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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
History: August 2009
Dissertation title: "Seminary of Virtue: The Ideology and Practice of Inmate Reform at Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829-1971"

Fields:
- U.S. Cultural and Social History
- History of U.S. Diplomacy
- History of American Religion
- History of the Soviet Union

M.A. Drew University, Madison, NJ
Modern History and Literature: 2004
Thesis: "The American Catholic Search for Identity: The Latin Question as Case Study"

B.A. Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Majors: History and Literature
Honors Thesis: "Animal Imagery as Social Polemic in Medieval Spanish Jewish Poetry"

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"Eastern State Penitentiary and the Rehabilitative Potential of Education in post Civil War America"
History of Education Society Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, FL November 6, 2008

"New Rhetoric at the End of History: American Presidents' Invocation of the „Hitler Analogy,' 1953-1990"
Barnes Club Graduate History Conference, Temple University, April 12, 2008

"Eastern State Penitentiary and the Rehabilitative Potential of Education in Antebellum America" Politics, Activism, and the History of America's Public Schools: A Conference for Young Scholars, University of Pennsylvania, April 12, 2008

"Eastern State Penitentiary and the Rehabilitative Potential of Education in Antebellum America" Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vega, NV March 15, 2008

"Learning History's Lessons: The Rhetoric of Appeasement and the First Gulf War" Military and Oral History Conference: Between Memory and History University of Victoria, BC February 22, 2008

"The Library as Classroom: The Unexamined Connection Between the Free Library of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia, 1890-1910" Paper accepted but not presented at The 29th Annual Meeting of the SW/TX PCA/ACA Panel: Exploring the Roots, February 15, 2008

"Eastern State Penitentiary and the Rehabilitative Potential of Education in Antebellum America" Paper accepted but not presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Cincinnati, March 11-15, 2008

"Eastern State Penitentiary and the Rehabilitative Potential of Education in Antebellum America" Paper accepted but not presented at the Historical Sociology Panel at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, February 21-24, 2008

"The Library as Classroom: The Unexamined Connection Between the Free Library of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia, 1890-1910" Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association Conference – Panel: Bridges to Education: Mediating Agencies in the U.S. and Canada, Chicago, November 18, 2007

"The Library as Classroom: The Unexamined Connection Between the Free Library of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia, 1890-1910" Barnes Club Graduate History Conference, Temple University, April 14, 2007

"British Identity, Anglo Autodidacticism, and the Formation of the Library Company of Philadelphia" Extreme Makeovers: Histories of Self-Fashioning in the Mid-Atlantic, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, November 4, 2006.

"The de La Salle Readers: A Tentative Appraisal." Education and the Culture of Print, a Conference of the Center for History of Print Culture in Modern America, University of Wisconsin, September 29, 2006.

"Tracking the Angel's Lily: The Educational Ideas of Russell H. Conwell." Barnes Club Graduate History Conference, Temple University, April 1, 2006

"'The Wages of Sin:' Catholic Movie Censorship as a Critique of Capitalism." UNC Graduate Student Conference, March 18, 2006.

"State of the Discipline: Carving a Space for Freedom of Inquiry in Today's Academia." Barnes Club Graduate History Conference, Temple University, February 23, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Books

Seminary of Virtue: The Ideology and Practice of Inmate Reform at Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829-1971 (Peter Lang Publishing Group – under contract)

Eastern State Penitentiary: A History (Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2008)

Book Chapters/Journal Articles

"Myron Taylor: Managing U.S./Vatican Relations During WWII" *Diplomats at War: The American Experience* ed. J Simon Rofe and Andrew Stewart (Netherlands: Republic of Letters Publishing BV, forthcoming)

"The "Latin Question" as Microcosm: The Americanist Controversies Writ Small" *American Catholic Studies: Journal of the American Catholic Historical Society*, vol. 118, No. 1, Spring 2007.

Encyclopedia Entries

Entries for *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*, ed. Wilbur R. Miller (California: Sage Publications, Under Contract): "California," "Eastern State Penitentiary," "Penitentiaries," "Pennsylvania System of Reform," "Philadelphia," "Pittsburgh," "Quakers," "San Quentin," "Sing Sing," and "Tocqueville, Alexis de."

Book Reviews

Review of Tammy S. Gordon, *Private History in Public: Exhibition and the Settings of Everyday Life*. Review for *A Journal for Archives and Museum Professionals* (Forthcoming)

Review of Mary Lynn Rizenthaler, *Preserving Archives & Manuscripts*, 2nd ed. Review for *A Journal for Archives and Museum Professionals* (Forthcoming)

Review of Joe W. Trotter & Jared N Day, *Race and Renaissance: African-Americans in Pittsburgh Since World War II*. Review for *Western Pennsylvania History* (Forthcoming)

Review of Jan Olsson, *Los Angeles Before Hollywood: Journalism and American Film Culture, 1905 to 1915*. Review for *Southern California Quarterly* (Forthcoming)

Review of Jim Collins, *Southern Bring on the Books For Everyone: How Literary Culture Became Popular Culture*. Review for *Journal of Popular Culture*

Review of Anthony J. Dosen, *Catholic Higher Education in the 1960s: Issues of Identity, Issues of Governance*. Review for *H-Education* (Forthcoming)

Review of William Issel, *For Both Cross and Flag: Catholic Action, Anti-Catholicism, and National Security Politics in World War II San Francisco*. Review for *H-California* (Forthcoming)

Review of Michele Zack, *Southern California Story: Seeking a Better Life in Sierra Madre*. Review for *California History* (Forthcoming)

Review of Alyshia Galvez, *Guadalupe in New York: Devotion and Struggle for Citizenship Rights Among Mexican Immigrants.* Review for *Religious Studies Review* (Forthcoming)

Review of Keith Harper, ed., *American Denominational History: Perspectives on the Past, Prospects for the Future*. Review for *Religious Studies Review* (Forthcoming)

Review of Daniel H. Bays and Ellen Widmer, ed., *China's Christian Colleges: Cross Cultural Communication, 1900-1950*. Review for *H-Education* (August, 2010) http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=30051

Review of Stanley M. Hodes, *To the End of the Earth*. Columbia University Press, 2005. Review for *Religious Studies Review* (Forthcoming)

Review of Armando Rodriguez, *From the Barrio to Washington: An Educator's Journey*. University of New Mexico Press, 2007. Review for *San Diego History* (Forthcoming)

Review of William Inboden, *Religion and American Foreign Policy: The Soul of Containment, 1945-1960*. Cambridge University Press, 2008. Review for *Religious Studies Review* (Forthcoming)

Review of Menzi Behrnd-Klodt & Peter J. Wosh, ed., *Privacy and Confidentiality Perspectives: Archivists and Archival Records*. Society of American Archivists, 2005. Review for *Collections: A Journal for Archives and Museum Professionals* (Forthcoming)

Review of Paul Lopes, *Demanding Respect: The Evolution of the American Comic Book*. Temple University Press, 2009. Review for *Journal of Popular Culture* (Forthcoming)

Review of Ian Batterham *The Office Copying Revolution: History, Identification and Preservation* Review for *Collections: A Journal for Archives and Museum Professionals* (Forthcoming)

Review of James M. O'Toole, *The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America*. Harvard University Press, 2010. Review for *Religious Studies Review* Vol. 36, No. 2 (June, 2010), 164-165.

Review of David A. Ward with Gene Kassebaum, *Alcatraz: The Gangster Years*. University of California Press, 2009. Review for *California History*, no. 3 (July, 2010), 75.

Review of Dennis B. Downey, et al. *"The Surest Foundation of Happiness: Education in Pennsylvania,"* http://explorepahistory.com/story.php?storyId=40 Review for *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*, Vol. 77, No. 1 (Winter, 2010), 76-77.

Review of Lisa Holderman, ed., *Common Sense: Intelligence as Presented on Popular Television* Lexington Books, 2008. Review for *Journal of Popular Culture*, Vol. 42, No. 5 (October, 2009), 947-949.

Review of Pamela Voekel, *Alone Before God: The Religious Origins of Modernity in Mexico*. Duke University Press, 2002. Review for *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (January, 2004), 87-88.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA)
National Business Education Association (NBEA)
Texas Association of College Technical Educators (TACTE)
National Tech Prep Network (NTPN)
National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE)

COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-present	Victoria College, Adjunct Professor of History
2010-present	American Public University System, Adjunct Professor

2008-present	Montgomery County Community College, Adjunct Professor
2006-2009	Holy Family University, Adjunct Professor of History
2006-2009	Temple University, Teaching Assistant