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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy, American History, Louisiana State University, May 2010.

Major Professor: Dr. William J. Cooper, Jr.

Master of Arts, American History, Emporia State University, December 2004.

Bachelor of Science, History, *cum laude*, Emporia State University, December 2002.

Bachelor of Science in Education, Social Sciences and Chemistry, *cum laude*, Emporia State University, December 2002.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, August 2013-present.

History Instructor, Division of Social Sciences, Crowder College, Neosho, MO, August 2011-June 2013.

Lecturer, Department of History and Social Sciences, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, August 2010-May 2011.

Lecturer, Department of History, Fort Scott Community College, Fort Scott, KS, August 2010-May 2011.

Editor, *Civil War Book Review*, Special Collections Division, Louisiana State University Libraries, Fall 2006-Summer 2009.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Courses of Primary Interest

U.S. History to 1877 and U.S. History from 1877 surveys

Upper division courses in American history

Courses of Secondary Interest

History of Latin America

The Spanish Borderlands

Pedagogical Interests

Traditional, hybrid, and online educational delivery

Training of pre-service and in-service teachers

Public outreach and K-12 enrichment programs

PUBLICATIONS:

Book

The Failure of Popular Sovereignty: Slavery, Manifest Destiny, and the Radicalization of Southern Politics, Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Popular Sovereignty,” *Essential Civil War Curriculum*, <http://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com>, 2013.
- “Interpreting Popular Sovereignty: A Historiographical Review,” *Civil War History* 57 (March 2011): 48-70.
- “Emporia's Incongruent Reformer: Charles Vernon Eskridge, the Emporia Republican, and the Kansas Republican Party, 1860-1900,” *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* 28 (Spring 2005): 2-15.

Book Reviews

- A. James Fuller, ed., *The Election of 1860 Reconsidered*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, forthcoming.
- James E. Potter, *Standing Firmly by the Flag: Nebraska Territory and the Civil War, 1861-1867*, *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.
- Paul Finkelman and Donald R. Kennon, eds., *Congress and the Crisis of the 1850s*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, forthcoming in Fall 2013.
- John Ashworth, *The Republic in Crisis, 1848-1861*, *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.
- Michael Perman, *The Southern Political Tradition*, *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming.
- Andre M. Fleche, *The Revolution of 1861: The American Civil War in the Age of Nationalist Conflict*, *Civil War History*, forthcoming in September 2013.
- William C. Harris, *Lincoln and the Border States: Preserving the Union*, *H-CivWar*, January 2012.
- Steven E. Woodworth, *Manifest Destinies: America's Westward Expansion and the Road to Civil War*, *Civil War Book Review*, Spring 2012.
- Shearer Davis Bowman, *At the Precipice: Americans North and South during the Secession Crisis*, *H-CivWar*, April 2011.

Other Publications

- Entry for “Freesoilers,” in Lynn Dumenil, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “Slavery,” *Perspectives on American Social History: The Industrial Revolution*, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2008.
- Ten interviews with historians published in *Civil War Book Review* between 2007 and 2009.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- “Defining Popular Sovereignty: The South's Mission to Control the Extension of Slavery,” essay for a book-length collection accepted for publication by Louisiana State University Press.
- We the States, We the People: The Changing Contours of States' Rights and Nationalism in the Early Republic* (working title), book project.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS:

- "Thomas Ritchie's Southern Constitutionalism in the Jacksonian Era," Society of Historians for the Early American Republic, St. Louis, MO, July 2013.
- "We the States, We the People: The History of a Constitutional Dilemma," Constitution Day Seminar, Crowder College, September 2012.
- "Popular Sovereignty and the Origins of the Border War," Teacher's Workshop on the Civil War Era, Fort Scott National Historic Site, Fort Scott, KS, September 2012.
- "Popular Sovereignty and Violence in the Territories: Slavery and the Coming of the Civil War," Baton Rouge Civil War Roundtable, Baton Rouge, LA, October 2011.
- "Slavery and the Conundrum of Popular Sovereignty: The Issue of Race and Self-Government in New Mexico Territory," Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, OK, September 2011.
- Selected to participate in "The Early American Republic and the Problem of Governance," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, The Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, June-July 2011.
- "The Meaning of Popular Sovereignty," Emporia State University Social Sciences Colloquium, Emporia, KS, February 2011.
- "Popular Sovereignty and Race during the Compromise of 1850," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, November 2010.
- "Popular Sovereignty and Race during the Compromise of 1850," Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Conference, Richmond, VA, June 2010.
- "Shall the Creature Govern the Creator? The Missouri Controversy and the Origins of Popular Sovereignty," Missouri Valley Historical Conference, Omaha, NE, March 2010.
- "The Failure of Popular Sovereignty and the Coming of the Civil War," IS/IS Conference, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, February 2009.
- "Charles Vernon Eskridge and the *Emporia Republican*," Missouri Valley Historical Conference, Omaha, NE, March 2005.
- "A Voice Stilled: The Final Years of Charles Vernon Eskridge," Kansas History Teachers Association Conference, Hutchinson, KS, April 2004. Winner of the Best Graduate Historical Paper Award.
- "A Voice Stilled: The Final Years of Charles Vernon Eskridge," Second Annual History Conference, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, February 2004.
- "Big Ike and Little Ike: A Brother's Dialogue with the President," First Annual History Conference, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, April 2003.

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- Michael G. Miller Distinguished Dissertation Prize, Department of History, Louisiana State University, May 2010.
- Earned a mark of "Passed with Distinction" at dissertation defense, February 2010.
- Graduate School Dissertation Fellow, Louisiana State University, 2009-2010.
- Jacob M. Price Visiting Research Fellowship, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, May 2009.
- Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, Fall 2005-Fall 2006.

Graduate Assistant Supplement Award (competitive stipend enhancement), Louisiana State University, 2005-2009.

Best Graduate Historical Paper Award for "A Voice Stilled: The Final Years of Charles Vernon Eskridge," Kansas History Teachers Association Conference, Hutchinson, KS, April 2004.

Outstanding History Graduate Student for 2003-2004, Department of Social Sciences, Emporia State University.

Academic Achievement Award (competitive stipend enhancement), Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Emporia State University, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS:

Phi Alpha Theta

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Society of Civil War Historians

Southern Historical Association

Kiwanis Club

Knights of Columbus

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Book review editor for H-CivWar, 2013-present.

Evaluator for dual credit American history courses, Crowder College, 2013.

Evaluator for online American history courses, Crowder College, 2012-2013.

Curriculum Development Committee member, Crowder College, 2012-2013.

History Web Site Judge, National History Day, Missouri Region Six, Missouri Southern State University, March 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Emporia State University, 2003-2004. Served as secretary.

Higher Learning Commission Report Committee, Criterion Four Subcommittee, Emporia State University, 2004.

University Archivist Search Committees, Emporia State University, 2003 and 2004.

University Assessment Committee, Emporia State University, 2004.

University Libraries and Archives Advisory Committee, Student Member, Emporia State University, 2003-2004.