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Current Academic Appointment:

2022 Assistant Teaching Professor, University of Tampa

Past Academic Appointments:

2021 Lecturer, Kennesaw State University
2020-21 Limited Term Assistant Professor of History, Kennesaw State University
2019-20 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Ave Maria University
2016-19 Instructor of History, University of South Carolina

Education:

2019 Ph.D., History, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
2012 M.A., History, McGill University, Montreal, QC
2011 B.A., History and Sociology, Providence College, Providence RI

Publications:

Refereed Articles

2021 “Her Duty to You and Her Love to Her Child”: Flora Lee of Marblehead and the Resistance of Enslaved Women during the Revolutionary Era, revise and resubmit at *The New England Quarterly*.
2020 “Gilded Misery”: The Robie Women in Loyalist Exile and Repatriation, 1775-1790, *Acadiensis: Journal of the Maritime Region* 49, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 39–68.

Encyclopedia Entries

2018 Letter Writing, *The World of Antebellum America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia*, ed. Jaime A. Martinez.

Book Reviews

2022 *Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America*. By Karen Cook Bell. [H-Slavery](#)
2021 *The Chinese Lady: Afong Moy in Early America*. By Nancy E. Davis. [H-Early-America](#)
2020 *The Founding Fortunes: How the Wealthy Paid for and Profited from America's Revolution*. By Tom Satchman. [H-Empire](#)
Yuletide in Dixie: Slavery, Christmas, and Southern Memory. By Robert E. May. [H-Slavery](#)
2019 *The Princeton Fugitive Slave: The Trials of James Collins Johnson*. By Lolita Buckner Inniss. [H-Slavery](#)
2017 *Indentured Migration and the Servant Trade from London to America, 1618-1718*. By John Wareing. [H-Early-America](#)

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2015 *Between Two Worlds: How the English Became Americans*. By Malcolm Gaskill.
[*Madison Historical Review*: Vol. 12.](#)

Online Publications

2021 “Refugees after the American Revolution needed money, homes and acceptance,” [*The Conversation*](#).

2020 “Teach My Research: Loyalist Women and the Experience of Revolutionary Exile in Nova Scotia,” [*Canadian Historical Association*](#).

“Large turnouts for Soleimani’s funeral in Iran carry powerful collective emotions - just as Americans saw during the colonial era,” [*The Conversation*](#).

2019 “Hoda Muthana wants to come home from Syria – just like many loyalist women who fled to Canada during the American Revolution,” [*The Conversation*](#).

2018 “Mary Robie and the Didactic Qualities of Reading Fiction,” [*Journal of the American Revolution*](#).

“A Community of Suffering: The Robie Women in Loyalist Halifax,” [*Borealia: A Group Blog on Early Canadian History*](#).

Works in Progress

2021 “*Unknown and Unlamented*”: *Women, Loyalism, and the American Revolution, 1775-1800*, manuscript proposal.

Research Fellowships and Awards:

2022 Keith Armistead Carr Fellowship, The Society of the Cincinnati.

2018-19 Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of South Carolina College of Arts and Sciences.

2017 W.B.H. Dowse Research Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society.

2017 SPARC Fellowship, Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina.

2016 Robert H. Weinfeld Research Prize, University of South Carolina History Department.

2015 Buchanan-Burnham Fellowship, Newport Historical Society.

University Teaching Experience and Awards:

Lecturer, Kennesaw State University

HIST2111: United States History to 1877

HIST2112: United States History Since 1877

Limited Term Assistant Professor of History, Kennesaw State University

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HIST 2112: United States History Since 1877

Visiting Assistant Professor, Ave Maria University

CORE 101: Western Civilization and Culture I

CORE 102: Western Civilization and Culture II

HIST 415: Contact and Conflict: Women in the Atlantic World (Designed Course).

HIST 108: United States History to 1865

HIST 202: Modern Europe 1648-Present

HIST 497: Public History Internship

Instructor, University of South Carolina

HIST 102: Europe Since 1600

HIST 111: United States History to 1865

University of South Carolina International Accelerator Program HIST 112:

United States History Since 1865

University of South Carolina International Accelerator Program HIST 102:

Western Civilization Since 1500

Teaching Awards

University of South Carolina History Department Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistantship (2017-2018).

Conference Presentations:

2022

“Patriots in the True Sense of the Word”: Captain John MacDonald and a View of the American Revolution from the Canadian Maritimes, *Crafting Narratives of Empire: Contested Roots of Revolution in the Long Eighteenth Century*: New York, NY.

“Remember the Ladies”: Methods and Approaches for Centering Women’s History in US History Survey Courses, *Georgia Association of Historians Annual Conference*: Athens, GA.

“Her Duty to You and Her Love to Her Child”: Flora Lee of Marblehead and Resisting Subjugation in Loyalist Halifax, *2022 Atlantic Canada Studies Conference*: Fredericton, NB.

“There Will Be No Difficulty About Him”: The Enslaved and the Preservation of Kinship Networks in the Black Loyalist Diaspora, *Massachusetts Historical Society’s 2022 Conrad E. Wright Research Conference*, Boston, MA.

2021

“Those Who Did Not Extend Their Connections Were the Happiest”: Loyalist Women, Exile, and Marriage, *2021 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850*: Virtual.

2019

“A Scanty Tribute to Their Memory”: Reconsidering Loyalist Women of the Revolutionary Era,” *Southern Conference on British Studies*, Louisville, KY.

“Gilded Misery”: Loyalist Women, the Refugee Experience, and the Community of Suffering in Halifax, 1775-1800, Congress of the French Association for Canadian Studies, Bordeaux, France.

“Our Slumbers as Sweet on a Bed of Straw as on Down”: Gender and Empathy in Loyalist Nova Scotia, 2019 American Historical Association Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL.

2018 Loyalist Women and Community Construction in Nova Scotia, The Colonial Society of Massachusetts 2018 Graduate Student Forum: Boston, MA.

2017 From Possibility to “Nova Scarcity”: Colonial Perceptions of Empire and Opportunity in Eighteenth Century Nova Scotia,” Southern Conference on British Studies: Dallas, TX.

Playing with Time and Space in the Age of Revolutions: The North Atlantic in the Early Revolutionary Era: Geographic Perspectives and Temporal Bookends in 18th Century Nova Scotia, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850: Charleston, SC.

2016 Loyalist Refugees and the Creation of British Identity in Nova Scotia, 1783, Northeast Conference on British Studies: Burlington, VT.

Public History Experience:

2015 Exhibit Team Leader, “John G. Wanton and Newport at War,” exposition at the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, Newport, RI.

Assistant Exhibit Curator, “French in Newport,” Museum of the Newport Historical Society, Newport, RI, June 2015.

Invited Academic Presentations:

2022 K-12 Teacher Workshop: Examining 18th-Century Understandings of Citizenship, Freedom, and Representation through the Life and Legacy of Prince Hall, Massachusetts Historical Society.

“Considering the Revolution: The Identities Created by the American Revolutionary War” National Park Service Plenary, National Council on Public History’s 2022 Annual Meeting.

2018 “Gilded Misery”: Loyalist Women and the Exile Community of Nova Scotia, The Coastal Heritage Society’s 2018 Revolutionary Perspectives Lecture Series.

“Gilded Misery”: Loyalist Women and the Community of Suffering Halifax, 1775-1800. Massachusetts Historical Society’s “Loyalism in the Era of the American Revolution,” Teachers’ Workshop.

A Massachusetts Family's Exile & Return, 1775-1790, Massachusetts Historical Society.

Departmental Presentations:

- 2021 The Prophecy and the Apology of Samuel Edmund Sewall, 2021 Brown Bag Seminar Series, Kennesaw State University History Department.
- 2019 “All the Joys of Heaven and Almost [the] Same the Miseries of Hell”: The Language of Suffering in Loyalist Halifax, Ave Maria Office of the Dean Interdisciplinary Lunch.
- 2018 “Unknown and Unlamented”: Loyalist Women and Exile, University of South Carolina Graduate School Three-Minute Thesis Finalist.
- “Only Gilded Misery”: Women and Community Construction in Loyalist Halifax, University of South Carolina History Department Works in Progress.

High School Teaching Experience:

- 2012-14 Social Studies Department Chair, World History, and Economics Teacher, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School, 710 E 37th St, Brooklyn, NY 11203.

Languages:

- French (reading knowledge, intermediate speaker and writer).

Recent Service and Organizations:

- Academic Advisor, Ave Maria University.
- External Reviewer, *Past Tense Graduate Review of History*, University of Toronto.
- Discover the University of South Carolina, Graduate Judge.
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Marina Ramos.
- University of South Carolina Atlantic History Reading Group.
- Member, American Historical Association.

References:

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