” European Early American Studies Association Biannual Conference. Poitiers, France: December 9-11, 2021.

- 2020 “Popular Statecraft and Local Authority in the Early American Revolution.” Institute for Thomas Paine Studies Conference, ‘Foundations of Independence: Protest and Communication in Revolutionary America, 1770 to 2020.’ New Rochelle, NY: September 25-26, 2020 (*conference moved online due to COVID-19*).
- 2019 “Within the Lines: Opportunity and Risk in British-Occupied America, 1775-1783.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA: April 4-6, 2019.
- 2019 “Petitions and the Language of Loyalism in Revolutionary America.” Institute for Social Sciences, University of Lisbon Conference, “Petitions in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions.” Lisbon, Portugal: February 13-15, 2019.
- 2017 “Making Loyalty a Family Business.” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Meeting. Ann Arbor, MI: June 15-18, 2017.
- 2017 “Making Peace before Paris: Ordinary Americans Negotiate the End of the Revolutionary War.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA: April 6-9, 2017. (Panel Organizer, “From War for Independence to Revolutionary War”)
- 2016 “Negotiating Space and Power at the End of the American Revolutionary War.” European Early American Studies Association Biannual Conference. Paris, France: December 8-10, 2016.
- 2016 “Sites of Reinvention and Ruin.” Second Annual Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Scholar’s Workshop, July 5-15, 2016.
- 2015 “Collaborator Regimes: Loyalist Civilians and the Administration of British-Occupied Territories during the American Revolution.” Agora Institute Conference, “Was the American Revolution a Just War?” Philadelphia, PA: Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2015.
- 2015 “Stocked Shops, Empty Stomachs: Everyday Experience and Personal Politics in Revolutionary Cities under British Rule.” Massachusetts Historical Society Conference, “‘So Sudden an Alteration’: The Causes, Course, and Consequences of the American Revolution.” Boston, MA: April 9-11, 2015.
- 2014 “Personal Revolutions: Everyday Experience and Political Change in British-Occupied Newport, Rhode Island, 1776-1779.” New England Historical Association Spring Conference. Springfield, MA: April 26, 2014.
- 2013 “Occupied America: Everyday Experience and the Failure of Imperial Authority in Revolutionary Cities under British Rule, 1774-1783.” Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD: June 13-15, 2013.
- 2013 “Occupied America: Everyday Experience and the Failure of Imperial Authority in Revolutionary Cities under British Rule, 1774-1783.” Colonial Society of Massachusetts Graduate Student Forum. Boston, MA: May 10, 2013.

- 2012 “Occupied America: Resistance and Collaboration in Revolutionary Charles Town, South Carolina.” Chabraja Center for Historical Studies International Doctoral Workshop. American Academy in Rome: May 3-4, 2012.
- 2011 “Re-Imagining the Empire: Loyalist Rule in Charles Town, South Carolina, 1780-1782.” South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting. Charleston, SC: March 12, 2011.
- 2009 “Brewing Capital: Philadelphia Beer and the Atlantic World, 1780-1800.” Pennsylvania Historical Association Annual Meeting. Chester, PA: October 22-25, 2009.

As Chair or Commenter:

- 2022 Chair/Moderator, “Heroes and Villains in Mind and Living Memory: Southern Patriots and Loyalists After the American Revolutionary War” Roundtable. Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD: November 10-13, 2022 (*upcoming*).
- 2022 Chair, “Public History II.” Northern Great Plains History Conference. Fargo, ND: Sept. 21-24, 2022.
- 2021 Commenter, “Crisis, 1774-1775.” Pauline Maier Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, December 7, 2021 (Invited comment on pre-circulated paper).

Invited Talks and Workshops (Academic Audiences):

- 2022 “Committees of Safety, Popular Politics, and Local Authority at the Onset of the American Revolution, 1774-1776.” City University of New York Early American Republic Seminar, March 4, 2022.
- 2018 “Life and Revolution in British-Occupied America.” Fargo-Moorhead Annual Tri-College History Lecture. Fargo, ND: April 25, 2018.
- 2016 “‘Making Loyalty a Sure Game’: The Politics of Allegiance in British-Occupied Cities.” Thirteenth Annual Fort Ticonderoga Seminar on the American Revolution, September 23-25, 2016.
- 2015 “Ambiguous Allegiances: Questioning Loyalties in Revolutionary Cities under British Military Rule.” McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Friday Seminar Series. Philadelphia, PA: January 23, 2015.
- 2014 “Occupied America: Everyday Experience and the Failure of Imperial Authority in Revolutionary Cities under British Rule, 1775-1783.” Millersville University History Department. Millersville, PA: April 10, 2014.
- 2013 “Everyday Transgressions, Subtle Transformations: The Social Dynamics of Revolutionary Cities under British Rule.” John Carter Brown Library Fellows’ Lunch Talk. Providence, RI: August 14, 2013.

Invited Talks (General Audiences):

- 2021 “Youth in Revolt: Alexander Hamilton and Coming of Age in the American Revolution.” Fargo Public Library. Fargo, ND, March 30, 2021. (*Delivered online*)
- 2020 “Abraham Lincoln and the Topsy-Turvy Election of 1860.” Touchmark Retirement Community Lecture Series. Fargo, ND, September 18, 2020. (*Delivered online*).
- 2019 Panelist, Forum on *The New York Times’s* “1619 Project” hosted by the Dickinson State University College Republicans. Dickinson, ND, October 29, 2019.
- 2017 “Making Peace in Revolutionary America.” North Dakota Chapter Daughters of Colonial Wars Annual Meeting. Fargo, ND: October 7, 2017.
- 2016 “Shakespeare in the American Revolution.” Fargo Winter Arts Festival Lecture Series. Fargo, ND: February 16, 2016.
- 2015 “Occupied Newport: Tales from a Revolutionary City under British Rule.” Public Lecture Series, Newport Historical Society. Newport, RI: January 8, 2015.
- 2013 “Defending the Rights of Englishmen: American Ideas of Liberty during the Revolutionary Era.” St. Chrysostom’s Episcopal Church Adult Forum. Chicago, IL: April 14, 2013.
- 2012 “Re-Imagining the Empire: Loyalist Rule in Charles Town, South Carolina, 1780-1782.” Fort Dearborn Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Annual Meeting. Evanston, IL: May 9, 2012.

Campus Talks:

- 2019 “Dissent, Debate, and Individual Rights in the Constitutional Era.” Student Activities Office Constitution Day Lecture, September 17, 2019
- 2017 “Who Wrote this Constitution Anyway?” NDSU Teach-In: “Tough Topics 2017,” March 23, 2017.
- 2017 “New Arrivals: Hopes, Dreams, and Ambitions in British-Occupied New York, 1776-1783” NDSU American Studies Colloquium, March 22, 2017.

Public Book Talks & Media Appearances:

- July 13, 2022 New York State Library
- June 30, 2022 Interview *Prairie Pulse* on Prairie Public TV (PBS affiliate for Fargo, ND)
<https://video.prairiepublic.org/video/prairie-pulse-1933-dr-donald-johnson-and-blue-red-roses-1yz9if/>
- April 4, 2022 Gotham Center for New York History

- Oct. 12, 2021 American Revolution Roundtable of South Jersey Monthly Meeting
- July 18, 2021 Fort Ticonderoga Virtual Author Series
- June 10, 2021 Library Company of Philadelphia Fireside Chat Series
- April 16, 2021 Interview, *PA Books*, Pennsylvania Cable Network
- Mar. 29, 2021 American Revolution Roundtable of Philadelphia Monthly Meeting
- Mar. 11, 2021 Fraunces Tavern Evening Lecture Series
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5LhTlyj05o>
- Jan. 26, 2021 History Author Talks Episode “All the King’s Men Who Tried to Put British America Back Together Again” <https://youtu.be/QPigndUV75E>
- Jan. 11, 2021 Mt. Vernon Digital Book Talk Series (<https://youtu.be/mZuAiGbuU6s>)
 Aired on C-SPAN Book TV Jan. 19 & Feb., 7, 2021
- Dec. 9, 2020 New Books Network Podcast Interview
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/occupied-america>
- Oct. 19, 2020 Interview, *Main Street* on Prairie Public Radio (NPR affiliate for ND)
<https://news.prairiepublic.org/post/donald-johnson-occupied-america-nd-state-auditor-josh-gallion>

Courses Designed and Taught:

- US History to 1877 (Introductory-level survey course)
- The American Presidency (Introductory-level undergraduate course)
- War and Society in America (Mid-level undergraduate course)
- Colonial America (Upper-level undergraduate course)
- Revolutionary America (Upper-level undergraduate course)
- Historical Research and Writing (Upper-level undergraduate course)
- Public Memory and Memorialization in America (Combined undergrad/grad seminar)
- Senior Seminar (Capstone writing seminar for senior history majors)
- Early Modern Paleography (Undergrad/grad seminar; co-taught with Dr. Bradley Benton)
- The Age of Atlantic Revolutions (Graduate seminar)

Professional and Institutional Service:

Professional:

Refereed Articles for *The William and Mary Quarterly* (2015, 2017, 2018, 2021), *The Journal of the Early Republic* (2018, 2021), *The Journal of Military History* (2017), *Urban History* (2021), and *Newport History* (2017, 2019)

Refereed Manuscripts for Oxford University Press (2022) and National Parks Service (2022)

- 2019-Present Member, Newport Historical Society Scholarship Advisory Committee
 2020 Advised and Signed onto Amicus Brief of American Military Historians to the US Supreme Court in case of *Little Sisters of the Poor Saints Peter and Paul Home v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* (filed by the Constitutional Accountability Center on 4/8/20)
- 2018 Advised and Signed onto Amicus Brief of Historians to the US Supreme Court in case of *Jane Doe 2, et. al v. Donald Trump* (Brief filed by Ropes & Gray, LLP on 10/29/18)
- 2016 Textbook Reviewer, McGraw-Hill
 2016 Advised and Signed onto Amicus Brief of American Military Historians to the U.S. Supreme Court in case of *Zubrick v. Burwell* (Brief filed by the Constitutional Accountability Center on 2/17/16)

Institutional:

- 2022-Present Member, College Curriculum Committee, NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2017-Present Member, History Department Undergraduate Affairs Committee
 2017-Present Advocate, NDSU FORWARD Faculty Gender Equity Initiative
 2019-2020 NDSU Faculty Senate Executive Board Representative for College of Arts Humanities, and Social Sciences
- 2017-2020 NDSU Faculty Senator for College of AHSS
 2019-2021 Member & Chair (2020-21), University Ombudsperson Annual Review Committee
- 2016-2018 Faculty Advisor, NDSU Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta
 Fall 2017 Faculty Representative, Government Information Systems Librarian Search Committee
- 2016-2017 Member, NDSU History Department Graduate Affairs Committee
 Spring 2017 Member, NDSU “Tough Topics” Teach-In Organizing & Program Committees

Graduate Student Advising

Current: Stephanie Aulner (member, MA committee); Susan Curtis (member, PhD committee); Shane Engeland (member, MA committee); Blake Johnson (member, MA committee); Laura Kluckman (member, MA committee); Clark Kotte (member, MA committee); Shannon Ueker (member, MA committee)

Completed: Lis Fricker (chair, MA committee, graduated Spring 2022); Kate Eidem (chair, MA committee; graduated Fall 2018); Kaci Johnson (member, MA committee, graduated Spring 2020); Chelsea Olmsted (member, MA committee, graduated Spring 2020); Angela Beaton (member, MA committee, graduated Fall 2019); Rowshan Chowdhury (outside reader, MA committee; graduated Spring 2019); Shaibal Devroy (outside reader, MA committee; graduated Spring 2019); Rio Bergh (outside reader, MA committee; graduated Spring 2019); Kelli Clark (member, MA committee; graduated Spring 2017)

