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Professional Experience:

Associate Professor, Arkansas State University (2011-present).
Assistant Professor, Arkansas State University (2006-2011).
Guest Professor, Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin (2009-2010).
Instructor, University of Memphis (2005-2006).

Research Fields:

Agriculture/Rural, Antebellum South, Slavery, and Yeomen Families.

Courses Taught:

- U.S. History to 1876
- Civil War & Reconstruction
- Graduate Seminar: 19th Century South
- Arkansas History
- Early Republic (1787-1840)
- Graduate Seminar: 19th Century U.S.

Book:

Arkansas Women: Their Lives and Times. Co-editor with Cherisse Jones-Branch, (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2018).

Book Chapters/Biographical Essay

“Yankee Mistress of the Old South: Amanda Trulock, Slavery, and Northern Identity in the Arkansas Delta,” in *Arkansas Women: Their Lives, Their Times*, eds. Cherisse Jones-Branch and Gary T. Edwards, (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2018), 46-71.

“Migrants, Clothiers, Farmers: The Lives and Labors of Antebellum Female Plainfolk,” in *Tennessee Women: Their Lives, Their Times*, eds. Beverly Bond and Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman, (Athens: Univ. of Georgia Press, 2015), 36-58.

“Anything That Would Pay: Yeomen Farmers and the Nascent Market Economy on the Antebellum Plantation Frontier,” in *Southern Society and Its Transformations: 1790-1860*, eds. Susanna Delfino, Michele Gillespie, and Louis Kyriakoudes (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011), 102-30.

“Frederick Douglass,” *The Encyclopedia of African American History*, Volume 2, (ABC-CLIO, February, 2010), 386-392.

“Slave Life in Rural West Tennessee,” in *Trial and Triumph: Readings in Tennessee’s African American History*, ed. Carroll Van West (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2002), 96-112.

Journal Articles

“‘. . . To Keep Her in the Station in Which She Was Raised’: Spatial and Social Connections Between Class and Companionate Matrimony in the Slave South,” *Journal of Family History* 36, no. 4 (October, 2011): 404-23.

“In and Out of the Chickasaw Cession: Understanding Migrational Pressure and Economic Transition on Tennessee’s Final Frontier, 1818-1860,” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 65 (Summer, 2006): 106-129.

“Men of Subsistence and Men of Substance: Agricultural Lifestyles in Antebellum Madison County, Tennessee,” *Agricultural History* 73, no. 3 (Summer, 1999): 303-321.

“‘Negroes . . . and All Other Animals’: Slaves & Masters,” *Tenn. Historical Quarterly* 57 (Summer, 1998): 24-35.

Invited Essay:

“Poor White Political Identity in the Reconstruction South,” *Civil War Book Review* 14, (Winter, 2017): Louisiana State University Libraries’ Special Collections.

Encyclopedia Essays

“Amanda Beardsley Trulock,” *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, 2019.

“Yeomanry and Social Class . . .,” in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 20, 2012.

“Mallet Brothers Expeditions,” *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*, 2007.

“Rations, Confederate,” *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*, ABC-CLIO, 2000.

Recent Book Reviews

Elizabeth Leonard, *Benjamin Franklin Butler: A Noisy, Fearless Life*, forthcoming in *Journal of Southern History*, 2023.

James Reidy, *Illusions of Emancipation*, in *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, (2020).

Bledsoe, *Citizen-Officers*, in *Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter*, vol. 30, no. 1 (Spring, 2017): 2.

V. Elaine Thompson, *Clinton, Louisiana*, in *The Journal of Southern History* (2016).

Conevery Valencius, *Lost History of New Madrid Earthquakes*, in *Agricultural History* (2015).

Journal Article in Progress

“One Soldier in Two Armies: A Case Study in the Ambivalent Confederate Nationalism of A Tennessee Yeoman,” (to be submitted to *Civil War History* in 2024).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Review, *New York History*, New York State Museum, 2022.

Textbook Manuscript Reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2020.

Discipline Reviewer, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, U.S. State Department, 2018.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Southern History*, 2016.

Advisory Board, *Foundations: Undergraduate Journal in History*. Johns Hopkins University, 2007-2015.

“‘Hey I Know Your Work,’ Mentorship Program,” Organization of American Historians, 2014.

Advisory Board, Tennessee State Museum Department of Education, 2006-2009.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Striving for the American Dream in the Antebellum Delta,” Delta Symposium, ASU, Jonesboro. 3/31/23

“David Crockett Was a Yeoman?” AR Assoc. of College History Teachers, Little Rock. 10/7/21 [cancelled due to Covid].

“One Soldier in Two Armies . . .,” 35th Ohio Valley History Conf., Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY, 10/4/19.

“Local Historic Knowledge Production & The Public,” 60th German-American Studies Conf., Berlin, Germany, 5/26/18.

“Reuben: A Black Overseer in Slavery and Freedom, 1849-1865,” 11th Annual Civil War Conf., U. of Miss., 9/30/17.

“The Perennial Problem of Poor Whites During the Civil War Era,” Southern Hist. Assoc., St. Pete, FL, 11/4/16.

“Class Distinctions of Leisure and Labor in the *Herrenvolk* Democracy,” Little Rock, 10/1/15.

“Economies of the Unexpected . . . Across the South,” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, 4/13/14.

“Women Cotton Farmers of Tennessee,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, 11/23/13.

“Plainfolk & the Support for Secession & War,” Mid-America Conference, MO State University, 9/21/12.

“Textiles & Farm Management Among Female Plainfolk,” Ag. History Society, Springfield, IL, 6/17/11.

“Michelle Obama and Her Slave Ancestry,” Checkpoint Charlie Foundation, Wannsee, Germany, 2/6/10.

“Courtship/Matrimony in the Old South,” Society for Historians of Early Republic, Springfield, IL, 7/18/09.

“Limitations of Color, Community, and Class” Newberry Library Seminar in Rural History, Chicago, 10/25/08.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Eleanor Lane International Travel Grant, Arkansas State University, 2018.

Oscar Fendler Arkansas History Research Grant, Arkansas State University, 2015-2016.

Humanities Scholar, National Endowment for the Humanities, *Making Sense of the Civil War*, 2012.

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award, Arkansas State University, 2011-2012.

Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarship, Finalist, Arkansas State University, 2011-2012.

Fulbright Senior Fellow in American Studies, Berlin, Germany, 2009-2010.