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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, 7th-11th grade, Cross County High School
- Field 2- Fall 2016, World History, 10th-12th 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
- *Rookie of the Year*, Arkansas State University Distinguished Performance Awards, 2024

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 2023), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2023/09/the-torys-wife-a-woman-and-her-family-in-revolutionary-america/>

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 2024), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2024/01/dishonored-americans-the-political-death-of-loyalists-in-revolutionary-america/>

Review of Daniel R. Moy's *Antiquity and Loyalist Dissent in Revolutionary America, 1765-1776* (Anthem Press, 2024). *Journal of the American Revolution* (May 2024), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2024/05/antiquity-and-loyalist-dissent-in-revolutionary-america-1765-1776/>

Review of Christopher R. Pearl's *Declarations of Independence: Indigenous Resilience, Colonial Rivalries, and the Cost of Revolution* (University of Virginia Press, 2024). *Journal of the American Revolution* (December 2024), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2024/12/declarations-of-independence-indigenous-resilience-colonial-rivalries-and-the-cost-of-revolution/>

Review of Tom Hand's *An American Triumph: America's Founding Era Through the Lives of Ben Franklin, George Washington, and John Adams* (Americana Corner Press, 2023). *Journal of the American Revolution* (March 2025), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2025/03/an-american-triumph/>

Review of David Price's Winning the Ten Crucial Days: The Keys to Victory in George Washington's Legendary Winter Campaign (Brookline Books, 2025). *Journal of the American Revolution* (July 2025), <https://allthingsliberty.com/2025/07/book-review-winning-the-ten-crucial-days/>

Blogs:

"The Rise of Dementia in a Post-Covid World: Meme's Story," *Medium.com*, 12-part series, <https://medium.com/@kelseysdeford>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **History Day 2018**
Volunteer Exhibit Judge, Arkansas State University, March 2018
- **Graduate Student Council, Arkansas State University**
Communications Chair & History Department Representative, 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, Volunteer, 2022-23
Walk to End Alzheimer's Community Engagement Committee, 2024-present
- **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, April 2024-present