

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1995 Ph.D., U.S. History, Princeton University
Dissertation: "The Reconstruction of White Supremacy: Reaction and Reform in Ben Tillman's World"; advisor: Nell Irvin Painter
- 1987 B.A., *cum laude*, History, Yale University

Academic Employment

- 2020 - 2025 Plaenert Bascom Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Faculty Affiliate, Dept. of African American Studies (2014 - present)
- 2016 - 2017 Fulbright Distinguished Chair of American Studies, University of Southern Denmark
- 2014 - present Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2008 - 2014 Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2001 - 2008 Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1995 - 2001 Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Selected Grants, Fellowships, and Professional Recognition

- 2022 Oscar A. Winther Award for best article in the *Western Historical Quarterly*
- 2020 - 2025 Plaenert Bascom Professorship (\$100,000)
- 2019 Elected member, American Antiquarian Society
- 2017 - 2021 Senior Fellow, UW-Madison Institute for Research in the Humanities (4 semesters leave)
- 2016 - 2017 Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award (\$53,000)
- 2014 - 2019 Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professorship (\$75,000)
- 2013 Finalist, Frederick Douglass Prize, for *More Than Freedom*
- 2013 Finalist, Lincoln Prize, for *More Than Freedom*
- 2013 - 2018 Kellett Mid-Career Faculty Researcher Award (\$60,000)
- 2008 - present OAH Distinguished Lecturer
- 2008 - 2013 Hamel Family Faculty Fellowship (\$50,000)
- 2004 - 2005 National Humanities Center Fellowship [declined]
- 2002 - 2003 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship (\$45,000)
- 2002 - 2004 Vilas Associate Research Award (\$20,000)
- 2001 Ellis A. Hawley Prize, OAH, for *Ben Tillman*
- 2001 George C. Rogers, Jr., Award, South Carolina Historical Society, for *Ben Tillman*
- 1989 - 1995 Mellon Fellowship for Graduate Study

Publications

Books (with awards and reviews)

Citizens of a Stolen Land: A Ho-Chunk History of the 19th-Century United States. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2023). 224pp., cloth, paper, and e-book.

Honorable Mention, James A. Rawley Award, Organization of American Historians, 2024

Honorable Mention, Jon Gjerde Award, Midwestern History Association, 2024

Honorable Mention, *Civil War Monitor*, Best Civil War Books of 2023

Featured: [H-CivWar interview](#), July 2023.

Reviews: *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Middle West Review*, *Aatotankiki Myaamiaki (Miami Nation News)*, *Western Historical Quarterly*

More than Freedom: Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic, 1829-1889 (New York: Penguin Press, 2012). 514pp., cloth and e-book; paper (2013)

Finalist, Frederick Douglass Prize (Gilder Lehrman Center, Yale), 2013

Finalist, Lincoln Prize (Gilder Lehrman Institute/Gettysburg College), 2013

Winner, Best General History, 2012, [Civil War Memory](#)

Reviews: *The Nation*, *The Daily Beast*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Reviews in American History*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Civil War Book Review*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Slavery & Abolition*, *African American Review*, *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (featured review)

Ben Tillman and the Reconstruction of White Supremacy (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000). 422pp., cloth and paper (3rd paperback printing, 2004); e-book (2015).

Winner, Ellis W. Hawley Book Prize, Organization of American Historians

Winner, George C. Rogers, Jr. Book Prize, South Carolina Historical Society

New York Times Book Review Notable Book for 2000

Chicago Tribune Choice Selection for 2000

Outstanding Achievement, Wisconsin Library Association

Reviews: *The New York Times Sunday Book Review*, *Washington Post Book World*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The (Columbia, S.C.) State*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Reviews in American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Review of Politics*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, *Mississippi Quarterly*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, H-SHGAPE, H-SOUTH

Edited Works

Co-editor, with Peter P. Hinks, *All Men Free and Brethren: Essays on the History of African American Freemasonry* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2013). 262pp., cloth.

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *American Studies*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*

Work in Progress and in Press

Co-editor, with Alyssa Mt. Pleasant and Malinda Maynor Lowery, *Campuses and Colonialism: History, Responsibility, Repair* (Manuscript under review at UNC Press)

Selected Articles and Book Chapters (P = peer reviewed)

Co-author, with Christy Clark-Pujara, Karen Reece, and Alexander Gee, Jr., "A Location of Possibility: Teaching Black History to White Folks at a Black-Led Church," *The Journal of American History* 109:4 (March 2023), 887-895. P

"Looking at Lincoln from the Effigy Mound," in *Lincoln's Unfinished Work: The New Birth of Freedom from Generation to Generation*, eds. Vernon Burton and Peter Eisenstadt (Baton Rouge: LSU Press, 2022), 184-201. P

"Jurisdiction, Civilization, and the Ends of Native American Citizenship: The View from 1866," *Western Historical Quarterly* 52 (Summer 2021), 189-208. P

Winner, 2021 Oscar A. Winther Award, Western History Association, selected by the editorial board of the *Western Historical Quarterly* as the best article appearing in the journal that year

(co-author with Alyssa Mt. Pleasant), "Campuses, Colonialism, and Land Grabs before Morrill," in "Intervention: Indigenous Studies Reflections on The *Land Grab Universities* Project," *Native American and Indigenous Studies* 8:1 (2021), 151-156.

"Teaching History in the Time of COVID-19," *The American Historical Review* 125: 3 (June 2020), xvii–xix.

"White Supremacy, Settler Colonialism, and the Two Citizenships of the Fourteenth Amendment," *Journal of the Civil War Era* 10 (March 2020), 29-53. P

“African American Political Activism,” in ed. Aaron Sheehan-Dean, *The Cambridge History of the American Civil War* (3 vols.; New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2019), II: 480-500.

“The Mass Execution of the Dakota, Mankato, Minnesota, Dec. 26, 1862,” and “The Raid on the Combahee, June 1863,” (two essays @1,200 words) in Andrew Lichtenstein and Alex Lichtenstein, *Marked, Unmarked, Remembered: A Photographic Geography of American Historical Memory* (Charlestown: West Virginia University Press, 2017).

“Reconstruction in the North,” in *The Reconstruction Era*, eds. Robert K. Sutton and John A. Latschar (National Park Service/Eastern National, 2016), 136-147.

“Not Quite Constitutionalized’: The Meanings of ‘Civilization’ and the Limits of Native American Citizenship,” in ed. Gregory P. Downs and Kate Masur, *The World the Civil War Made* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2015), 75-105. P

“Citizen’s Clothing: Reconstruction, Ho-Chunk Persistence, and the Politics of Dress,” in ed. Adam Arenson and Andrew Graybill, *Civil War Wests: Testing the Limits of the United States* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2015), 242-264. P

“Brotherhood Denied: Black Freemasonry and the Limits of Reconstruction,” in eds. Hinks and Kantrowitz, *All Men Free and Brethren*, 95-113. P

(Co-author) “Introduction: The Revolution in Freemasonry,” in eds. Hinks and Kantrowitz, *All Men Free and Brethren*, 1-20. P

“Intended for the Better Government of Man’: The Political History of African American Freemasonry in the Era of Emancipation,” *The Journal of American History* 94:4 (March 2010), 1001-1026. P

“The Other Thirteenth Amendment: Free African Americans and the Constitution that Wasn’t,” *Marquette Law Review* 93:4 (Summer 2010), 1367-1374. P

“A Place for ‘Colored Patriots’: Crispus Attucks Among the Abolitionists, 1842-1863,” *Massachusetts Historical Review* XI (2009), 97-117. P

Reprinted in *Massachusetts Historical Review* XVIII (2016), special issue: “Massachusetts and the Origins of American Historical Thought.”

“Farmers, dudes, white negroes, and the sun-browned goddess,” in J. William Harris, ed., *The New South: New Histories* (New York and London: Routledge, 2008), 67-87. Abridged reprint of chapter 4 of *Ben Tillman*.

“Fighting Like Men: Civil War Dilemmas of Abolitionist Manhood,” in ed. Catherine Clinton and Nina Silber, *Battle Scars: Gender and Sexuality in the U.S. Civil War* (Oxford University Press, 2006), 19-40. P

“Youngest Living Carpetbagger Tells All, or How Regional Myopia Created ‘Pitchfork Ben’ Tillman,” *Southern Cultures* 8.3 (fall 2002), 18-37. P

“Ben Tillman and Hendrix McLane, Agrarian Rebels: White Manhood, ‘The Farmers,’ and the Limits of Southern Populism,” *The Journal of Southern History* LXVI (August 2000), 497-524. P

“One Man’s Mob is Another Man’s Militia: Violence, Manhood, and Authority in Reconstruction South Carolina” in ed. Jane Dailey, Glenda Gilmore, and Bryant Simon, *Jumpin’ Jim Crow: Southern Politics from Civil War to Civil Rights* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2000), 67-87. P

“The Two Faces of Domination in North Carolina, 1800-1898” in ed. David Cecelski and Timothy B. Tyson, *Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and Its Legacy* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998), 95-112. P

“White Supremacist Justice and the Rule of Law: Lynching, Honor, and the State in Ben Tillman’s South Carolina” in ed. Pieter Spierenburg, *Men and Violence: Masculinity, Honor Codes and Violent Rituals in Europe and America* (Ohio State University Press, 1998), 213-239. P

“The Crop, the Rent, and the Lien: Law and Society in the New South,” *Reviews in American History* 24 (March 1996).

Projects of Historical Reckoning and Public-Facing Work

[UW-Madison Public History Project](#): “Sifting and Reckoning: UW-Madison’s History of Exclusion and Resistance”

The PHP explores the history of exclusion and resistance on our campus from its founding to the present. Chancellor Rebecca Blank named me co-chair of the committee that established the project in 2018. I

served as chair of the Project steering committee, 2019-2023, working closely with project director Kacie Lucchini Butcher. I was a co-author of the text of the Fall 2022 exhibit at the Chazen Museum. This work continues as the [Rebecca M. Blank Center for Campus History](#), whose advisory committee I chair.

[Report to the Chancellor on the Ku Klux Klan at UW-Madison](#)

In August 2017 Chancellor Blank named me co-chair of a study group on the Ku Klux Klan at UW-Madison, whose mission was to assess the significance of two 1920s campus groups bearing that name. A year of research and deliberations with a large committee produced a 2018 report to the chancellor including numerous recommendations to acknowledge and address the history of exclusion on the campus.

[Our Shared Future](#): UW-Madison's educational framework for engaging the campus's Indigenous past and present

This project of the Provost's office sponsors events recognizing that the campus stands on ancestral Ho-Chunk lands, supports educational activities focused on Indigenous history and culture. I have participated in this work since its inception in 2019.

Teejop Community History Project: a Ho-Chunk-led project, supported by the Madison Community Foundation

This project, devised and led by Ho-Chunk community members, worked to articulate themes representing the significance of the Four Lakes region (today's Greater Madison; in the Ho-Chunk language, "Teejop") for Ho-Chunk history and culture. Ongoing work includes a heritage trail and public art projects. I was invited to join this group in 2018.

["Black History for a New Day"](#): A community-based course educating adult non-Black allies in Black history

Beginning in 2015 I collaborated with Rev. Dr. Alexander Gee (Senior Pastor, Fountain of Life Congregation/Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development) to create this course, which runs at least once a year over 7-9 evening sessions at Rev. Gee's church. I developed the initial history curriculum and was lead history instructor for its first year. I subsequently recruited additional university colleagues onto the teaching team. The course continues to run, now online, and typically enrolls over 200 participants.

Guest curator, "The Last Full Measure: Wisconsin in the Civil War, 1863 - 1865," Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 2013-2015

Consultant for exhibits:

"Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories," The Field Museum, Chicago (2021)
Abraham Lincoln statue interpretive panels, Minnesota State University, Mankato (2023-24)

Other Contributions

Digital Project

Mukurtu Gateway to Research in Hoocąk Studies

Goal: To create a shared resource for scholars of Ho-Chunk history and culture, providing links to and descriptions of scholarly works, published primary materials, and archival and museum collections on [Mukurtu](#), a free, mobile, open-source platform built in collaboration with Indigenous communities to manage and share digital cultural heritage. Constructed in collaboration with Molli Pauliot (Ho-Chunk), with the assistance of students in the Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums practicum at UW-Madison.

This project subsumes and incorporates an earlier effort, the Ho-Chunk Petitions Project.

Online, Periodical, and Media Contributions (selected)

["In Focus with Stephen Kantrowitz: Keeping History Present."](#) PBS Wisconsin, July 29, 2024

["Who was Ben Tillman?,"](#) Interview by Ailsa Chang, *All Things Considered*, July 14, 2020

["White Supremacy Has Always Been Mainstream,"](#) *Boston Review*, July 23, 2018 (4,500 words).

["Refuge for Fugitives,"](#) *Boston Review*, May 16, 2017 (3,000 words).

["African Americans Asserted Their Citizenship Long Before the Law Backed Them Up."](#) *Zócalo*, May 1, 2017.

["Tillman Is Still with Us,"](#) *We're History*, July 23, 2015.

["America's Long History of Racial Fear,"](#) *We're History*, June 24, 2015.

[“Equality First, Guns Afterward.”](#) *The New York Times*, March 1, 2013.

[“Django Unchained's White Abolitionist Vision.”](#) *History News Network*, Jan. 28, 2013.

[“Dreaming of Black Presidents.”](#) *Humanities NOW*, Jan. 24, 2013.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Reconstruction” in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History*, ed. Michael Kazin (Princeton, 2010). Reprinted in the abridged paperback edition, 2011. (3500 words)

“Benjamin 'Pitchfork' Tillman” in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*, ed. John Hartwell Moore (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008).

“Benjamin Ryan Tillman” in *The South Carolina Encyclopedia*, ed. Walter Edgar (Columbia: Univ. of South Carolina Press, 2006).

Scholarly Book Reviews

AHR Featured Review: Eric Foner, *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad* and David Roediger, *Seizing Freedom: Slave Emancipation and Liberty for All*. *American Historical Review* 120 (Oct. 2015), 1436-1439.

Bruce Laurie, *Beyond Garrison: Antislavery and Social Reform*, in *The American Historical Review* 111:4 (Oct. 2006)

Heather Cox Richardson, *The Death of Reconstruction*, in *The Journal of American History* 89 (Dec. 2002)

David W. Blight and Brooks D. Simpson, eds., *Union and Emancipation: Essays on Politics and Race in the Civil War Era* in *Wisconsin Magazine of History* 81 (Winter 1997-1998)

Peter Bardaglio, *Reconstructing the Household: Families, Sex, and the Law in the Nineteenth - Century South* in *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 7 (October 1996)

William Link, *The Paradox of Southern Progressivism, 1880-1930* in *Southern Cultures* 1 (Fall 1994)

The Women's Project of New Jersey, *Past and Promise: Lives of New Jersey Women* in *New Jersey History* 110 (Spring/Summer 1992)

Teaching Recognition

- 2020 Elected B.A. commencement speaker, UW-Madison Dept. of History
- 2020 Honored Instructor, University Housing
- 2019 Honored Instructor, University Housing
- 2017 Honored Instructor, University Housing
- 2010 Instructor of the Year, UW History Organization
- 2001 Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching
- 2001 Mark H. Ingraham Distinguished Faculty Award
- 2001 Outstanding Program, North American Assoc. of Summer Sessions
- 2000 Karen F. Johnson Award for Undergraduate Teaching in History

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- 2025 Invited presentation on Ho-Chunk history with Ho-Chunk Museum Director Josie Lee, Minnesota Historical Society, *Feb. 15*
- 2024 Reading, lecture, and community discussion on *Citizens of a Stolen Land*, Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, *Nov. 9*
Annual Meeting keynote, “How the Ho-Chunk Thwarted Removal from Wisconsin,” Sheboygan County Historical Research Center,” *Oct. 11*.
Invited Lecture, [“Citizens of a Stolen Land.”](#) American Antiquarian Society Webinar series, May 21
Invited lecture, Indigenous Studies series, Eastern Michigan University, *March 14 - canceled*
Friends of the UW Libraries, [discussion of Citizens of a Stolen Land with Ho-Chunk Museum Director Josie Lee](#), UW-Madison, March 12

- Kendrick Kelley lecture, "A Ho-Chunk History of American Citizenship," Davidson College, Feb. 22
- 2023 Panelist, "Native Nations," South-East Wisconsin Festival of Books, Waukesha, Nov. 4
Discussion of *Citizens of a Stolen Land* with Ho-Chunk Museum Director Josie Lee, Indigenous People's Day Kickoff Event, La Crosse Public Library, La Crosse, Wisconsin, October 8
- 2022 "The Significance of the Frontier Ho-Chunk in American History," Focus on the Humanities Lecture, Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison, April 12.
- 2021 "Settler Citizenship," paper workshop, University of Pennsylvania Legal History Workshop, March 4 [online]
Panelist, "[Protest and Citizenship II](#)," Massachusetts Historical Society, February 25. [online]
- 2020 Panelist, "[Demanding Freedom: Attucks and the Abolition Movement](#)," Old State House/Old South Meeting House, Boston, Oct. 20 [online]
Presenter, "Inspirations for accountability from land-grant university siblings," "The University of California Land Grab" Symposium, Pt. II, Berkeley, Oct. 23 [online]
- 2019 "A Ho-Chunk History of Citizenship," Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison, Sept. 9.
"A Ho-Chunk History of American Citizenship," Chabraja Center for Historical Studies, Northwestern University, April 11.
"The Habits and Customs of Civilization," Global 19th Century Workshop, History Dept., New York University, March 11.
"Reconstruction and Native American Incorporation," Conference on Reconstruction at Duke Law School/Duke Center for Law, Race, and Politics, March 1-2.
- 2018 "Looking at Lincoln from the Effigy Mound," Conference on "Lincoln's Unfinished Work," Clemson University, Nov. 28-Dec. 1.
"Citizenship and its Discontents," The Steve and Janice Brose Lectures in the Civil War Era, Pennsylvania State University, Nov. 1-3. These lectures will be published in revised form by the University of North Carolina Press.
Panel, "Protest and Citizenship," Massachusetts Historical Society, March 29.
- 2017 "[Ben Tillman and the Reconstruction of White Supremacy](#)," Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture, Tillman Hall, Clemson University, Oct. 11.
"Citizenship and Civilization: A Ho-Chunk History," Fulbright Lecture Series, Amerika-Institut, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany, July 5.
"[Massachusetts Defies the Fugitive Slave Law](#)," Invited Lecture, Teach-in on the Sanctuary movement, Harvard University, April 11.
"The Fugitive Slave Acts: Resonance for Sanctuary and Resistance," Panel Discussion, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University, April 11.
"Black Activists and the Uses of History," Guest Lecture, Department of History, University of Copenhagen, April 6.
"Visions of the Native American Future, 1868-1930," Center for Transnational American Studies, University of Copenhagen, March 23.
- 2015 "[All Men Free and Brethren: African American Freemasonry and the African Meeting House](#)," Boston African American National Historic Site, Sept. 10.
- 2013 "More Than Freedom: Black Northerners, Emancipation, and Equality," Department of History, Temple University, Sept. 26.
"[Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic](#)," Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture, Beloit College, Sept. 11.
"More Than Freedom: Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic," Frank and Bette Spriggs Annual Lecture, African Meeting House, Nantucket, Mass., June 26.
Keynote address, "Fighting for Freedom at Home and on the Front: Boston's Struggle for Freedom, 1806-1865," Summer Institute for Teachers, Boston African American National Historic Site, June 24.

- “The Three Faces of Citizenship: Ho-Chunk Removal and the National History of Reconstruction,” symposium, “The World the Civil War Made,” George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, Pennsylvania State University, June 21-22.
- “Black Communities and Emancipation,” Freedom Rising: Symposium on the Sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, DuBois Institute, Harvard University, May 3.
- “The ‘Colored Citizens’ and the Meaning of Freedom,” Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial Conference, College of William & Mary, April 20.
- “A Citizenship of the Heart: Black Activists and Universal Brotherhood in Civil War-era Boston,” National Heritage Museum, Lexington, Mass., March 23.
- [“African Americans and the Meaning of the Civil War.”](#) Wisconsin Veterans Museum, March 14.
- 2012 “Freedom Stories: African Americans and the Civil War,” Wisconsin Book Festival, Nov. 8.
- “Dreaming of Black Presidents: Boston’s 19th-century Black Activists and the Meaning(s) of Politics,” Dept. of History, Wellesley College, Sept. 21.
- “Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic,” Museum of African American History, Boston, Sept. 20.
- 2011 “Roots of the Civil War,” Wisconsin Veterans’ Museum Civil War Sesquicentennial Series, Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, March.
- 2010 “The Radical Reconstruction of Beacon Hill: Black Northern Activists and the Limits of Republican Interracialism,” Newberry Library Labor History Seminar, Chicago, Oct. 15.
- Keynote address, “Refusing Glory: Black Activists, Urban Militias, and the Resistance to Volunteering in Civil War Massachusetts,” Sixth Annual Loyola University History Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, April 23.
- “Martin Delany’s Heroic Slave,” invited presentation, Northwestern University American Studies Symposium, Evanston, April 23.
- 2009 “The Other Thirteenth Amendment: Free African Americans and the Constitution that Wasn’t,” invited lecture at “Legacies of Lincoln,” Marquette University Law School, October 2.
- [“Abraham Lincoln and the Second Founding of the Nation.”](#) Wisconsin Veterans’ Museum, Feb. 12. (also delivered to Downtown Rotary Club of Madison, Feb. 11).
- “The Political History of African American Freemasonry in the Era of Emancipation,” American History Workshop, New York Univ., Jan. 30.
- 2005 “Voting Rights and Voting Wrongs: Historical Perspectives,” Delivered with Prof. Glenda Gilmore (Yale University), Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, April.
- “Southern Questions in Northern Places,” History Department, Univ. of South Carolina, March.
- “Radical Reconstruction in the Deep North,” Rothermere American Seminar, Univ. of Oxford (UK), February.
- 2003 “Dead Hands, Live Bullets, and Empty Words,” Symposium on Race, Violence and the State, History Department, University of Georgia, Athens, February.
- 2001 “Youngest Living Yankee Carpetbagger Tells All,” History Department, Louisiana State University, December.
- “Revolts, Runaways, and the Politics of American Slaves,” Wisconsin Veterans’ Museum, February.
- “Ben Tillman, Agrarian Rebel? The Strange Career of ‘Pitchfork Ben,’” History Department, Clemson University, February.

Conferences and Symposia (since 2018)

- 2025 Chair and comment, “Campuses and Colonialism: American Universities and the Indigenous Past and Present,” Organization of American Historians, Chicago, *April 5*
- 2024 Organizer and moderator, “State of the Field: Western and Southern Histories in Conversation,” concurrent meeting of the Southern Historical Association and Western History Association, Kansas City, *Oct. 24*
- Comment, Junior Scholars Workshop, Southern Historical Association (online), *Sept. 19*

- 2023 Chair and comment, “The Homestead Act in Indian Country,” Organization of American Historians Virtual Conference Series, May 4
- 2022 Chair, “Native Americans and the Underground Railroad,” Organization of American Historians, Boston, April 2.
- 2021 Chair and Comment, “Taking a Shot: The Racial and Gendered Dynamics of America’s Gun Culture,” Southern Historical Association, Nov. 5.
Invited participant, “Contested Boundaries: The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Citizenship,” American University, Oct. 1.
Co-organizer and convenor, “Campuses and Colonialism,” virtual symposium and paper workshop, Sept. 22-23.
Organizer and Moderator, “Why you can’t teach U.S. history without American Indians,” Our Shared Future webinar, co-sponsored by Wisconsin Historical Society and UW-Madison Department of History, April 21.
Comment, “Many Ways Forward: Rethinking Black Familial Relations and Racial Uplift During Reconstruction,” Organization of American Historians, April 15-18 [online].
- 2020 Chair and Comment, “Gender, Race, and Military Service in American Civil War Remembrances,” Western Historical Association, Albuquerque, Oct. 17 [online].
- 2019 “Indians and the Civil Rights Act of 1866,” Western Historical Association, Las Vegas, October 18.
“Ho-Chunk Reconstructions: Citizenship and Self-determination across a Diaspora,” American Society for Ethnohistory, Penn State, September 28.
Comment, “Laboring for Citizenship,” Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, April 5.
- 2018 Roundtable, “New Directions in the Study of the Fourteenth Amendment,” Society of Civil War Historians, Pittsburgh, June 1.
Roundtable, “New Perspectives on Slavery and Abolition,” Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, April 13.
Comment, “Beyond Northern Exceptionalism,” Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, April 12.
“‘To write their own dishonor in the Constitution of their country’: Northern White Supremacy and the Rejection of the Second Founding,” paper delivered at symposium, “The Many Fourteenth Amendments,” University of Miami, March 2.
- Prior to 2018: Conference presentations at the annual meetings of the Social Science History Association, Southern Historical Association, American Historical Association, Organization of American Historians, Southern Intellectual History Circle, Clements Center for the Study of the Southwest, American Studies Association, and Society of Civil War Historians.

Documentary Consultation and Participation

- 2020 Consultant, *Making Black America: African American Social Networks*, Henry Louis Gates, Producer
- 2017 Advisor, *Reconstruction*, Henry Louis Gates, Producer
- 2017 On-camera commentary, *Sisters in Freedom*, Caryn Hunt, Producer
- 2012 Advisory Board, *Death and the Civil War*, American Experience documentary based on Drew Gilpin Faust's *This Republic of Suffering*.

Educational Service to the University and Community

- 2025 “The Ho-Chunk Struggle against Removal” (public talks for non-scholarly audiences)
Madison Literary Club, Madison, Wisc., Oct. 13
UW-Madison University Roundtable, Mar. 19
John Bell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Madison, Wisc., Mar. 14
- 2024 “The Ho-Chunk Struggle against Removal” (public talks for non-scholarly audiences)
UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisc., Nov. 13

- Historic Indian Agency House, Portage, Wisc., *Sept. 10*
[Monroe County History Museum, Sparta, Wisc., May 23](#)
[Hedberg Public Library, Janesville, Wisc., April 30](#)
 Wisconsin Alumni Association, Memorial Union, Madison, Feb. 15
 Just Friday presentation, United Methodist Just Fridays, Monona, Wisc., Feb. 2
 “You Live in Teejop: Madison has always been a Ho-Chunk place,” Human Rights Week, East High School, Madison, Feb. 8
 Media interviews on *Citizens of a Stolen Land*: Wisconsin Public Radio
 2023 Media interviews on *Citizens of a Stolen Land*: [Lawyers, Guns, and Money](#) Podcast; [BookBeat](#) (WORT-FM)
 “How the Ho-Chunk Thwarted Removal from Wisconsin,” Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa, Wisc., Nov. 14. Virtual talk.
 “Wisconsin in Black and White” – panelist for discussion of PBS Wisconsin series, with Rev. Alex Gee, Prof. Christy Clark-Pujara, Lilada Gee, and Justice Jill Karofsky, Barrymore Theatre, Madison, Nov. 7.
 2022 [“The Ho-Chunk Struggle against Removal, 1825-1875.”](#) on “University Place,” Wisconsin Public Television, October 19.
 “How the Ho-Chunk Evaded Removal,” Downtown Madison Methodist Congregation Race and Equity group, May 11 (virtual)
 2021 “How Freedom Came” and “From Reconstruction to Jim Crow,” online lectures for the Justified Anger Initiative history course, 500 participants, Fountain of Life congregation, Madison, February (recorded, virtual)
 2020 “How Freedom Came” and “From Reconstruction to Jim Crow,” lectures for the Justified Anger Initiative history course, 240 participants, Fountain of Life congregation, Madison, February.
 “You live in Teejop: Madison has always been a Ho-Chunk Place,” lecture for Human Rights Week, Madison East High School, Madison, February 5.
 2019 “How Freedom Came, What Freedom Meant,” lecture for the Justified Anger Initiative history course, 240 participants, Fountain of Life congregation, Madison, February 25.
 2018 “World War I and the Rebirth of the Ku Klux Klan,” WWI Centennial mini-conference, Madison East High School, Nov. 9.
 “How Freedom Came, What Freedom Meant,” YWCA Racial Justice Summit, Madison, Oct. 2.
 “Citizenship and its Discontents: Ho-Chunk and Other Histories,” UW-Madison History Department Colloquium, Sept. 25.
[“Ho-Chunk Removal and Resistance.”](#) on “University of the Air,” Wisconsin Public Radio, March 11.
 “How Freedom Came” and “From Reconstruction to Jim Crow,” lectures for the Justified Anger Initiative history course, 240 participants, Fountain of Life congregation, Madison, February and March.
 Invited speaker, Human Rights Week, Madison East High School, Feb. 7.
 2017 Invited speaker, History Department, Madison East High School, Oct. 26.
 Panelist, “Humanities Now: Charlottesville,” Center for the Humanities, Sept. 14.
 Panelist, “Relevance,” Institute for Research in the Humanities, Sept. 11.
 2016 Lecture, “Who Freed the Slaves?” Middleton Public Library, April 14.
 2015 [“Appomattox and After.”](#) on “University Place,” Wisconsin Public Television, June.
[“The Road to Appomattox.”](#) on “University of the Air,” Wisconsin Public Radio, April.
 Panelist, Discussion of documentary film *American Denial*, Madison Public Library, Feb. 12, 2015
 Invited speaker, “From Fugitive Slaves to Ferguson,” Madison East High School Human Rights Week, February 3, 2015
 Invited speaker, Discussion of Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Black and White Book Club, Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison, Feb. 1, 2015
 2014 Panelist, “Humanities Now: Ferguson in Context,” Center for the Humanities, Dec. 17.

- Panelist, “A Nation Still under Construction: Observing the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act,” March 25 and Nov. 9.
- Panelist, Civic Seminar for College Student & Community Wellbeing, University Health Services, Gordon Commons, Jan. 31.
- 2013 “The Civil War: How Freedom Came, What Freedom Meant,” UW Alumni Association, Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, Oct. 24
- 2012 Coordinator, “Emancipations: Thinking about Slavery and Freedom 150 Years after the Emancipation Proclamation,” lecture series sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, the L&S Associate Dean for Arts & Humanities, and other units, AY 2012-13.
- 2012 Faculty leader, “Slavery and Emancipation in the United States,” Faculty Development Seminar (Center for the Humanities/Institute for Research in the Humanities), January - May.
- 2009 [“Reconstruction.”](#) on “University of the Air,” Wisconsin Public Radio, April.
[“Lincoln and Emancipation.”](#) on “University of the Air,” Wisconsin Public Radio, February.
“Abraham Lincoln,” on WTDY-AM (Madison), February
- Member, Wisconsin Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (Appointed by Gov. Jim Doyle)
- 2008 “Right-wing Populism,” on “A Public Affair,” WORT-FM (Madison), Oct.
- 2008 Organizer, Mellon Workshop in the Humanities, “Freedom and Responsibility: Belonging in Nineteenth-Century America.” Selected, invited, and coordinated visits by distinguished guest lecturers, AY 2007 - 2008.
- 2008 Invited Participant, “Southern Sources: Focusing the Conversation,” part of the A. W. Mellon Foundation program “Extending the Reach of Southern Sources: Proceeding to Large - Scale Digitization of Manuscript Collections,” Southern Historical Collection, UNC-Chapel Hill, April.
- 2007 “Who Freed the Slaves?,” invited public lecture to coincide with the exhibition “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation,” Verona (Wisc.) Public Library, September.
- 2004- Madison - Selma Steering Committee, coordinating relationships between the UW-Madison community and the National Voting Rights Museum, Selma, Alabama.
- 2004 “Who Freed the Slaves?,” Orientation Week lecture, University of Wisconsin Academic Advancement Program, August.
- 2002 Co-convener (with Prof. Timothy B. Tyson), NEH/Center for the Humanities-sponsored Workshop for Madison High School Teachers.
- 2000 Radio interviews and call-in discussions on *Ben Tillman and the Reconstruction of White Supremacy: The Tom Pope Show* (syndicated), September 7; WHAT-AM (Philadelphia), June 13; WORT-FM (Madison), April 17.
- 1999 “What Caused the Civil War?,” University of Wisconsin Welcome Week.

Professional Service and Affiliations

Professional Committees

- Editorial Board, *Western Historical Quarterly*, 2022-24
- Co-chair, Program Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2021-22
- Chair, James A. Rawley Book Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2020-21
- By-Laws Revision Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2020-21
- Editorial Board, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 2019-21
- Prize Committee, J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship, American Historical Association, 2018-21
- Program Committee, 3rd Int'l. Conf. on the History of Freemasonry, 2011
- Program Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2008
- Program Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2002

Peer Review for Institutions

- National Humanities Center; Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; National Endowment for the Humanities; National Historical Publications and Records Commission; Minnesota State University, Mankato

Peer Review for Journals

The Journal of American History; Journal of the Civil War Era; Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era; The Journal of Southern History; Southern Cultures; American Nineteenth Century History; Journal of the Early Republic; Civil War History

Peer Review for Presses

Oklahoma University Press; University of Pennsylvania Press; Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; University of North Carolina Press; Ohio University Press; Bedford-St. Martin's; McGraw-Hill; Library of America.

Research Network

International Advisory Board, Scandinavian-American Encounters and Transformations – 2017-18
International Advisory Board, Transplanting Socialism: Women, Wages, and Whiteness among Danes in Chicago, 1865-1895 – funded by the Danish Research Council, 2022-25 (Anders Bo Rasmussen, PI)

Tenure and Promotion reviews

Princeton University; University of Michigan; University of Pittsburgh; Harvard University; Smith College; Yale University; University of Pennsylvania; Dartmouth College; Northwestern University; University of California, Davis; Vanderbilt University; Rice University; College of William & Mary; University at Buffalo-SUNY; University of Florida; George Mason University; University of New Orleans

Professional Associations

Organization of American Historians
American Historical Association
Society of Civil War Historians (life member)
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
Southern Historical Association
Western Historical Association
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Selected University Service

2023 -	Chair, Advisory Committee, Rebecca M. Blank Center for Campus History
2019 -	Our Shared Future strategic planning group
2019 - 2023	Chair, Steering Committee, UW-Madison Public History Project
2018	Co-lead author, Report to the Chancellor on the Ku Klux Klan at UW-Madison
2017 - 2018	Co-chair, Chancellor's Working Group to develop the Public History Project
2017 - 2022	Institutional Liaison, Newberry Consortium in American Indian and Indigenous Studies
2017 - 2018	Co-chair, Chancellor's Ad Hoc Study Group on the Ku Klux Klan at UW-Madison
2018 - 2020	University of Wisconsin Press Board
2015 - 2020	Dean's Academic Planning Council, College of Letters & Science (3 years)
2011 - 2012	Interim Director, Center for the Humanities
2007	Search Committee, Director of the Center for the Humanities
2004 - 2007	Advisory Committee, Center for the Humanities
2003 - 2023	Advisory Board, Havens-Wright Center

Selected Department Service

2024	Tenure Committee, Gloria Whiting
2023	Chair, Tenure Committee, Ashley Brown
2020	Chair, Target-of-Opportunity Search Committee, African American History
2018 - 2020	Co-chair, Search Committee, Native American History
2017	Tenure Committee, April Haynes
2013 - 2014	Associate Chair
2012 - 2014	Director of Graduate Studies
2011 - 2012	Search Committee, African History
2011 - 2012	Coordinator, Program in Gender and Women's History

2005 - 2006	Tenure Committee, James Sweet
2004 - 2005	Tenure Committee, Paul Stephenson
2003 - 2004	Search Committee, African History
2001 - 2008	Co-chair, Goldberg Center for the Study of Contemporary History
2001 - 2002	Associate Chair and Director of Undergraduate Studies

Graduate Advising

Advisor for current graduate students:

Michael Kaelin (ABD)
 Steve Dueck (ABD)
 Zada Ballew (ABD)
 Jack Hynick (MA)

Advisor for recipients of advanced degrees, with employment in field:

Winnie Redfearn (M.A. 2022)
 Cori Simon (co-advisor; Ph.D. 2020), University of Oklahoma
 Jerome Dotson (Ph.D. 2015), University of Arizona
 Hyun Hur (Ph.D. 2012), Chungnam National University, South Korea
 Adam Malka (Ph.D. 2011), University of Oklahoma
 Helen LaCroix (Ph.D. 2011)
 Ryan Quintana (Ph.D. 2010), Wellesley College
 Tyina Steptoe (Ph.D. 2008), University of Arizona
 Karen Benjamin (co-advisor; Ph.D. 2007), Saint Xavier Univ.
 Brett Barker, (Ph.D. 2001), UW-Marathon County
 Andrew Erickson (M.A. 2011)
 Sarah Seene (M.A. 2008)

Committee member for current graduate students:

Jennifer Stitt (ABD)
 Denis Alfin (ABD)
 Thomas Kivi (ABD)
 Isaac Lee (ABD)
 Molli Pauliot (ABD, Anthropology)
 Sarah Lundquist (ABD, Linguistics)
 Hrannar Már Ólínuson (ABD, Film Studies, University of Iceland)

Committee member for PhDs in History, with employment in field:

John Suval (Ph.D. 2018)
 Libby Tronnes (Ph.D. 2017), Bradley University
 Jennifer Hull (Ph.D. 2012)
 Charles Hughes (Ph.D. 2012), Rhodes College
 Brenna Greer (Ph.D. 2011), Wellesley College
 David Gilbert (Ph.D. 2010), Mars Hill University
 Ikuko Asaka (Ph.D. 2010), University of Illinois
 Story Matkin-Rawn (Ph.D. 2009), University of Central Arkansas
 Thea Browder (Ph.D. 2008), University of Western Kentucky
 Stacey Smith (Ph.D. 2008), Oregon State University
 Greg Bond (Ph.D. 2008), UW-Madison School of Pharmacy
 Cynthia Poe (Ph.D. 2006)
 Will Barnett (Ph.D. 2005), North Central College
 Lisa Tetrault (Ph.D. 2004), Carnegie Mellon University
 Dan Graff (Ph.D. 2003), University of Notre Dame
 Lisa Levenstein (Ph.D., 2002), UNC - Greensboro
 Katie Benton-Cohen (Ph.D. 2002), Georgetown University

Patrick Jones (Ph.D. 2002), University of Nebraska at Lincoln
 Flannery Burke (Ph.D. 2002), Saint Louis University
 Edward Frantz (Ph.D. 2002), University of Indianapolis
 Sarah Marcus (Ph.D. 2001)
 Charlotte Haller (Ph.D. 2000), Worcester State University
 Anthony Harkins (Ph.D. 1999), University of Western Kentucky

Committee member for PhD recipients in other departments

Daniel Grant (UW-Madison, Geography, Ph.D. 2020)
 Brian Taylor (Georgetown Univ., History, Ph.D. 2015)
 Kate Steinnagel Stutz (UW-Madison, English, Ph.D. 2014)
 Travis Foster (UW-Madison, English, Ph.D. 2009)
 Ayse Zarakol (UW-Madison, Political Science, Ph.D. 2007)
 Spencer Wood (UW-Madison, Rural Sociology, Ph.D. 2007)

Courses Developed and Taught

Graduate Seminars

Citizens, Subjects, and Others in the Modern World (with Kathryn Ciancia)
 Citizenship, Belonging, and the 19th-Century United States
 Slavery and Emancipation in North America, 1491-1900
 Writing the Past (with Nan Enstad)
 Slavery, Politics, and Citizenship in 19th-century America
 Populism and “The People”
 Southern History

Undergraduate Lectures

Who is an American?
 American Histories: The 19th Century
 Origins of the U.S. Civil War
 Slavery, the Civil War, and Reconstruction
 The American South, 1793 - 1906
 American Slavery, American Freedom (with Tim Tyson)

Undergraduate Readings Seminars

Ho-Chunk History
 Native Madison after Removal
 Slave Revolts in the Americas
 African American History from the Slave Trade to the Present

Undergraduate Research Seminars

Homeland, Hometown: Native and Settler Places
 Exclusion, Resistance, and Difference at UW-Madison
 Black Abolitionists
 The Right to Vote
 White Supremacy
 Selma and America

Traveling Courses

Journey to Selma - April 2004 (with Tim Tyson and Mary Layoun)
 Freedom Ride - May 2001 (with Craig Werner and Tim Tyson)

Courses for Nontraditional Students

[Black History for a New Day](#) (with Rev. Dr. Alex Gee for the Justified Anger Initiative)
 Summer Institute for A.P. U.S. History High School Teachers (with Patrick Coffey)
 NEH Seminar for High School Teachers (with Tim Tyson)

References

Eric Foner, Columbia University (retired)
Steven Hahn, New York University
Glenda Gilmore, Yale University (retired)
Walter Johnson, Harvard University
Ari Kelman, University of California–Davis