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### Education

- Ph.D. History, University of Kentucky—May 10, 2003  
Dissertation director: Kathi Kern  
Dissertation title: “Mississippi Praying: White Religion and Black Equality, 1954-66”  
Dissertation committee: Wayne Flynt, Patricia Cooper, Ron Eller, Jeremy Popkin, Dwight Billings  
Examination fields: American Religion; US History since 1865; New South History; Religion in Europe, 1789-present
- M.A. History, University of Kentucky – May 1998  
Masters' Thesis director: Kathi Kern  
Masters' Thesis: “The Methodist Protestants: Politics, Social Change, and Culture in the Jacksonian Era”  
Masters' committee: Kathi Kern, William Freehling, Jeremy Popkin
- B.A. History, University of Kentucky – December 1994

### Teaching

#### Teaching Fields

US History to 1865/US History since 1865  
Western Civilization since 1500  
World Civilization since 1500  
Religion in American History  
African American History  
Civil Rights Movement  
America since 1945  
US Women's History  
Modern France

#### Teaching Experience

##### Eastern Kentucky University

Professor, 2020  
Associate Professor, 2015-present  
Assistant Professor, 2009-2015  
Lecturer, 2006-2009  
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2004-2006 Academic years

**Graduate courses**

Readings in the Modern Civil Rights Movement

Readings in American Religious History

**Undergraduate courses**

American Civilization to 1877

American Civilization since 1877

World Civilizations II

Honors Western Civilizations II

African American History

America since 1945

Religion in American History

The Civil Rights Movement

American Women's History

France from Louis XIV to 1914

**KIIS Denmark**

Instructor, Program Director, Summer 2013-present

Denmark: From Viking Age to Modern State

**Transylvania University**

Instructor, 2001-2004 Academic years

Foundations of the Liberal Arts

Western Civilization, 1750-present

**University of Kentucky**

Instructor, Spring 2004, Summer 2002

The Civil Rights Era (American Cultures program)

American History since 1865

**Berea College**

Part-time Lecturer in History, 2002-2003 Academic year

Introduction to African American History

Seminar in History of the Civil Rights Movement

**Other Teaching**

**Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS)**

Faculty, Paris I, Summer 2012

The French Revolution and Napoleon

Religion in French History

**Governor's Scholars Program** (competitive selection)

Faculty, Summer 2001- 2003

Civil Rights Movement, Gender Studies, Vietnam War, Free Speech and  
Censorship

## Scholarship

### Books

*Mississippi Praying: Southern White Evangelicals and the Civil Rights Movement, 1945-1975*

New York University Press, August 2013

**Winner of the 2014 Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize of the American Society of Church History (ASCH)**

### Dissertation

“Mississippi Praying: White Religion and Black Equality, 1954-66,”  
Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Kentucky, 2003

### Essays

“‘A Disgrace to the White Race’: White Protestants and the Civil Rights Movement in Cleveland, Ohio,” *Journal of American History*, under review.

### Invited Contributions

“Black and White and Red All Over: Mississippi’s Red Scare,” in Edward Crowther and Keith Harper, eds., *The Enduring Lost Cause: Persistence and Change, 1865–2015*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, March, 2020.

“Religion, Race, and Civil Rights,” in Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*. London and other cities: Oxford University Press, March 2018

“White Protestants and the Civil Rights Movement in Kentucky” *Register of the Historical Society of Kentucky*, 113 (July 2015) 2 and 3:543-573

“Georgia Davis Powers: Purpose in Politics,” in *Kentucky Women*, Thomas H. Appleton and Melissa McEuen, eds. Athens: University Press of Georgia, 2015

### Short Essays and Blog Pieces

“The Left’s Quest for Purity Could Destroy Potentially Worthy Leaders”  
*The Washington Post*, February 14, 2019

([https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/02/14/lefts-quest-purity-could-destroy-potentially-worthy-leaders/?utm\\_term=.ab3fdeab34cf](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/02/14/lefts-quest-purity-could-destroy-potentially-worthy-leaders/?utm_term=.ab3fdeab34cf))

“Honoring Black and Women’s History in the Trump Era”

*The Lexington Herald-Leader*, March 24, 2017

[https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article140661298.html?fb\\_comment\\_id=1120925168035825\\_1122520011209674](https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article140661298.html?fb_comment_id=1120925168035825_1122520011209674)

“On David Brooks and Colin Kaepernick”

*Huffington Post*, September 30, 2016

([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/on-david-brooks-and-colin\\_b\\_12095034.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/on-david-brooks-and-colin_b_12095034.html))

“Baltimore and America’s Civil Rights Story”

*Huffington Post*, May 5, 2015

([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/baltimore-and-americas-ci\\_b\\_7214512.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/baltimore-and-americas-ci_b_7214512.html))

- “Jim Crow, Southern Evangelicals, and Civil Rights,”  
*The Gospel Coalition Blog*, February 10, 2015  
[\(http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2015/02/10/jim-crow-civil-rights-and-southern-white-evangelicals-a-historians-forum-carolyn-dupont/\)](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2015/02/10/jim-crow-civil-rights-and-southern-white-evangelicals-a-historians-forum-carolyn-dupont/)
- “White Supremacy, Evangelicals, and Mississippi’s 1964 Freedom Summer,”  
*Huffington Post Religion Blog*, June 4, 2014  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/white-supremacy-evangelic\\_b\\_5438078.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-dupont/white-supremacy-evangelic_b_5438078.html))
- “Reflections on Ecclesial Repentance,”  
 Ecclesial Repentance Blog, May 26, 2014  
[\(http://ecclesialrepentance.blogspot.com/\)](http://ecclesialrepentance.blogspot.com/)
- “Eric Metaxas, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the Uses of History,”  
*Religion in American History Blog*, January 23, 2012  
<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2012/01/eric-metaxas-dietrich-bonhoeffer-and.html>)

### Invited Talks and Symposia

- Invited Participant, Broken Circles: Christianity and Conflict in the South  
 Tomson, Georgia, November 14-16, 2019
- Invited Participant, People Get Ready Author’s Workshop  
 The Project on Lived Theology, Washington, D.C.  
 September 13-15, 2019
- Invited Speaker, Black History Month Celebration  
 Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda, February 10, 2016
- Participant, Porter Fortune, Jr. History Symposium on Religion and Southern Culture  
 University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, February 26-28, 2015
- Invited Lecture, Millsaps Forum Series  
 Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, November 10, 2014
- Invited Guest, President’s Author Series  
 Indiana Wesleyan Honors College, Marion, Indiana, November 6, 2014
- “Assessing the Kennedy Legacy”  
 Invited guest, Eastern Standard, WEKU 88.9, November 21, 2013
- Guest author interview, “The Ride Home with John and Kathy”  
 WORD.FM 101.5, November 13, 2013
- Invited Speaker, Kentucky Librarians Luncheon, November 16, 2013  
 Kentucky Book Fair, November, 17, 2013
- Invited Participant, Symposium on Ecclesial Repentance  
 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, 2012-2014
- “The Louisiana Slave Revolt of 1811”  
 Presentation with Dr. Brad Wood, ECU, February 2011
- Invited Lecture, Peace, Justice, and Safety Series  
 Transylvania University, February 20, 2006

### Book Reviews

- Southern White Ministers and the Civil Rights Movement.* Elaine Allen Lechteck.  
*Journal of Presbyterian History*, Forthcoming.
- From Reconciliation to Revolution: The Student Interracial Ministry, Liberal Christianity, and the Civil Rights Movement.* David P. Cline. *Journal of Southern History*, 83 (November 2017) 4: 1013-15
- James and Esther Cooper Jackson: Love and Courage in the Black Freedom Movement.*  
 Sara Rzeszutek Haviland. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*. 115 (Winter 2017) 1: 118-20.

- Bishop McIlvaine, Slavery, Britain, and the Civil War.* Richard W. Smith. *Ohio Valley History*. 16 (Fall 2016) 3: 89-90
- St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965.* Ellen Blue. *Journal of Southern Religion*, 2012
- Race, Reason, and Massive Resistance: The Diary of David J. Mays, 1954-1959.* James Sweeney, ed. *Journal of Southern History*, 75 (August 2009) 3: 849-850
- Christian Sisterhood, Race Relations, and the YWCA, 1906-46.* Nancy Marie Robertson. *Journal of Southern History*, 74 (November 2008) 4: 1001-1002
- In Search of Another Country: Mississippi and the Conservative Counterrevolution.* Joseph Crespino. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 105 (Spring 2007) 2: 369-371
- The White South and the Red Menace: Segregationists, Anti-Communism and Massive Resistance, 1945-1965.* George Lewis. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 104 (Autumn 2006) 4: 774-776
- Freedom is a Constant Struggle: The Mississippi Civil Rights Movement and its Legacy.* Kenneth Andrews. *Journal of Mississippi History*, 67 (Spring 2005) 1: 99-100
- Seeking Common Ground: Public Schools in a Diverse Society.* David Tyack. *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 37 (May 2005) 3: 359-366
- Black Struggle/Red Scare: Segregation and Anti-Communism in the South, 1948-1968.* Jeff Woods and *A Stone of Hope: Prophetic Religion and the Death of Jim Crow.* David L. Chappell. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 102 (Spring 2004) 2: 266-270
- Southern Hospitality: Identity, Schools, and the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi, 1964-1972.* David M. Callejo-Perez. *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 36 (2004) 1: 10
- Divine Agitators: The Delta Ministry and Civil Rights in Mississippi.* Mark Newman. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 101 (Autumn 2003) 4: 553-4
- The Press and Race: Mississippi Journalists Confront the Movement.* David R. Davies, ed. *Journal of Southern History*, 68 (November 2002) 4: 1000.

### Encyclopedia Entries

- "Mississippi's Church Property Bill," in *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, eds. Ted Ownby and Charles R. Wilson (University Press of Mississippi, 2018).
- "The Religious Right in Mississippi," in *The Mississippi Encyclopedia*, eds. Ted Ownby and Charles R. Wilson (University Press of Mississippi, 2018).

### Paper Presentations/Conference Participation

- "The Burdens of History: White Family Memories and Black Experience in Sabine County, Texas."  
Invited Participant  
St. George Tucker Society  
Jackson, MS; July 2017
- "Making White Evangelicals: Racial Encounters and Religious Identities in the Second Half of the Twentieth Century"  
Commentator  
American Society of Church Historians  
Washington, DC; January 2018
- "Georgia Davis Powers: Purpose in Politics"  
Paper presenter  
Southern Association of Women Historians  
Charleston, SC; June 2015

- “Rethinking White Protestantism and the Long Civil Rights Struggle”  
 Panel Organizer and Presenter  
 Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting  
 Baltimore, MD; October, 2011
- “Southern White Christianity and the Civil Rights Movement”  
 Panel Organizer and Presenter  
 American Historical Association Annual Meeting  
 Washington, D.C.; January, 2008
- “Black and White and Red All Over: Southern Anticommunism, Race, and the Civil Rights Movement,”  
 Panel Organizer and Presenter  
 Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting  
 Memphis, TN; November 4, 2004
- “The Way of the Cross:” Religion and White Identity in Civil Rights Era Mississippi”  
 Emory University Graduate Student Religion Conference  
 Atlanta, GA; March, 2001
- “The Black and White Gospel: The Mississippi Baptist Department of Negro Work, 1953-67  
 Bluegrass Symposium  
 University of Kentucky  
 Lexington, KY; March, 2001
- “Conviction, Christianity, Communism and Civil Rights”  
 Graduate Student Conference on Southern History  
 University of Mississippi  
 Oxford, MS; March, 1999
- “Consecrated Progressiveness: Kentucky Baptists and Civil Rights”  
 Bluegrass Symposium  
 University of Kentucky  
 Lexington, KY; March, 1999
- “‘Born of Conviction:’ Mississippi Methodists and Civil Rights”  
 Ohio Valley History Conference  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Richmond, KY; October, 1998

## **Awards and Honors**

- Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize, 2014, American Society of Church History,  
 Best first book in American Religious History
- Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, 2011, Eastern Kentucky University  
 Student Government Association
- Nominee, Golden Apple Teaching Award, Eastern Kentucky University,  
 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
- Visiting Distinguished Faculty Award, The Graduate School, University of Kentucky,  
 2002-03 academic year. Program provides funding to bring a nationally recognized  
 scholar to serve as an outside examiner for the dissertation defense
- Governor’s Scholars Program, Faculty appointment, summer 2001, 2002, 2003  
 Competitive selection for appointment to teach in program for academically  
 talented high school seniors
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY  
 2000-2001 academic year, \$16,000, nationally competitive grant supports a year of  
 writing on dissertation projects dealing with American religion

Dorothy Leathers Graduate Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky.  
Summer 2001, \$2,000

Charles P. Roland Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky.  
2000-2001 academic year, \$6,000 (declined)

Dissertation Travel Funds. Department of History, University of Kentucky,  
1999-2000 academic year, \$4,000, Dissertation research support

Thomas D. Clark Archival Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky  
1995-96 academic year, \$8,700 stipend, for work in Special Collections and  
Archives, University of Kentucky M.I. King Library

## Other Professional Activity

Member, Editorial Board, University Press of Kentucky  
2013-present

Book Review Editor, *Journal of Southern Religion*  
2014-present

Co-chair, EKU Herstory Conference (with Drs. Lisa Day-Lindsey and Catherine Stearn)  
2006-present

Commentator, Panel on Religion and the Civil Rights Movement  
American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.  
January 5, 2018

Member, C. Van Woodward Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association  
2017

Program Director, KIIS Denmark  
2013-2017

Member, Editorial Board of the *Kentucky Register*  
2011-2012

President, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History  
2008-2009

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association  
2007-2008

Secretary, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History  
2006-2007

Commentator, Bluegrass Symposium  
University of Kentucky, April 8, 2006

Commentator, Bluegrass Symposium  
University of Kentucky, March, 2005

Consultant/Assistant, American Legacies. 2003-2004 academic year

Interviewed for Article, "Black Churches a Force in School-reform Effort,"  
*Lexington Herald-Leader*, July 2001, p. 1

Chair, 2000 Bluegrass Symposium, University of Kentucky Graduate Student History  
Conference

## Professional Organizations

Southern Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

Kentucky Association of Teachers of History