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### Education

Doctor of Philosophy, History, Rice University, 1995  
Bachelor of Arts, American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1982

### Career

Associate Professor, Department of History, Boston College, March 2000-  
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Boston College, Fall 1995-March 2000  
Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer, Women's Studies in Religion Program,  
Harvard University, Fall 1998-Spring 1999  
Instructor, part-time, Department of History, Rice University, Fall 1993 and Spring 1995  
Graduate Assistant, The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Rice University, 1990-92

### Publications

- Methodism and the Southern Mind, 1770-1810 Oxford University Press, 1998  
"Gender and Race in Thomas Dixon's Religious Ideology," in Thomas Dixon Jr. and The Making of Modern America eds. Michele Gillespie and Randal L. Hall (LSU Press, 2006)  
"In Service, Silence, and Strength: Women in Contemporary Southern Churches," in Religion and Public Life in the South (ed. Charles Reagan Wilson) in the Religion and Region series, 2005  
"Women and Southern Religion," in Religion in the American South: Protestants and Others in History and Culture eds. Beth Schweiger and Donald Mathews (University of North Carolina Press, 2004)  
"A Tale of Two Patriarchs: Or, How a Eunuch and a Wife Created a Family in the Church," Journal of Family History 28:4 (October 2003)  
"Southern Fried Grace," in Autobiographical Reflections on Southern Religious History ed. John B. Boles (University of Georgia Press, 2001)  
"Enthusiasm, Possession, and Madness: Gender and the Opposition to Methodism in the South," in Janet Coryell, et al., eds., Beyond Image and Convention (Volume 3, Southern Women series) University of Missouri Press, 1998  
"Passion, Desire, and Ecstasy: The Experiential Religion of Southern Methodist Women, 1770- 1810," in The Devil's Lane: Sex and Race in the Early South, eds. Catherine Clinton and Michele Gillespie (Oxford University Press, 1997).  
"Religion, Gender, and Identity: Black Methodist Women in a Slave Society, 1770-1810," in Patricia Morton, ed., Discovering the Women in Slavery (University of Georgia Press, 1996)

### **Forthcoming Work and Work in Progress**

“Southern Colonial Protestant Women,” in Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America (forthcoming 2/1/2006)

**Current Book-Length Project:** A cultural biography of Thomas Dixon, Jr. Tentative Title is "Thomas Dixon, Jr: Apostle of Hate."

### **Presentations/Conference Panels**

- Chair, “Southerners in a Strange Land: Case Studies of Dixie’s Exiles,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 3, 2005
- “Women in Contemporary Southern Religion,” Religion and Public Life in the South conference (part of the Lily Foundation funded Religion by Region project); presentations to both International Fulbright Scholars and to editors and reporters of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, August 2005
- “Women’s Legacy of Caring for the Common Good,” Theological Opportunities Program, Harvard Divinity School, September 16, 2004
- “Gender and Fundamentalism in the South,” Keynote Speech at the Fall Forum, Center on Religion in the South, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, October 20, 2003
- “Gender and Race in the Religious Ideology of Thomas Dixon,” Thomas Dixon and the Making of Modern America, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April 2003
- Commentator for panel, "The Life of Francis Asbury," Society for Historians of the Early American Public Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, July 20, 2001
- "Like Drops of Water: How Women Have Created Change in Faith Traditions," lecture for Harvard Divinity School Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Faculty Club, New York City, May 10, 2001, and Friends of the WSRP, Vail, Colorado, July 26, 2001
- "The Preparing Future Faculty Program at Boston College," Presentation to History Department Chairs, American Historical Association, Boston, January 2001
- "Women and the New Light Revivals in the Southern Colonies," Women of the Atlantic World in the Age of Revival and Reform, by invitation, Newnham College, Cambridge University, April 2000
- “New Perspectives on Early American Methodism,” American Society of Church Historians, January 9, 2000
- Commentator, “‘All Had Gloves’: Funeral Glove-giving in Early New England,” Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society, December 9, 1999
- Commentator, "The British Jesus," British Studies Group of the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, May 7, 1999
- "Rational Measures: Gender, Race, and Reason in the Eighteenth-Century South," Harvard Divinity School, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Public Lecture series, March 25, 1999
- Commentator, "Emily Carr: Writer, Painter, Theosophist," American Religious History Colloquium, Harvard University, March 23, 1999
- "The First Great Awakening in the South: Gender, Race, and Reason," American Religious History Colloquium, Harvard University, January 19, 1999

"Sex, Violence, and the First Great Awakening in the South," Boston College Phi Alpha Theta annual meeting, December 7, 1998  
Commentator, The Age of Revolution panel, Patterns of Social Capital Conference, sponsored by the Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Harvard University, December 6, 1997  
"Be Ye Also Ready': Early Southern Methodist Funeral Sermons, 1770-1810," November 1997, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta  
"The Strange Case of Virginia's Jeremiah Minter, Eunuch," July 1997, Institute for Early American History and Culture, Third Annual Conference  
"Evangelical Masculinity: Christianity, Honor, and Manhood in the South, 1770-1810," May 1997, Early American History Seminar, Massachusetts Historical Society  
"If Words Can Be Like Drawn Swords': Methodist Antislavery Sermons in the Age of Jefferson," November 1995, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans  
"Enthusiasm, Possession, and Madness: Gender and the Opposition to Methodism in the South, 1770-1810," June 1994, Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Houston, Texas  
"Blurring the Boundaries: Methodist Gender Ideology, 1770-1810," February 1994, Houston Area Southern Historians  
"Southern Women, Early Methodism, and a Hostile World, 1770-1810," March 1993, Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans

### **Awards and Honors**

Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, Boston College, May 2003  
Phi Alpha Theta Annual Award for Excellence in Teaching, March 2001  
Junior Faculty Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, May 2000  
Phi Alpha Theta Award of Excellence, for Outstanding Commitment to Undergraduate Teaching, Boston College Phi Alpha Theta Chapter, December 7, 1998  
National Endowment for the Humanities Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, 1993-94

### **Service:**

#### *Department*

Member, Honor's Committee, Spring 2003-present (on the subcommittee that selects AIR and Thesis students for department honor's program)  
Member, Tenure Committee for Seth Jacobs, Fall 2005  
Member, Search Committee, European Women's History, Fall 2004-Spring 2005  
Member, David Quigley's Tenure Committee, 2003-04  
Chair, Fourth-Year Review Committee for David Quigley, 2001-2002  
Member, Second-Year Review Committee for Davarian Baldwin, 2002-2003  
Chair, African American History Search Committee, 2000-2001  
History Department Graduate Committee, Spring 2002, Fall 1999- Spring 2001, and Fall 1997-Spring 1998  
Interviewed all candidates for Asian History Search, AHA, January 2000  
History Department 19th-Century Search Committee, Fall 1997-Spring 1998  
History Department Honors Committee, 1996-1997  
History Department Electives Committee, 1996-1997

History Department Lectures Committee, 2001-2002 and 1995-1996  
Presentation, Grants and Jobs Workshop for History Graduate Students, 1995, 1996  
Presentations, Graduate Teaching Workshop, History Department, September 1998,  
September 2001

*University*

Arts and Sciences Educational Policy Committee, Fall 2006-  
Athletics Advisory Board, Spring 2001-present  
Deans Scholars Selection Committee, Spring 2005  
Academic Integrity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2000-Spring 2005  
Graduate Student Life Committee, Fall 2001  
Guest, Senior Consilium Program, Rubenstein Dormitory, November 2, 2004  
Faculty Fellow, Gonzaga Dormitory, Fall 2001-Spring 2002  
"Getting Started on the Right Foot," presentation to freshmen in Gonzaga Dorm,  
September 17, 2001  
Faculty Compensation Committee, Spring 2001  
Women's Studies Advisory Committee, Fall 1999-Spring 2003  
Janet James Prize Committee, Women's Studies, May 2000, May 2003, May 2004  
Women's Studies Faculty, Fall 1995-present  
American Studies Faculty, Fall 1995-present  
Campus Open House, Presentation on The History Major, April 1998, April 1999, April  
2000, July 2000, April 2001, April 2002, April 2003, January 2004, January 2005  
Presentation, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Assistant Orientation,  
August 1997  
Women's Studies Subcommittee on Curriculum, 1996-1997  
Presentation, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Assistant Orientation,  
August 1996  
Presentation, "Women's Rights," USIA Summer Institute in American History, Summer  
1999  
Academic Mentor, USIA Summer Institute in American History, Summer 1996  
Workshop Presenter, USIA Summer Institute in American History, Summer 1996

*Profession*

Tenure review: evaluated a candidate's scholarship for promotion and tenure at Reed  
College, Fall 2005  
Referee for submission to The William and Mary Quarterly, Summer 2006  
Referee for submissions to Journal of Southern History, October 2004 (and one in 2000;  
one in 1998; two in 1997)  
Outside reader for a manuscript for University of Kentucky Press, May 2004  
Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Committee, Devon Hanson, History  
Department, Boston University, May 9, 2003  
Dissertation Committee, Melissa French, Boston University Graduate School of  
Education  
Referee for submission, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, April 2001  
Local Arrangements Committee, American Historical Association, Fall 2000

Prize Committee for best student paper, New England Historical Association  
Outside reader of book manuscript submitted to Oxford University Press, Spring 2000  
Presentation on career strategies in the job search, Spencer Foundation Dissertation  
Fellows Winter Forum, Harvard Graduate School of Education, February 21,  
1998  
Presentation on and discussion of my book for Boston University graduate course in  
School of Theology, "Methodist Expansion in North America, 1760-1860,"  
October 26, 1999

### **Courses Taught**

Senior Honor's Seminar  
Celluloid Salvation: Redemption in 20th-Century History and Film (with Prof.  
Schloesser)  
Women and Religion in America  
American Civilization to 1877  
History of American Women I and II  
Graduate Colloquium: The United States to 1877  
Graduate Colloquium: American Women's History  
Graduate Colloquium: American Slavery  
Graduate Colloquium: American History to 1877  
Gender in American History  
Graduate Seminar: Women and Gender in America  
The Old South  
Eighteenth-Century America  
Slavery, Race, and Abolition in America

### **Theses and Dissertations Directed**

Judy Giesburg, "The Truest Patriots: The United States Sanitary Commission and  
Women's Reform," Ph.D. dissertation, May 1997  
Edward Rugemer, "The Problem of Emancipation: The United States and Britain's  
Abolition of Slavery," December 2004, Winner of the Donald and Helene White  
Dissertation Award  
Stephen J. Legawiec, "A Most Peculiar Surplus: North Carolina's Clothing Supply  
System in the American Civil War," Scholar of the College Thesis, May 2006  
Megan Lacerte, "*Awful Disclosures*: Nineteenth-Century Anti-Catholicism and True  
Womanhood," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2006  
Kate Christian, "The Golden Age of Censorship: Hollywood and Censorship in the 1930s  
and 1940s," Scholar of the College Thesis, May 2005  
Colm Ryan, "White Over Black: Slavery in Eighteenth-Century New England," Senior  
Honor's Thesis, May 2005  
Kevin A. Hoskins, "Race, Gender, and Reconciliation in the Spanish-American War,"  
Scholar of the College Project, May 2004, McCarthy Prize Winner  
Katherine Lummis, "Educating to Change the World: John Dewey, Jane Addams, and W.  
E. B. DuBois in Turn-of-the-Century America," Scholar of the College Project,  
May 2004

Sarah Berger, "Nuestra Madre: Mexican American Women's Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2004

Richard Robinson, "Vindication: The Haitian Revolution and the Fight for Black Equality," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2004

Justin Pariseau. "A Separate World: Black Nantucket and the Fight for Equality, 1769-1858," Scholar of the College Project, McCarthy Prize Winner, May 2003

Kara Keating, "Blessed Mothers: Catholic Women in Cold War America," Scholar of the College Project, Janet James Prize in Women's Studies, May 2003

Jason Tsai, "John Bapst, The Nativists, and the Clash of 1854," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2003

Margaret Oellrich, "Over the Wide Ocean: Whaling Wives in Nineteenth-Century America," Scholar of the College Project, May 2002, Janet James Prize in Women's Studies and McCarthy Prize Winner

Lucus Ritchie, "'What Better Armor?': Spirituals, Blues, and the African American Struggle for Cultural Autonomy," Scholar of the College Project, May 2002

Alexandra Kazanovicz, "In Pursuit of Excellence: Women's Athletics at Boston College," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2002

Julie Golia, "Right-Wing Reformers: The Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women, 1910-1920," Scholar of the College Project, May 2001, Janet James Prize in Women's Studies

Meghan O'Neill, "The Woman Question and the Abolition Movement," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2001

Tana Powers, "The Religious Reflections of Ordinary Nineteenth-Century Women," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2001

James David, "Old Rough, Ready, and Reticent: Zachary Taylor and the Election of 1848," Scholar of the College Project, McCarthy Prize Winner, May 2000

Stephanie LoConto, "'To Function Always in the Public's Interest': African-American Newspapers and the Civil Rights Movement" Honor's Thesis, May 2000

Julia Suprock, "Bad Mothers, Passive Lovers, and Nagging Wives: The Images of Women in Slave Folklore," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 2000

Vincent Grippo, "George Washington: Founding Father, Great Liberator, and Slaveholder," Scholar of the College Project, May 1999

Kyle Volk, "An Opinionated Battle: Slavery, Comity, and Judicial Rhetoric in Antebellum America," Scholar of the College Project, May 1999

Jill Winters, "Women Against Women: The Opposition to ERA," Scholar of the College Project, May 1998

Alexis Antracoli, "Printing and the Book in Boston And Philadelphia, 1755 and 1765," Senior Honor's Thesis, May 1997