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### **EDUCATION**

**MA**, Public History, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR, Fall 2019

Dissertation Title: "A Tale of Two Culpers: Social Context of Revolutionary Espionage"

**BSE** Social Science, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR, Fall 2017 -Arkansas

Teaching License, Social Studies, 7th-12th, received January 2018, renewed January 2023

### **WORK HISTORY**

#### **Academic Experience**

- Field 1- Fall 2015, U.S. History, 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade, Cross County High School
- Field 2- Fall 2016, World History, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, Nettleton High School
- Teaching Internship, 9-11th grade, Bay High School, Bay AR, Fall 2017
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Arkansas State University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- Arkansas State University, United States History to 1876, Spring 2021
- A-State Online, World History to 1550, Fall 2021-Fall 2022
- A-State Online, World History Since 1550, Fall 2021-Spring 2022
- Arkansas State University, United States History to 1876, Fall 2024

#### **Work Experience**

- Administrative Specialist III, A-State Department of History: January 2023-present
- Graduate Assistant, History Department, Front Office, Spring 2017-Fall 2019
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Methods and Materials for Social Studies Educators, Digital Technology for Social Studies Educators, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- *2018 BSE Social Science Departmental Award*, Spring 2018  
Nominations made by Dr. Kelly Buford, Director of the BSE Social Science Program  
Awarded to the student who completed best achievements in the program (e.g. internship evaluations, GPA)

- *Accelerated Master's Program*, Arkansas State University, Spring 2017 Awarded to graduates who have shown a strong GPA, and are allowed to take graduate-level classes toward their MA, while completing their BA or BSE.
- *Chancellor's List*, Arkansas State University, Fall 2013-2017  
Given to undergraduate students who achieve a semester GPA of 3.8 or higher.
- *Best Graduate Paper*, Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Spring 2019

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Enlightenment and the Whiskey Rebellion: Mottos of the Revolution, Challenges of the New Republic," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Arkansas State University, Feb 2019

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of Cynthia Kierner's *The Tory's Wife: A Woman and Her Family in Revolutionary America* (University of Virginia Press, 2023), *Journal of the American Revolution*, September 25, 2023.

Review of Timothy Compeau's *Dishonored Americans: The Political Death of Loyalists in Revolutionary America* (University of Virginia Press, 2024), *Journal of the American Revolution*, January 15, 2024.

Review of Daniel R. Moy's *Antiquity and Loyalist Dissent in Revolutionary America, 1765-1776* (Anthem Press, 2024), *Journal of the American Revolution*, May 20, 2024.

Review of Christopher R. Pearl's *Declarations of Independence: Indigenous Resilience, Colonial Rivalries, and the Cost of Revolution*, December 26, 2024.

Review of Tom Hand's *An American Triumph: America's Founding Era Through the Lives of Ben Franklin, George Washington, and John Adams*, expected February 2025.

### **Blogs:**

"The Rise of Dementia in a Post-Covid World: Meme's Story," *Medium.com*, 12-part series

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- **History Day 2018**  
Volunteer Exhibit Judge, Arkansas State University, March 2018
  
- **Graduate Student Council, Arkansas State University**  
Communications Chair & History Department Representative  
Jan. 2019-Dec. 2019
  
- **Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Harding University**  
Volunteer Editor/Assistance, A-State Graduate Students  
Feb. 2022
  
- **Alzheimer's Association**  
Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sponsorship chair, 2022  
Walk to End Alzheimer's Volunteer, 2023  
Walk to End Alzheimer's Community Engagement Committee, 2024
  
- **City of Trumann, AR Beautification Committee**  
Trumann, Arkansas Christmas Festivals, Dec 2022 & Dec 2023  
Volunteer Donor and Elf
  
- **A-State Staff Senate**  
P.R.O.P.S. Subcommittee Member  
July 2023-February 2024  
Chair, March 2024-present