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Curriculum Vitae

Middle Tennessee State University
Department of History
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Academic Positions

2024-present Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, Department of History
2020-2024 Associate Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, Department of History
2014-2020 Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, Department of History
2013-2014 Assistant Professor and Director of Social Studies Education, Arkansas State University, Department of History

Education

2013 Doctor of Philosophy, Florida State University – Religious Studies, American Religious History
2009 Master of Arts in Religion, Yale Divinity School – History of Christian Thought
2007 Master of Arts, Lipscomb University, Hazelip School of Theology – Biblical Studies
2003 Bachelor of Arts, Lipscomb University, Department of History – Major: History (with 7-12 license), Minor: Political Science, Biblical Studies

Research and Scholarship

Books and Monographs

- *Faith in Freedom: Propaganda, Presidential Politics, and the Making of an American Religion* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2021)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “We Still Don’t Know What it is: The Historical Origins of Christian Nationalism in America and its Intentional Ambiguities.” *Journal of the Council for Research on Religion* (forthcoming summer, 2026)
- “Explaining Waco: How Historians come to Different Conclusions about What Really Happened” in *Understanding and Teaching Contemporary American History since Reagan*, Kimber Quinney and Amy Sayward, Eds. (Madison: Wisconsin University Press, 2022)

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- “Divergent Interpretation: The Conflicting Hermeneutics of Contemporary Christianity” in *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity in the United States: Historical, Cultural, Theological, and Ethical Explorations*, Mark A. Lamport, Ed. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2022), 144-158.
- “Critical Analysis of Religious Sources: A Case Study of Christian Science Pamphlets,” in *Research Methods for Primary Sources* (SAGE Academic/Adam Matthew Digital, Nov, 2021) DOI: https://doi.org/10.47594/RMPS_0193
- “The Best Knower: Mythmaking, Fard Muhammad, and the Lost-Found Nation of Islam.” *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* 10:1 (Jan, 2020), 81-93. doi:10.18848/2154-8633/CGP/v10i01/81-93.
- “A Market-based Argument for Liberal Arts Degrees,” *Forum for Values in Higher Education*, 2019:4 (July 2019) <https://svheforum.com/2019/07/18/a-market-based-argument-for-liberal-arts-degrees/>
- “Faith Battling Fear: U.S. Military Chaplains and the Regulation of Fear during World War II” *Journal of Academic Perspectives*, 2016: 4 (Dec, 2016)
- “‘Unnecessary and Artificial Divisions:’ Franklin Roosevelt’s Quest for Religious and National Unity Leading Up to the Second World War,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 82:3 (Sept, 2013), 667-678.
- “Mormon Doctrine and Covenants” in *Milestone Documents of World Religions*, ed. David M. Fahey, (Dallas: Schlager Group, 2010), 1130-1150.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Essays under Editorial Review

- “Religious Propaganda and the Making of an American Religion” *Liberty Magazine* (Nov/Dec, 2021), 14-19. Online at <https://www.libertymagazine.org/article/religious-propaganda-and-the-making-of-an-american-religion>
- “Evangelism, Missions, and Growth: 1888-1992” in *The First 200 Years: A Bicentennial History of First United Methodist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee*, Ed. Evelyn Hicks (Nashville: Plumblin Publishers, 2020), 61-89.
- “Cold War,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, Ed. Phillip C. DiMare (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016), 180-188.
- “Lincoln, Jefferson, and the Legacies of Religion,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, 46.2 (June 2015), 473-495.

Shorter Encyclopedia Articles

- “Religion, Politics, and War,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, Ed. Phillip C. DiMare (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016), 634-637.
- “Dwight D. Eisenhower,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, Ed. Phillip C. DiMare (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016), 269-271.
- “Jehovah’s Witnesses,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, Ed. Phillip C. DiMare (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016), 399-400.

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- "Bible Belt," in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America*, Ed. Phillip C. DiMare (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2016)
- "W.D. Mohammed" in *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, Ed. Gerhard Böwering, et al. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013)
- "Birth Control," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Freedom Summer," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Kennedy's Inaugural Address," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "March to Selma," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Poor People's Campaign," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Dean Rusk," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "School Prayer," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Fred Shuttlesworth," in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Transcendental Meditation (TM)" in *Encyclopedia of the Sixties: A Decade of Culture and Counterculture*, Ed. James S. Baugess and Abbe Allen-Debolt (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2012)
- "Francis Perkins," in *Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, Ed. Lisa Tendrick Frank, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011),
- "Military Air Transport Service," in *Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, Ed. Lisa Tendrick Frank, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011),
- "Military Sea Transport Service," in *Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, Ed. Lisa Tendrick Frank, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011),

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- “Salvation Army” in *Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, Ed. Lisa Tendrick Frank, (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2011)

Book Reviews

- Review of John Andrew Morrow and Bilal Muhammad, *W.D. Fard: The Man, Myth, and Mystery Behind the Nation of Islam* in *International Journal Africana Studies* (forthcoming summer, 2026)
- Review of Carl S. Weinberg, *Red Dynamite: Creationism, Culture Wars, and Anticommunism in America* in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 91 no. 3 (Sep 2022), 712-714.
- Review of Andrew Johnstone, *Against Immediate Evil: American Internationalists and the Four Freedoms on the Eve of World War II*, in *Pacific Historical Review*, vol. 85, no. 2 (May 2016): 307-308.
- Review of Lawrence J. McAndrews, *What They Wished For: American Catholics and Presidents, 1960-2004*, in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, vol. 45, no. 4 (December 2015): 818-819.
- Review of Clint Van Winkle, *Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir of Combat and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*, in *Michigan War Studies Review*
- Review of William Inboden, *Religion and American Foreign Policy, 1945-1960: The Soul of Containment*, in *Symposia: The Graduate Student Journal of the Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto*, vol. 3 (2011)
- Review of Efrat Ben-Ze'ev, Ruth Ginio, and Jay Winter, Editors, *Shadows of War: A Social History of Silence in the Twentieth Century*, in *Michigan War Studies Review*, 2011 volume. available online at <http://www.miwsr.com/2011-011.aspx>
- Review of Andrew S. Finstuen, *Original Sin and Everyday Protestants: The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, and Paul Tillich in an Age of Anxiety*, in *Journal of American Studies of Turkey*, no. 30 (Fall, 2009)

Op-Eds and Guest Essays

- “Why Politicians' Fearmongering on Immigration is not Biblically Sound” *The Tennessean*, October 2, 2022, available online at <https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/contributors/2022/09/26/why-politicians-fearmongering-on-immigration-is-not-biblically-sound/69520663007/> Republished by *Daily News Journal*, *Yahoo News*, *Newsbreak.com*, *MSN.com*, and *Political Press Watch*
- “Andrew R. Polk's 'Faith in Freedom'” *The Page 99 Test*, January 5, 2022, available online at <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2022/01/andrew-r-polks-faith-in-freedom.html>
- “When you hear 'In God We Trust' pay attention to what comes next” *The Tennessean*, December 6, 2021, available online at <https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/2021/12/06/religion-america-pay-attention-in-god-we-trust/8856231002/> Republished in *Knoxville Sun Sentinel*, December 12, 2021, available online at

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<https://www.knoxnews.com/story/opinion/2021/12/06/religion-america-pay-attention-in-god-we-trust/8856231002/>

- “Can we please call a cease-fire in the supposed War on Christmas?” *The Leaf Chronicle*, December 20, 2021, available online at <https://www.theleafchronicle.com/story/opinion/2021/12/21/war-christmas-according-mtsu-professor-andrew-polk/8975064002/> Republished in *Yahoo News*, December 21, 2021, at <https://news.yahoo.com/mtsu-professor-please-call- cease-030045179.html>

Select Academic Presentations

- Sept., 2025 “Teaching in the Modern Age” Tennessee Council for History Education Annual Meeting 2025
- Jan., 2024 “Teaching Contemporary US History since Reagan: Challenges and Resources” American Historical Association Annual Meeting 2024
- Oct., 2023 “The Long View: Lessons from the History of Religious Extremism” Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes
- Sept., 2023 “Historical Memory and Historical Imagination” Tennessee Council for History Education Annual Meeting 2023
- Sept., 2022 “Rethinking Religion and Politics in Light of Christian Nationalism” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2022
- June, 2020 “Explaining Waco: Branch Davidians, the Cult Awareness Network, and 24 Hour News” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting 2020
- Apr., 2020 “Religious Action in the Social and Civil Order: Religious Propaganda and Nationalism from the Mid-twentieth Century to Today” Religion and Spirituality in Society International Conference 2020
- Sept., 2019 “Historical Simulations in the Classroom: A Discussion about Best Practices” Teaching History Today 2019
- Nov., 2018 “Ain’t I an Afghan Girl: Teaching about Muslim Women in American History”, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2018
- Sept., 2018 “The Truth of the Matter?: Historical Memory in the Modern Classroom” Tennessee Council for History Education Annual Meeting 2018
- June, 2018 “The Whole (Sojourner) Truth: Historical Memory in the

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Classroom" Teaching History Today 2018

- May, 2017 "The Way it Happened: Historical Memory in the Public Imagination" Rutherford County Schools Professional Development
- Aug., 2016 "Freedom from Fear: The U.S. Military's Surprising Use of Chaplains during World War II" Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
- May, 2016 "Who Killed Archie Fischer?: Teaching Historical Thinking Skills" Rutherford County Schools Professional Development
- Nov., 2015 "Free-Market Religion: Selling America after the Second World War" American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2015
- Apr., 2014 "Freedom Was Better: the Advertising Council's Quest for a National Mythos and Its Legacy in American Culture" American Culture Association Annual Meeting 2014
- Dec., 2012 "For God and Country: The Challenges of Religious Unity during the Second World War Religion and World War II, Florida State University
- Jan., 2012 "Faith Battling Fear: Military Chaplains and the Regulation of Fear during World War II" American Historical Association Annual Meeting 2012
- Nov., 2011 "I Want You to Understand Your Book:" Mythmaking in the Lost-Found Nation of Islam" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting 2011
- Nov., 2011 "The Best Knower: Mythmaking, Fard Muhammad, and the Lost-Found Nation of Islam" American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2011
- Apr., 2011 "The Demarcation of an Imagined Place: The Search for the Elusive Bible Belt" American Culture Association Annual Meeting 2011
- Mar., 2011 "Where Those People Live: The Bible Belt as Cultural Myth" Southwestern Historical Association
- Mar., 2011 "The Best Knower: Mythmaking, Fard Muhammad, and the Lost-Found Nation of Islam," Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- Feb., 2011 "Praying the Fear Away: Religion and Power in the Second World War" Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium
- Feb., 2010 "The Sins of (Puritan) Youth: Sex and Disrespect in Northampton, MA Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium

Public and Guest Lectures/Interviews

- Oct., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "South Carolina Voucher Law Defies Constitution." *Faith and Politics* is

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- broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/south-carolina-voucher-law-defies-constitution/>
- Oct., 2025 “Teaching History Roundtable,” *The Road to Now* Podcast, available at <https://theroadtonow.com/episodes/teaching-history-roundtable-349/>
- Aug., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “Christian Athletes Club Closed on DC High School Campus.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/christian-athletes-club-closed-on-dc-high-school-campus/>
- Aug., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “Maryland County Requires Teaching Transgender Ideology.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/dc-court-punish-attorneys-representing-religious-clients/>
- Jul., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “Teacher Suspended for Displaying a Cross By Her Desk.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/teacher-suspended-for-displaying-a-cross-by-her-desk/>
- Jul., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “VA Launches Task Force Targeting Anti-Christian Bias.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/va-launches-task-force-targeting-anti-christian-bias/>
- Jul., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “Texas District Approves Religion Classes in Curriculum.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/texas-district-approves-religion-classes-in-curriculum/>
- May, 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, “Religious Healthcare Professionals Must Violate Conscience.” *Faith and Politics* is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to

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- numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/religious-healthcare-professionals-must-violate-conscience/>
- May, 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Walmart Employees Must Work on Sabbath." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/walmart-employees-must-work-on-sabbath/>
- Mar., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Tennessee Bans Transgender Procedure For Minors." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/tennessee-bans-transgender-procedure-for-minors/>
- Feb., 2025 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Jimmy Carter: A Model of Faith & Politics." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/jimmy-carter-a-model-of-faith-politics/>
- Dec., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Egyptian Authorities Jail Christians." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/egyptian-authorities-jail-christians/>
- Dec., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "'Jew Exclusion Zone' on UCLA Campus." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/jew-exclusion-zone-on-ucla-campus/>
- Oct., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Child Removed Because Parents Refused to Use Pronouns." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/child-removed-because-parents-refused-to-use-pronouns/>
- Sept., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Parolee Sent Back to Jail After Refusing Bible Studies." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to

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- numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/parolee-sent-back-to-jail-after-refusing-bible-studies/>
- Aug., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Inmates See Solar Eclipse Because of Their Religion." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/inmates-see-solar-eclipse-because-of-their-religion/>
- Aug., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Religious Influence on Reproductive Health Issues." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/religious-influence-on-reproductive-health-issues/>
- May, 2024 "American propaganda and the making of a civil religion," *Just Liberty* podcast, available online at <https://justliberty.podbean.com/e/american-propaganda-and-the-making-of-a-civil-religion-interview-with-andrew-polk/>
- Mar., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Equal Campus Act of 2023." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/equal-campus-act-of-2023/>
- Feb., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Religion Must be a Matter of Choice." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/religion-must-be-a-matter-of-choice/>
- Jan., 2024 Panelist on the television program *Faith and Politics* episode, "Educational Freedom and the Final Inquiry Rule." Faith and Politics is broadcast on the Hope TV Channel, in addition to numerous online sources. Available online at <https://www.faithandpolitics.tv/educational-freedom-and-the-final-inquiry-rule/>
- Aug., 2023 "Standard Deviations: The Politics of Education in Florida and Beyond" *The Road to Now* Podcast, available online at <https://theroadtonow.com/episodes/standard-deviations-w-ana-goni-lessan-andrew-polk/>

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- Jul., 2022 "A Christian's Thoughts on Christian Nationalism" *Broken but Beautiful* Podcast with JP Conway and Drue Clark, available online at <https://anchor.fm/broken-but-beautiful/episodes/Ep--17-A-Christians-Thoughts-on-Christian-Nationalism-w-Andy-Polk-e1lsumk>
- Jun., 2022 "Andrew R Polk on America's Faith in Freedom" *New Books Network* Podcast with Jackson Reinhardt, available online at <https://newbooksnetwork.com/faith-in-freedom-2>
- Feb., 2022 Interview for "After Bible in school controversy, experts question program used in Hamilton Co. Schools" a news report from Sabrina Maggiore, News Channel 9, Chattanooga, TN, Feb. 7, 2022, online at https://newschannel9.com/news/local/more-students-in-hamilton-co-use-non-profit-bible-study-program-than-anywhere-in-country?fbclid=IwAR2TZdmveZsXgkPJOYqJLd3fC-EpwBKXQE1CtaFhrwWeApZt_0-cFj0s1o
- Feb., 2022 "Religious Propaganda with Dr. Andrew Polk," *MTSU On the Record* radio program on WMOT-FM Roots Radio 89.5. Two-part interview, with part one first airing on Feb. 15, 2022 and part two first airing on Feb. 22, 2022. Online at <https://mtsunews.com/polk-on-the-record-feb2022/>
- Dec., 2021 "Faith in Freedom with Andrew Polk", *The Road to Now* Podcast, available at <https://www.theroadtonow.com/episodes/faith-in-freedom-w-andrew-polk/>
- Oct., 2021 "Propaganda and the Making of an American Religion," Guest interview on *Freedom's Ring* radio program, available at <https://soundcloud.com/freedoms-ring/fr-2145-religious-propaganda-of-an-american-religion-andrew-polk-rel-date-11-6-21>
- June, 2021 "How Religion Shaped America" Library of Congress' Teaching with Primary Sources Workshop
- Aug., 2017 "The End has Come...Again: Apocalypticism in American Religious History" The Great Tennessee Eclipse, Middle Tennessee State University
- April, 2015 "Racial Reconciliation in the Churches of Christ" African American History, Lipscomb University
- Nov., 2014 "Universal Military Training: American Service after the War" World War II, Graduate Symposium, Middle Tennessee State University

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Teaching Experience

Middle Tennessee State University

- HIST 2010: Survey of United States History I
- HIST 2020: Survey of United States History II
- HIST 3011: Teaching Historical Thinking
- HIST 3240: Religion and Politics in U.S. History
- HIST 3020: Topics: Race, Religion, and Rights
- HIST 4650: Religious Experience in America
- HIST 4840: World War II
- HIST 6103/7103: Readings in Modern America
- HIST 6104/7104: Topics in U.S. History: Readings in American Religious History
- HIST 6105/7105: Research in American History: American Religious History
- HIST 6910: Selected Studies in U.S. History: Religion in Higher Education; Jewish History of the American South; Alternative Religions in the African American Experience; Masculinity and Sexuality in Mormon History; Martin, Malcolm, and the Long Civil Rights Movement; Nineteenth Century American Religion; Ethnographic Studies of Biblical Pre-History; History of Central America; Teaching World War II; Heresy and Orthodoxy in Christian History; Religion and War in U.S. History; History of American Education, History of the Satanic Panic
- HIST 7994: Special Projects in Public History

Theses and Dissertations under Direction

- M.A. Thesis Reader, Lane Tillner, "Not Easily Defined: A Continuum of Definitions of the 'Museum School'", fall, 2016
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Phillip Morgan, "The Promise of a Second Evangelical Mind: Free Will Baptist Bible College and the Hybrid Model of Christian Higher Education", spring, 2016
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Robert Michael Browning, "'A Peculiar Beat: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur, Illinois: A Microcosm of 'Traditioned Innovation' and Adaptive Change in American Protestantism'", fall, 2017
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Lawrence Dahl, "Pillaged Skulls and Looted Gear: The Racialization of the Japanese and its effect on United States Trophy Hunting during the Second World War", spring, 2021
- M.A. Thesis Chair, John Broadwell, "In God's Own Image: LGBTQ+ Student Activism and Lived Experience at Lipscomb University", summer, 2021

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- M.A.L.A. Thesis Reader, Keven Paul Lewis, “Manly Men of God: Masculinity and Sexuality in the History of the Latter-day Saints”, fall, 2021
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Kathryn McClurkin, “The Troubles and Beyond: Expanding the Narrative of Northern Ireland’s Recent Past Through Collecting, Interpretation, and Programming”, spring, 2019
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Rebecca Duke, “From Dewey to Skyline Farms: Progressive Education in New Deal Resettlement Communities”, fall, 2020
- PhD Dissertation Chair, Jessica Roseberry, “Shiloh Voices: Race, Region, and Religion at Camp Shiloh, NY”, spring, 2022
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Rachel Hooper, “The Little Boy for Children: Reactions to and Representations of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki”, summer, 2023
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Heather Scheurer, “A Gruesome Business: Collecting, Repatriating, and Interpreting World War II Souvenirs,” fall, 2024
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Lailuma Sayed, “Competing Liberties: Virginia, New England, and the Battle Over Religion in the Early Republic,” summer, 2025
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Andrew Koontz, “The Silver Eagle: A History of Eagle Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America, 1908-2024,” fall, 2025
- M.A. Thesis Chair, Logan Sprouse, “Arcade Underground: The Popularity of Japanese Video Games in America, 2003-2013,” fall, 2025
- M.A. Thesis Reader, Bobby Cooley, expected spring, 2026
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Ken Mosier, expected spring, 2026
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Gillmore Dewitt, (external reader at Abilene Christian University) expected fall, 2026
- MA Thesis Chair, Cosette Brazeau, expected spring, 2027
- PhD Dissertation Reader, Elizabeth Johnson, expected spring, 2027
- PhD Dissertation Reader, David Bowlby, expected spring, 2027

Arkansas State University

- Methods and Materials for Social Studies Teachers
- Computer Technologies for Social Studies Teachers
- Social Studies Teaching Internship

Lipscomb University

- World Religions and Cultures
- Story of the Christian Church
- American History to 1870

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Florida State University

- American Religious History
- Religion in American Political History
- The Islamic Tradition (Graduate Assistant)
- The Christian Tradition (Graduate Assistant)

Professional Development

- "Toward a MT Engage Major Pathway," Faculty Learning Community, MTSU 2019-2020
- "MT Engage Summer Institute," Professional Development Workshop, MTSU 2019
- "Religion, Politics, and History," Teaching History Today Conference 2019
- "Students as Knowledge Creators," Faculty Learning Community, MTSU 2018-2019
- "General Education Design Retreat," Professional Development Workshop, MTSU 2018
- "Text, Pictures, and Stuff: Teaching Through Multiple Sources," Teaching History Today Conference 2017
- "Using Reacting to the Past in the Classroom," LT&ITC Professional Development Workshop, MTSU 2015

Select Grants, Awards, and Honors

- MTSU President's Leadership On Deck Institute Fellow (2021)
- MTSU Outstanding Teaching Award Winner (2019)
- MTSU College of Liberal Arts Faculty Teaching Award Winner (2019)
- MTSU Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee Faculty Research Grant (2019)
- MTSU University Outstanding Teaching in General Education Award Nominee (2018, 2019, 2021)
- MTSU Faculty Research and Creative Activity Committee Faculty Research Grant (2015)
- Dissertation Research Grant, Florida State University (2011-2012)
- Conference Presentation Grant, FSU Congress of Graduate Students (4 grants from 2010-2012)
- Dean's Fellowship, Florida State University (2009-2012)
- Hooker-Dwight Fellowship, Yale University (2008-2009)
- Outstanding Future Scholar Award, *Stone-Campbell Journal* (2007)

Select Academic and Community Service

- Interim Chair, History Department, MTSU 2024, 2025-pres

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- MTSU, MT-IGO Revision Working Group 2024-pres
- MTSU, History Department, Pedagogy Search Committee (chair) 2024-2025
- Acting Chair, History Department, MTSU 2022, 2023, 2024
- MTSU, QEP Topic Selection Committee 2024-pres
- MTSU, Strategic Planning Committee 2023-pres
- MTSU, History Department, Lecturer Search Committee (chair) 2023
- MTSU, Quest for Student Success Committee, Service 2023-pres
- MTSU, History Department, DE Lecturer Search Committee (chair) 2023
- MTSU, History Department, Department Chair Search Committee 2021-2022
- MTSU, History Department, Liaison Committee (chair) 2022-2023
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center of Rutherford Cty, Board Member 2020-pres
- Teaching History Today Conference, Co-Founder and Organizer 2017-pres
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center of Rutherford Cty, Emergency OP, Hospital and Crisis Line Advocate 2015-pres
- MTSU, Council on Teacher Education 2015-pres
- Tennessee Council for History Education, Board Member 2015-pres
- MTSU, History Department, Undergraduate Committee 2014-pres
- Middle Tennessee Regional History Day Coordinator 2014-2021
- MTSU, History Department, Race, Gender, and Sexuality Search Committee 2019
- MTSU University CAEP Core Advisory Committee 2017-2021
- MTSU, History Department, FTT Search Committee 2018
- MTSU, History Department, Student Awards Committee 2015-2017
- MTSU, University NCATE/CAEP Advisory Council 2014-2017
- ASU, History Department, BSE Undergraduate Committee (Chair) 2013-2014
- ASU, College of Education, Curriculum Task Force 2013-2014