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Education

Ph.D. History, Louisiana State University, 2005

Dissertation: "The Free World Confronted: The Problem of Slavery and Progress in American Foreign Relations, 1833-1844."

Accessible in full text online from LSU Libraries:

<http://etd.lsu.edu/docs/available/etd-01192005-120441/>

Committee: Gaines M. Foster, director; William J. Cooper Jr., Charles Royster, Meredith Veldman, and James E. Lewis Jr.

M.A. History, University of Texas at Arlington, 1995

B.A. History, Western State College of Colorado, 1993

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor	Utah State University	Fall 2008–present
Visiting Assistant Professor	Utah State University	Fall 2007–Spring 2008
Visiting Assistant Professor	St. Lawrence University	Fall 2006–Spring 2007
Visiting Assistant Professor	Centenary College of Louisiana	Fall 2005–Spring 2006
Visiting Lecturer	Northwestern State University	Fall 2004–Spring 2005
Visiting Lecturer	Centenary College of Louisiana	Fall 2004–Spring 2005

Publications

Books:

Under contract:

The Atlantic in the Industrial Age: Beyond Colonies and Culture since 1776 (book-length essay; Routledge; publication late 2011).

Future works (in writing):

The Underground War: Slaveholding America, Postemancipation Britain, and the Struggle for Mastery of the Atlantic (revised dissertation manuscript; anticipated publication 2012).

Slave Colossus, Free Colossus: Patterns of U.S. Hegemony in the Atlantic from the Haitian Revolution to the Roosevelt Corollary (related monograph project; projected publication 2014).

Publications (cont.)

Articles:

In print:

Review essay of David Lightner, *Slavery and the Commerce Power*; Edward Rugemer, *The Problem of Emancipation*; and Rebecca Scott, *Degrees of Freedom*; in *Journal of the Early Republic* 29 (Fall 2009): 565-570.

“The Upshur Inquiry: Lost Lessons of the Great Experiment” *Slavery and Abolition* 27 (April 2006): 89-124.

Future works (in writing; anticipated publication in 2011-2012):

“‘The Ashburton Capitulation’: The Convention of London of 1841, British Defeat, and the Americanization of the Atlantic.”

“‘No More Experiments’: Reconceptualizing the Origins of the American Civil War.”

“Manifest Dilemmas: American Slavery versus Atlantic Freedom in the Age of Industrial Revolution.”

“Reversals of Fortune: Why States and Boundaries Mattered in Nineteenth-Century Atlantic Abolitionism.”

Bibliographies:

In print (as Co-Contributing Editor; with Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University)

“Expansion into the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific, 1815-1861,” chapter in Thomas W. Zeiler, ed. *American Foreign Relations since 1600: A Guide to the Literature, Third Edition* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008) [electronic database], 2008-; I authored updates dated Fall 2009.

Fellowships and Honors

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, 2010-2011; in residence February 2011.

Louisiana State University Graduate School Fellowship, Four-Year Award, 1996-2000.

University Scholar Honors, University of Texas at Arlington, 1997.

Centennial Scholar Honors, University of Texas at Arlington, 1996.

George F. Wolfskill Memorial Award for Excellence in Graduate Study in History, University of Texas at Arlington, 1996.

Professional Presentations

Invited:

Paper to be presented to the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, February 16, 2011: “Manifest Dilemmas: American Slavery versus Atlantic Freedom in the Age of Industrial Revolution.”

Paper presented to the Research Seminar in American History, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, Oxford, U.K., January 27, 2010: “Slaveholding America, Postemancipation Britain, and the Struggle for Mastery of the Atlantic.”

Conferences and Scholarly Meetings:

Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Front Range Early American Consortium, Boise, Idaho, Oct. 2, 2010: "Slavery's Viability in the Industrial Age: What Jacksonian Americans Knew—and When They Knew It."

Paper presented in the multi-session workshop "Slaving Paths: Rebuilding and Rethinking Atlantic Worlds" at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, Cal., January 2010: "'The Ashburton Capitulation': The Convention of London, British Defeat, and the Americanization of the Atlantic."

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Ky., November 2009: "'No More Experiments': The American Sectional Crisis as an Atlantic Story."

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, Pa., July 2008: "Who's Afraid of Anglophobia? The Earnestness of British Antislavery in the Age of Jackson."

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Fairfax, Va., June 2007: "Applauding the Opium War: John Quincy Adams and Britain's Global War versus Slavery."

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Lawrence, Kan., June 2006: "The Upshur Inquiry and the Origins of the American Civil War."

Professional Service

Publication Consultant:

Seymour Drescher, *Econocide: British Slavery in the Era of Abolition, Second Edition* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

Initiated project to republish title (out of print since 1980) and coordinated publisher-author relationship to point of contract; acknowledged in volume's dedication and "Preface to the Second Edition."

Contributing Editor (with Elizabeth Kelly Gray, Towson University):

"Expansion into the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific, 1815-1861," Chapter 7 in Thomas W. Zeiler, ed., *American Foreign Relations since 1600: A Guide to the Literature, Third Edition* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2008) [electronic bibliographic database], 2008-.

Contributing Researcher:

"From the Confederation through the Jeffersonian Era" (James E. Lewis Jr., chapter ed.), Chapter 5 in Robert L. Beisner, ed. *American Foreign Relations since 1600: A Guide to the Literature, Second Edition* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003); acknowledged as contributor.

Referee of Scholarly Books:

Bedford / St. Martin's Publishers
New York University Press
Pearson Education

Professional Service (cont.)

Referee of Scholarly Articles:

Diplomatic History
Journal of Southern History

Book Reviews:

Journal of African American History
Journal of American History
Journal of the Early Republic
Journal of Southern History

Session Comment:

Phi Alpha Theta Utah Regional Conference, Weber State University, April 10, 2010.

Community Presentations

“The Cold War in Myth, Memory, and Fact,” presentation to the Teaching American History Connections Project, Park City, Utah, June 26, 2009.

“Slavery in the Early Republic,” presentation to the Bridgerland PATHS (Professional Academy for Teaching of History in Schools) Seminar, Logan, Utah, June 5, 2008.

“Alexander Hamilton and the Prospects of American Power,” presented as part of the New York Historical Society exhibition “Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America,” Brigham City, Utah, May 20, 2008.

“Slavery in the Early Republic,” presentation to the Teaching American History Connections Project, West Valley City, Utah, March 8, 2008.

University Service

RCDE Faculty Conference Planning Committee, 2010-.

RCDE Faculty Excellence Recognition Committee, 2009-; committee chair, 2009-.

History Concurrent Enrollment Evaluation Coordinator, Cache and Logan School Districts, Utah, 2008-.

Teaching Fields and Courses

Teaching Fields:

Nineteenth-Century American History
Atlantic World
Slavery and Abolition
American Foreign Relations

Courses taught regularly at Utah State University:

Slavery in the Atlantic World
The American Republic in the World I (to 1920)
The American Republic in the World II (since 1890)
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Teaching Fields and Courses (cont.)

Courses taught regularly at Utah State University (cont.):

The Age of Jefferson and Jackson

Civil War and Reconstruction

The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

American History Survey I / The United States to 1877

American History Survey II / The United States since 1877

American Institutions

Capstone Research Seminar