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Academic Appointments

2021-	Professor, Department of History, Providence College
2015-2021	Associate Professor, Department of History, Providence College
2011-2015	Assistant Professor, Department of History, Providence College
2009-2011	Adjunct Assistant Professor/Member of the Graduate Faculty, University of Mississippi
2008-2009	Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Humanities Research Center, Rice University

Education

2008	Harvard University, Ph.D., American Religious History
2002	Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, M.A., Church History, <i>summa cum laude</i>
1999	Wake Forest University, B.A., English/Religion, Reynolds Scholar, <i>summa cum laude</i>

Publications

Books

Martyrs' Mirror: Persecution and Holiness in Early New England (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).

A Constitutional Culture: New England and the Struggle against Arbitrary Rule in the Restoration Empire (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2023).

[manuscript in progress] *The Collected Works of Daniel Gookin*, co-authored volume to be published by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts/University of Virginia Press

Articles and Book Chapters

"Restoration Puritanism in the Atlantic World, 1660-1700," in the *Oxford Handbook of Puritanism*, ed. Francis Bremer, Ann Hughes, and Greg Salazar (Oxford University Press [accepted, forthcoming 2024]).

"Daniel Gookin's 'Doings and Sufferings,' and the Contradictions of the New England Mission," co-authored with David D. Hall, *American Contact: Intercultural Encounters and the Boundaries of Book History*, eds. Glenda Goodman and Rhae Lynn Barnes (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024).

"Political Reform and Devotional Culture in Early New England," in *Understanding and Teaching Religion in American History*, eds. Karen Johnson and Jonathan Yeager (University of Wisconsin Press, 2024).

"Michael Wigglesworth," *Oxford Bibliographies in American Literature*, ed. Paul Lauter (New York: Oxford University Press, 2022).

The "Contynuanee of our Civell and Religious Liberties": Plymouth Colonists' 1665 "Humble Adresse" to the King," *Early American Literature* 56.1 (2021): 219-232.

- “The Quaker ‘Invasion,’” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, Vol. 1, ed. Susan Juster (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- “Colonial Quakerism,” co-authored with Andrew Murphy, *The Oxford History of Protestant Dissenting Traditions*, ed. John Coffey (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).
- “The Resistance Petitions of 1664-1665: Confronting the Restoration in Massachusetts Bay,” *New England Quarterly* 92, No. 2 (June 2019): 221–262.
- “Quakers, Puritans, and the Problem of Godly Loyalty in the Early Restoration” in *The Worlds of William Penn*, eds. Andrew Murphy and John Smolinski (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2019), 283-302.
- “Huguenot Refugees and the Meaning of Charity in Early New England,” *Church History* (June 2017): 365-397.
- “Elizabeth Hooton and the Lived Politics of Toleration in Massachusetts Bay,” *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3d Ser., 74, No. 1 (January 2017): 43-76.
Winner of the Jane Dempsey Douglass Prize from the American Society of Church History
- “Martyrdom in North America,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).
- “Holmes, Obadiah,” in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017).
- “From Human Suffering to Divine Friendship: Meat out of the Eater and Devotional Reading in Early New England,” *Early American Literature* 51.1 (2016): 3-39.
- “Affliction and the Stony Heart in Early New England,” in *Puritanism and Emotion in the Early Modern World*, eds. Alec Ryrie and Tom Schwanda (NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016): 121-143.
- “Religion in the Seventeenth-Century” in *American Centuries: The Ideas, Issues, and Trends that Made U.S. History*, ed. John Demos (NY: MTM Publishing, Inc., 2011).
- “Hutchinson, Anne,” *Encyclopedia of United States Political History* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010).
- “Heaven and Heavenly Piety in Colonial American Elegies” in *The Church, the Afterlife and the Fate of the Soul*, eds. Peter Clarke, Tony Claydon (Rochester, NY: Boydell Press, 2009).
Winner of the Michael Kennedy Prize from the Ecclesiastical History Society.
- “Gould, Thomas” in *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008).

Book Reviews

- Michael P. Winship, *Hot Protestants: A History of Puritanism in England and America* (Yale University Press, 2018), *William and Mary Quarterly* 3rd Ser. 77, no. 3 (July 2020): 518-522.
- Bruce Hindmarsh, *The Spirit of Early Evangelicalism: True Religion in a Modern World* (Oxford University Press, 2018), *Journal of Religion* Vol. 100, No. 4 (Oct. 2020): 526-528.
- Francis Bremer, *Building a New Jerusalem: John Davenport, a Puritan in Three Worlds* (Yale University Press, 2012), *Journal of Church and State* 56.3 (Summer 2014): 594-596.
- Barry Williams, *Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul: Church, State, and the Birth of Liberty* (Viking, 2012), *Journal of American History* 99 (2012): 887.
- Susan Karant-Nunn, *The Reformation of Feeling: Shaping the Religious Emotions in Early Modern Germany* (Oxford, 2010), *Religion*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (2012): 187-190.

Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds. *The First Prejudice: Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in Early America* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2011), *New England Quarterly*, Vol. 84, No. 4 (December 2011): 740.

Konstantin Dierks, *In My Power: Letter Writing and Communications in Early America* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), *Textual Cultures*, Vol. 5 No. 2 (2010): 94-96.

Martha L. Finch, *Dissenting Bodies: Corporealities in Early New England* (Columbia University Press, 2010), *Religion*, Vol. 40, Iss. 4 (Oct 2010): 349-350.

Scott D. Seay, *Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Capital Crime, Execution Preaching, and Theology in Early New England* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2009), *Catholic Historical Review* (July 2010): 611-613.

Public History

"The 1664-1665 Resistance Petitions," Commonwealth Museum. Video interview, primary source collection, and curriculum materials (scheduled to be live March 2024).

Awards and Fellowships

Society of Colonial Wars Fellowship in Memory of Kenneth R. LaVoy Jr., 2023

Elected to Membership, American Antiquarian Society, 2022

Elected to Membership, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2020

Committee on Aid to Faculty Research Award, Providence College, 2020

National Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture, 2019-

Jane Dempsey Douglass Prize, American Society of Church History, 2018

Elected to Society of Fellows, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2018

National Endowment for the Humanities Long-term Research Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 2017-2018

National Endowment for the Humanities Long-term Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2017-2018

Summer Scholars Award, Providence College, 2016

W.B.H. Dowse Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2015

Young Scholar in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, 2010-2012

Short-Term Research Fellowship, Folger Shakespeare Library, 2011

"Random Acts of Kindness" Faculty Award, University of Mississippi Student Council, 2011

Peterson Research Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 2010

Michael Kennedy Prize, Ecclesiastical History Society, 2008

American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2007-2008

Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship, 2007 (honorary)

Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History Fellowship, 2007 (honorary)

Harvard Society Merit Research Fellowship, Harvard University, 2005-2006

Award for Distinction in Teaching, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2005

Writing Fellowship, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2004-2005

Award for Excellence in Church History, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2002

Easley Award for Excellence in Religious Studies, Wake Forest University, 1999

Wake Forest University Best Senior Orator, 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, G. W. Greene Scholarship Winner, 1998

D.A. Brown Award for Writing, Wake Forest University Department of English, 1996

Presentations and Invited Lectures

- "A Negotiated Empire: Daniel Gookin's 1681 Treatise on Agents," *American Historical Association* and *American Society of Church History* (January 2024)
- "New England's 'True Interest': Experiments in Political Theology," North American Conference on British Studies (October 2023)
- "Constitutions Revised: Debates over Representation in the English Empire, 1660-90," American Historical Association (January 2023)
- "Local Memory, Imperial Justice: The Uses of the 1660s in Revolutionary New England," Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture Conference (October 2022)
- "Locke and New England: Voluntary Subjecthood and Native Sovereignty," John Locke and England's Empire Seminar, Folger Shakespeare Library and John Carter Brown Library (November 2021)
- "'A public spirit for Sions sake': Puritan Activism in the Early Restoration," Invited Lecture, Meeter Center, Calvin University (September 2021)
- Daniel Gookin's "Doings and Sufferings," co-presented with David D. Hall, *American Contact* University of Pennsylvania/Princeton University (April 2020)
- "Subjecthood and Sovereignty in Restoration Massachusetts Bay," Washington Area Early American Seminar (February 2020)
- Roundtable on Teaching Religion in American History, American Historical Association (January 2020)
- "Blood, Sweat, and Tears: Early Modern English Protestant Piety of Blood," American Society of Church History / American Catholic Historical Association (January 2020)
- "Elizabeth Hooton's Journeys: Quakers and Toleration in Massachusetts Bay," Invited Lecture, Charter Day Lecture Series, Partnership of Historic Bostons, Boston, Massachusetts (October 2020)
- "Thomas Cobbet, *A Practical Discourse of Prayer* (1654)," Invited Lecture, Regent College, Vancouver (July 2018)
- "'Let our lawes & liberties live': Rival Political Cultures in Restoration Massachusetts Bay," North American Conference on British Studies (October 2018)
- "Protecting the Charter, 1660-1686: The Stuart Monarchy and Massachusetts Liberties," Invited Lecture, Charter Day Lecture Series, Partnership of Historic Bostons, Boston, Massachusetts (October 2018)
- "Convinced: Quaker Women and Liberty of Conscience in Early New England," Invited Lecture, Judah Touro Lecture Series, Newport, Rhode Island (June 2018)
- "One Hundred Years Before Revolution: Seventeenth-century Resistance in Massachusetts Bay," Invited Lecture, Old South Meeting House, Boston (June 2018)
- "Quakers and Transatlantic Politics: The Multiple Audiences of the 1672 Rhode Island

- Debate,” Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists (June 2018)
- “Quakers, Puritans, and the Theology of Civil Disobedience in the Early Restoration,” Religion and Politics in Early America Conference, Society of Early Americanists (March 2018)
- “Godly Petitions: Puritanism and the Crisis of the Restoration in America,” American Antiquarian Society (March 2018)
- “Petitions and the Cry of Sedition,” Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society (December 2017)
- “The Protestant Experience in Early Rhode Island,” Protestant Reformation 500th Anniversary Series, Providence, Rhode Island (October 2017)
- “The Advice of the Reverend Elders’: Religion and Political Culture in Early Massachusetts,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference (June 2017)
- “The Crisis of the Restoration in America,” Joshua B. Stein Lecture Series, Roger Williams University (March 2017)
- “Godly Resistance: Political Intelligence and the Church in Restoration Massachusetts Bay,” American Society of Church History Conference (January 2017)
- “Rumors and the Religious Imagination in the Early Restoration,” Huntington/Early Modern Studies Institute/Omohundro Institute “Religions in the Americas” Invited Workshop (May 2016)
- “The Spiritual Lives of Colonial Women: Anne Bradstreet, Margaret Winthrop, Phillis Wheatley,” Invited Lecture, Colonial Dames of Massachusetts (October 2015)
- “Nests of Sedition’: Imperial Loyalty and Local Autonomy in Early New England,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture/Society for Early Americanists Conference (June 2015)
- “Prophetic Women and the Historical Imagination in Early New England,” Invited Lecture, Colonial Dames of Massachusetts (March 2015)
- “Rumors of Popery: Massachusetts Bay and the Politics of Restoration Anti-Catholicism,” American Historical Association/American Society of Church History Conference (January 2015)
- “Contempt of Authoritie’ and the Politics of Ecstatic Religion in the Early Restoration,” American Historical Association Conference (January 2014)
- “A Painful Path to Godliness,” History Matters Brown Bag Lunch Series, Invited Presentation at the Congregational Library, Boston (2012)
- “Trauma and Radical Protestant Identity in Early New England,” American Historical Association/ American Society of Church History Conference (January 2012)
- “The ‘Worke of Cains offspring’: Elizabeth Hooton and Provocation of Identity in Early New England,” American Academy of Religion Conference (November 2011)
- “The Problem of the Stony Heart in English Nonconformist Literature,” Folger Shakespeare Library (July 2011)
- “Our Brethren lay bleeding’: Early New England Responses to European Protestant Suffering,” American Historical Association Conference (January 2011)

“Native Insults and Quaker Judgments: Providence and Race in Early New England,”
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference (June 2010)

“Worse than Nero's Deeds’: Saints, Martyrs, and Antichrists in King Philip's War,” American
Historical Association/ American Society of Church History Conference (January 2010)

“Martyrdom and English Practical Divinity,” Invited Presentation at the University of
Edinburgh Puritan Studies Colloquium (October 2007)

Recent Courses

Undergraduate

United States History: Pre-Colonial to 1789
North American Religious History
Religious Freedom and its Limits
Roger Williams in History and Memory
Honors 101: Ancient Civilizations
Honors 102: Middle Ages and Renaissance

Graduate

Martyrs, Poets, and Revolutionaries: Early Modern England and North America
Life-writing: Narratives of Colonial America
Social and Cultural History of Early New England
Seminar in American History: Historiography

Selected Service to the Profession

Board Member, Congregational Library, Boston (2019-2023)
Chair of Program Committee (2022-2023)
Fellowships Committee, American Antiquarian Society (various years)
Reviewer, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship Program (various years)
Short-term Fellowships Committee, Massachusetts Historical Society (various years)
American Society of Church History
Graduate Student and International Scholar Awards Committee (2017-2020; chair 2019-2020)
Program Committee (2018, 2019, 2023)
Council (2012-2015, 2019-2020)
Membership Committee (2009-2012)
External Reviewer, A.P. United States History Curriculum (2015)
External Reviewer for the William & Mary Quarterly, the Journal of British Studies, the New
England Quarterly, the Historical Journal, the Journal of Early American History; Journal of
Religion and American Culture, the Journal of Religious History (2010-2023)

Selected Service to Providence College

Interim Director, Graduate Program in History (2022-2023)
Sponsored Projects and Research Advisory Committee (2022-2023)
Search Committee Member, Classics position (2020-2021)
Gladys Brooks Foundation History Department Endowment Committee (2018-)
Providence College Seminar in the History of Early America Committee (2018-)
Search Committee Member, Modern Britain position (2018-2019)
Phi Beta Kappa Advisory Committee (2017-2022)
Co-Organizer for “Making History” Undergraduate History Conference (2012-2017, 2018-2022)
Committee to Promote Research (2012-2017, 2018-2022)

Liberal Arts Honors Committee (2016-2017, 2020-2021)
Search Committee Member, America and the World position (2014-2015)
Center for Engaged Learning Advisory Committee (2014-2017)
Search Committee Member, Pre-Modern Middle East position (2012-2013)
Student Engagement Seminar, Davis Educational Foundation Grant (2011-2012)

Professional Memberships

Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
North American Conference on British Studies
Organization of American Historians
Society of Early Americanists
American Society of Church History
American Historical Association