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## Employment

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| <b>August 2014 – present</b>  | Assistant Professor of History at the University of Central Arkansas        |
| <b>August 2011 – May 2014</b> | Assistant Professor of History at Colorado State University—Pueblo          |
| <b>August 2010 – May 2011</b> | Visiting Assistant Professor of History at Colorado State University—Pueblo |
| <b>June 2006 – May 2010</b>   | Graduate Instructor at the University of Kansas                             |
| <b>August 2005 – May 2006</b> | Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Kansas                     |

## Education

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| <b>August 2005 – May 2010</b> | <b>Doctor of Philosophy (with Honors) in American History</b><br><b>University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas</b><br>Dissertation Title: “Bound Together: Masters and Slaves on the Kansas-Missouri Border, 1825-1865”<br>Dissertation Committee: Jonathan Earle (advisor), Kim Warren, Jennifer Weber, Virgil Dean, and Ann Schofield<br>Examination Fields: United States, Atlantic World, women’s history |
| <b>August 2003 – May 2005</b> | <b>Master of Arts in American History</b><br><b>The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia</b><br>Thesis Title: “Treasonous Patriots: The Secret Committee of Six and Violent Abolitionism”<br>Thesis Committee: Carol Sheriff (advisor), Melvin Ely, and Kris Lane  |
| <b>August 1999 – May 2003</b> | <b>Bachelor of Arts in Oxbridge (Honors) History</b><br><b>William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri</b><br>Magna cum laude with honors   |

## Honors and Awards

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| <b>Spring 2013</b> | 2013 Faculty of the Year Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, CSU-Pueblo |
| <b>Spring 2012</b> | “Above and Beyond” Award, CSU-Pueblo  |

## Honors and Awards (cont...)

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| <b>Spring 2010</b> | Marnie and Bill Argersinger Graduate School Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, KU (chosen from all graduate disciplines that require dissertations, including social sciences, STEM, humanities, etc.) |
| <b>Spring 2010</b> | History Department Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, KU   |
| <b>Spring 2009</b> | History Department Outstanding Teaching by a GTA Award, KU   |

## Fellowships and Travel Grants

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| <b>Fall 2012</b>   | Faculty Research SEED Grant, Colorado State University—Pueblo            |
| <b>Spring 2012</b> | Mellon Short-Term Research Fellowship, Huntington Library                |
| <b>Fall 2011</b>   | Faculty Development Grant, Colorado State University—Pueblo              |
| <b>Fall 2010</b>   | Faculty Development Grant, Colorado State University—Pueblo              |
| <b>Summer 2009</b> | Summer Research Fellowship, Hall Center for the Humanities               |
| <b>Spring 2009</b> | Arthur and Judith McClure Scholarship, University of Kansas              |
| <b>Fall 2007</b>   | Richard Brownlee Research Grant, State Historical Society of Missouri    |
| <b>Spring 2007</b> | Alfred Landon Historical Research Grant, Kansas State Historical Society |
| <b>Spring 2007</b> | Rebecca Robinson Memorial Travel Grant, University of Kansas             |
| <b>Spring 2003</b> | A. F. Zimmerman Graduate Scholarship, Phi Alpha Theta                    |

## Publications

### In Progress:

*Book Manuscript:* “Bound Together: Masters and Slaves on the Kansas-Missouri Border, 1820-1877.” Currently under contract with the University of Georgia Press for the Early American Places series. Expected to appear in Fall 2016.

Review of Ian Michael Spurgeon, *Soldiers in the Army of Freedom: The 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas Colored, The Civil War’s First African American Combat Unit* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2014), in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, in press.

Review of John R. van Atta, *Wolf by the Ears: The Missouri Crisis, 1819-1821* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015), in *Western Historical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

### In Print:

Review of Cheryl LaRoche, *Free Black Communities and the Underground Railroad: The Geography of Resistance* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2014), in *Kansas History* 37, no 3 (August 2014): 201.

“Before the Border Wars: Slavery and Southern Settlement on the Western Frontier, 1825-1845.” In *Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border*, edited by Jonathan Earle and Diane Mutti Burke, 29-46. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2013.

## Publications (cont...)

“Quantrill’s Raid on Lawrence,” *Civil War on the Western Border*, accessed August 29, 2013, <http://www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org/content/quantrell%E2%80%99s-raid-lawrence>.

Review of Robert E. McGlone, *John Brown’s War Against Slavery* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), in *American Studies Journal* 52, no. 3 (2013): 69-70.

Review of Stanley Harrold, *Border War: Fighting Over Slavery Before the Civil War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010), for H-CivWar (2011), available online at: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33376>.

Review of Richard Etulain, ed., *Lincoln Looks West: From the Mississippi to the Pacific* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2010), in *Civil War History* 57, no. 4 (December 2011): 411-413.

“Brown, William Wells.” In *The Encyclopedia of Slavery in the Americas*, edited by Edward E. Baptist. New York: Facts on File, 2011.

“Jacobs, Harriet.” In *The Encyclopedia of Slavery in the Americas*, edited by Edward E. Baptist. New York: Facts on File, 2011.

Douglass, Frederick. “Men of Color, To Arms! (1863).” In *Milestone Documents in African American History*, vol. 2, ed. Paul Finkelman, 564-573. Pasadena: Salem Press, 2010.

“Craft, William and Ellen.” In *The Encyclopedia of African-American History*, edited by Leslie M. Alexander and Walter C. Rucker, 359. New York: ABC-CLIO, 2010.

Review of Jeremy Neely, *The Border Between Them: Violence and Reconciliation on the Kansas-Missouri Line* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2007) in *Kansas History* 30, no. 3 (Autumn 2007): 228.

## Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

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| <b>Spring 2014</b> | “In the Midst of Terrible Times’: Abolitionism and the Politics of Dissent in Western Missouri” – <i>BrANCH Conference, Rice University</i>                           |
| <b>Spring 2014</b> | “Radical Abolitionism and the Question of Violence” – <i>Pueblo County Library</i>  |
| <b>Spring 2013</b> | “When Kansas Bled: The Coming of the Civil War” – <i>Pikes Peak Genealogical Society, Penrose Public Library</i>  |
| <b>Fall 2011</b>   | “Before the Border Wars: Slavery and Southern Settlement on the Western Frontier, 1825-1845” – <i>Border Wars Symposium, Kansas City Public Library</i>               |
| <b>Fall 2011</b>   | “When Kansas Bled: The Coming of the Civil War” – <i>Southeast Colorado Genealogical Society, Pueblo County Library</i>   |
| <b>Spring 2011</b> | “The Social Geography of Slavery and Freedom in Bleeding Kansas” – <i>Border Wars Paper Workshop, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas</i>            |
| <b>Fall 2010</b>   | “Westward Bound: Slaveholders’ Emigration into Western Missouri, 1825-1845” – <i>Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Charlotte, North Carolina</i> |

## Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures (cont...)

- Spring 2010** “The Social Geography of Slave Labor on the Kansas-Missouri Line” – *Department of Social Sciences Colloquium Series, Emporia State University*
- Spring 2010** “Contested Ground: The African American Experience in Territorial Kansas, 1854-1861”—*14<sup>th</sup> Annual Bleeding Kansas Program Series, Constitution Hall State Historic Site, LeCompton*
- Fall 2009** “The Secret Committee of Six: Responses to the Fugitive Slave Law and the Bleeding Kansas Conflict”—*“John Brown Remembered: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Raid on Harpers Ferry Symposium” Harpers Ferry National Historic Park*
- Fall 2009** “Using Public Records to Uncover Hidden Voices: The African American Experience on the Kansas-Missouri Border”—*Graduate Interdisciplinary Research Workshop, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas*
- Spring 2008** “Treasonous Patriots: The Secret Committee of Six and Violent Abolitionism”—*History Graduate Student Conference, University of Missouri*
- Fall 2007** “Slave Hiring, Gendered Divisions of Labor, and Female Domesticity in Central Missouri, 1821-1861”—*Hall Center for the Humanities Gender Seminar, University of Kansas*
- Spring 2007** “Slave Hiring, Gendered Divisions of Labor, and Female Domesticity in Central Missouri, 1821-1861”—*Missouri Conference on History, St. Louis*

## Teaching Interests

Slavery and Abolition  
Civil War and Reconstruction  
African Diaspora in the Atlantic World  
Topics in African American History

Religion and Reform in Antebellum America  
Historical Research Methods  
Women and Gender in the United States  
History of the American West

## Teaching Experience

### University of Central Arkansas

#### Undergraduate

HIST2301: American Nation I  
HIST4330/5330: Civil War and Reconstruction  
HIST4391: Special Topics: Civil War Memory

#### Graduate

HIST6300: Historiography and Methods

### Colorado State University—Pueblo

#### Undergraduate

HIST201: U.S. History I  
HIST202: U.S. History II  
HIST300: Historiography  
HIST302: America, 1787-1877  
HIST414: The American Civil War  
HIST/WS491: Special Topics: Women and Reform

#### Graduate

HIST501: Special Topics: 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S.  
HIST501: Special Topics: Civil War Memory  
HIST503: Civil War America, 1830-1877  
HIST588: Historiography and Theory  
HIST595: Independent Study: Theory  
HIST599: Thesis Research

## Teaching Experience (cont...)

### University of Kansas

#### Undergraduate

HIST128: United States History through the Civil War (TA, later instructor)

HIST301: The Historian's Craft (instructor)

HIST348: Peoples of Kansas (instructor)

HIST396: Historical Research Methods (TA)

## Editorial Experience

### March 2006, Research Assistant for Dr. Jonathan Earle

#### University of Kansas

I assisted Jonathan Earle with his book *Major Problems in the Early Republic* (Houghton Mifflin, 2008). My responsibilities included checking the index and compiling the bibliography.

### August 2003 – May 2004, Editorial Apprentice at the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture

#### Williamsburg, Virginia

As an apprentice I fact-checked citations and proofread manuscripts to be published either by the *William and Mary Quarterly* or by the book publications division of the Institute.

## Public History and Digital Humanities Experience

### June 2014, Kansas Archaeology Training Program Field School

#### Osawatomie, Kansas

At this field school I studied excavation techniques and assisted with the excavation of the Adair homestead, affiliated with abolitionist John Brown.

### December 2007 – April 2008, Website Bibliographer and Contributor for the Kansas City Lyric Opera

#### Kansas City, Missouri

In preparation for the opera's performances of the world premiere opera "John Brown," I wrote a brief article on the relevant historical background and compiled a bibliography appropriate for all age groups.

### March 2006 – December 2007, Project Archivist for the Kansas Memory Digitization Project Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas

My work included selecting primary documents that matched with Kansas history standards for grades 7-12, researching key figures and events, writing abstracts that could reach a varied audience, assigning metadata, and consulting on website design. See <http://www.kansasmemory.org>.

### June 2007, Kansas Archaeology Training Program Field School

#### Nicodemus, Kansas

At this field school I studied excavation techniques, worked in the archaeology lab, and assisted with the excavation of an Exoduster dugout site north of Nicodemus.

### June 2004 – July 2004, Residential Program Assistant for the National Institute of American History and Democracy's Pre-Collegiate Summer Program

#### Williamsburg, Virginia

My duties included accompanying high school students on field trips to historical sites, assisting the program directors, serving as a chaperone in the dorms, and providing students with other activities.

## Public History and Digital Humanities Experience (cont...)

May 2003 – August 2003, Project Archivist for the *Territorial Kansas Online Digitization Project*  
 Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas

The primary tasks involved in this position included choosing manuscript materials for inclusion on the website, researching key events and personalities, writing abstracts, and assigning metadata. See <http://www.territorialkansasonline.org>.

## Departmental Service

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| <b>Fall 2015 – present</b>       | History Department Undergraduate Program Committee, UCA   |
| <b>Fall 2014 – present</b>       | African and African American Studies Advisory Board, UCA  |
| <b>Fall 2014 – present</b>       | Social Media Team, Department of History, UCA   |
| <b>Fall 2014 – present</b>       | Twitter Manager for Southern and Arkansas Studies Program and African and African American Studies Program, UCA |
| <b>Spring 2014</b>               | History Internship Coordinator, CSU-Pueblo  |
| <b>Spring 2013 – Spring 2014</b> | M.A. Comprehensive Exam Reader, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo   |
| <b>Summer 2012 – Fall 2013</b>   | Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo  |
| <b>Spring 2012</b>               | Western History Position Hiring Committee, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo                                    |
| <b>Fall 2011 – Spring 2014</b>   | Webmaster, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo  |
| <b>Fall 2011 – Spring 2012</b>   | Ancient World Position Hiring Committee, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo                                      |
| <b>Summer 2011 – Spring 2012</b> | Faculty sponsor for Past Masters History Club, CSU-Pueblo   |
| <b>Fall 2010 – Spring 2014</b>   | Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo   |
| <b>Fall 2010 – Spring 2014</b>   | Graduate Studies Board, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo   |
| <b>Fall 2010 – Spring 2013</b>   | Graduate Assessment Committee, Department of History, CSU-Pueblo  |
| <b>Fall 2009 – Spring 2010</b>   | Direct Hire Committee, Department of History, KU (graduate representative)                                      |
| <b>Fall 2009 – Spring 2010</b>   | Graduate Advisory Board, Department of History, KU (graduate representative)                                    |
| <b>Summer 2009 – Spring 2010</b> | Chair of KU-MU Graduate History Conference Steering Committee   |
| <b>Fall 2008 – Spring 2009</b>   | Co-chair of KU-MU Graduate History Conference Steering Committee  |
| <b>Fall 2008 – Spring 2009</b>   | KU-MU Graduate History Conference Submissions Committee   |
| <b>Fall 2008 – Spring 2010</b>   | Founder and organizer of “Women in the Historical Profession” Series  |

## College Service

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| <b>Fall 2013 – Spring 2014</b> | Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, CSU-Pueblo |
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## University Service

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| Fall 2015 – present       | Faculty Scholars Program Committee, UCA                            |
| Fall 2011 – Fall 2013     | Founder and organizer of Faculty “Write-In” Series, CSU-Pueblo     |
| Summer 2009 – Spring 2010 | Co-director of Hall Center Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop, KU |

## Community and Professional Service

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| Spring 2015 – present     | Manuscript Reviewer for <i>Women’s Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal</i>   |
| Fall 2013 – present       | Manuscript Reviewer for <i>Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains</i> |
| Spring 2015               | Judge at Arkansas State History Day  |
| Spring 2015               | Panel Moderator, AAAS Research Symposium, UCA                                  |
| Spring 2014               | Panel Moderator, Graduate Studies Symposium, CSU-Pueblo                        |
| Spring 2014 – Summer 2014 | Archives and Museum Steering Committee, Bessemer Historical Society            |
| Spring 2011 – Spring 2013 | Judge at Southeast Colorado Regional History Day                               |

## Membership in Professional Organizations

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| Organization of American Historians       | Southern Historical Association      |
| Midwestern History Association            | Society of Civil War Historians      |
| Kansas State Historical Society           | State Historical Society of Missouri |
| Southern Association for Women Historians | Phi Alpha Theta                      |

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