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EXPERIENCE

Alexander M. Bracken Professor of History, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, 2005 to Present

Distinguished Visiting Professor, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Aug. 2019-May 2020

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Texas, El Paso, Texas, 1996-2005

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1992-1996

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, 1991-1992

AWARDS

2018 Frederick Jackson Turner Award for Lifetime Contributions in Midwestern History, Midwestern History Association

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate and graduate courses in United States history including Age of Jackson, U.S.-Mexican War, Civil War and Reconstruction, Civil War in Memory, and Indiana history. U.S. History survey to 1877 and since 1877, freshman seminar, graduate research seminar.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, 1991, and **M.A.**, History, 1986, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

B.A., History, May 1985, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

CURRENT RESEARCH

“A Right Not a Privilege: The Suffrage in the Post-Civil War United States”

Received National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (2018); Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society (2012); Ballard Breaux Fellowship, Filson Historical Society (2012); Caleb Loring, Jr. Fellowship, Boston Athenaeum (2012).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Generation at War: The Civil War Era in a Northern Community (University Press of Kansas, 2011).

Winner of the 2012 Avery O. Craven Award from the Organization of American Historians for most original book on non-military aspects of the Civil War era and the 2012 Best Nonfiction Book of Indiana from the Indiana Center for the Book, Indiana State Library.

Bleeding Kansas: Contested Liberty in the Civil War Era (University Press of Kansas, 2004). A History Book Club selection for February 2004.

The Emerging Midwest: Upland Southerners and the Political Culture of the Old Northwest (Indiana University Press, 1996).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“When Women Do Military Duty’: The Civil War’s Impact on Woman Suffrage,” *Journal of American History*, 107 (Dec. 2020), 609-35.

“The Making of Midwesterners: The Fletcher Family in Indiana,” in *The Making of the Midwest: Essays on the Formation of Midwestern Identity, 1787-1900*, ed. by Jon K. Lauck (Hastings, Nebr.: Hastings College Press, 2020), 115-27.

“The Homestead of the Free: Freedom and Prosperity in Quindaro, Kansas,” *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*, 42 (Autumn 2019), 90–99.

“Beauty’ and the Fanatic: *Santa Fe Trail*,” in *Writing History with Lightning: Cinematic Representations of Nineteenth-Century America*, ed. by Matthew Christopher Hulbert and John C. Inscoe (Louisiana State University Press, 2019), 137-47.

“Buchanan’s Mormon Judge: Delana R. Eckels and the Democratic Party in the Utah War,” *Civil War History*, 64 (Dec. 2018), 335-64.

“Women and Family at Home in the North,” in *Women and the American Civil War: North-South Counterpoints*, ed. by Judith Giesberg and Randall M. Miller (Kent: Kent State University Press, 2018), 190-211.

“First Cousins: The Civil War’s Impact on Midwestern Identity,” in *Finding a New Midwestern History*, ed. by John K. Lauck, Gleaves Whitney, and Joseph Hogan (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2018), 39-52.

“Introduction: Local History, National Contexts: Exploring Microhistory in Henderson, Kentucky,” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 113 (Autumn 2015), 591-600.

“The Rise of Sectional Tensions: Parties, Slavery, and Abolitionism,” in *A Companion to the Antebellum Presidents, 1837-1861*, ed. by Joel H. Silbey (Chichester, UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2014).

“Repudiating the Administration: The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana,” *Ohio Valley History*, 13 (Fall 2013), 46-64.

“The Goose Question: The Proslavery Party in Territorial Kansas and the ‘Crisis in Law and Order,’” in *Bleeding Kansas, Bleeding Missouri: The Long Civil War on the Border*, ed. by Jonathan Earle and Diane Mutti Burke (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2013), 47-63.

“No Fit Wife: Soldiers’ Wives and Their In-Laws on the Indiana Home Front,” in *Union Heartland: The Midwestern Home Front during the Civil War*, ed. by Ginette Aley and J.L. Anderson (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2013), 97-124.

“General Jackson is Dead: James Buchanan, Stephen A. Douglas, and Kansas Policy,” in *James Buchanan and the Coming of the Civil War*, ed. by John W. Quist and Michael J. Birkner (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2013) 86-110.

Co-authored with Emmett Redd, “Sound on the Goose: A Search for an Answer to an Age Old ‘Question,’” *Kansas History*, 32 (Autumn 2009), 205-17.

“John Brown, Terrorist?” *American Nineteenth-Century History*, 10 (March 2009), 29-48.

“‘A living, creeping lie’: Abraham Lincoln on Popular Sovereignty,” *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, 29 (Summer 2008), 1-25.

“Where Popular Sovereignty Worked: Nebraska Territory and the Kansas-Nebraska Act,” in *The Nebraska-Kansas Act of 1854*, ed. by John R. Wunder and Joann M. Ross (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008), 159-81.

“James H. Lane: Radical Conservative, Conservative Radical,” in *John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers in Kansas History*, ed. by Virgil W. Dean (University Press of Kansas, 2006), 33-45.

“The Origins of the Civil War,” *History Compass*, 3 (2005) NA 166, pp. 1-18 (<http://www.historycompass.com/section.asp?section=9>).

“The Great Principle of Self-Government: Popular Sovereignty and Bleeding Kansas,” in *Territorial Kansas Reader*, ed. by Virgil Dean (Topeka, 2005), 53-67. Reprint of *Kansas History*, 27 (Spring/Summer, 2004), 14-29.

"'Labouring for the Freedom of This Territory': Free-State Kansas Women in the 1850s," in *Territorial Kansas Reader*, ed. by Virgil Dean (Topeka, 2005), 278-96. Reprint of *Kansas History*, 21 (Summer 1998), 68-87.

“Rivers, Roads, and Settlers: Migration and Settlement in the Prairie State,” in *From Courtroom to Classroom: The Lincoln Legal Papers Curriculum*, ed. by Dennis E. Suttles and Daniel W. Stowell (Springfield, 2002), 21-23.

“Barbecued Kentuckians and Six-Foot Texas Rangers: The Construction of Midwestern Identity,” in *The American Midwest: Essays on Regional History*, ed. by Andrew R. L. Cayton and Susan E. Gray (Bloomington, 2001), 78-90.

“‘As My Father’s Child Has’: The Political Culture of the Ohio Valley in the Nineteenth Century,” *Ohio Valley History* 1 (Winter 2001), 27-36.

“‘Our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honors’: The Kansas Civil War and the Revolutionary Tradition,” *American Nineteenth Century History*, 1 (Spring 2000), 62-81.

"Good Men and Notorious Rogues: Vigilantism in Massac County, Illinois, 1846-1850," in *Lethal Imagination: Violence and Brutality in American History* (New York University Press, 1999), 149-69.

"Manliness and the Political Culture of the Old Northwest, 1790-1860," *Journal of the Early Republic*, 15 (Spring 1995), 59-77.

"Private Interest and Public Good: Upland Southerners and Antebellum Midwestern Political Culture," in *The Pursuit of Public Power: Political Culture in Ohio, 1787-1861*, ed. by Jeffrey B. Brown and Andrew R. L. Cayton (Kent State University Press, 1994), 83-98.

Other Publications

“Why Teach History?” *History Matters*, 32 (no. 3, 2019).

“Andrew Jackson Was Dead, But the Democrats Still Mattered to Civil War Causation,” *Muster*, May 8, 2017, <https://journalofthecivilwarera.org/2017/05/democrats-mattered-civil-war-causation/>.

“Women and the Homefront: Introduction,” in *The New York Times Disunion: A History of the Civil War*, ed. by Ted Widmer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), 66-69.

“Lincoln as a Hoosier: Race, Politics, and the Sixteenth President,” *Lincoln Lore* (Fall 2016), 4-9.

“Indiana on the Map,” in *Mapping Indiana: Five Centuries of Treasures from the Indiana Historical Society* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society Press, 2015), 15-23.

New York Times Disunion series: “Up South,” “James Lane’s Revenge,” “When the Men Went to War,” “The Two Civil Wars,” “The Most Desperate Battle Ever Fought,” “The War Democrats’ Big Night,” “Free to Fight,” “Another Name for Death,” “Governor Morton’s ‘Finance Bureau,’” “Mr. Morgan’s Daring Raid,” “Tom Ewing’s Dirty War,” “An Artist’s Revenge,” “Massacre at Baxter Spring,” “Making War on the Draft,” “The Thermopylae of the West,” “Massacre at Centralia,” “A Union Awash in Conspiracies,” Sept. 25, Oct. 27, 2011, July 19, Aug. 9, Sept. 18, Oct. 18, Oct. 31, 2012, March 23, June 17, July 22, Aug. 26, Sept. 6, Oct. 7, Oct. 18, 2013, Sept. 29, Sept. 30, Oct. 8, 2014.

“Bleeding Kansas: A Small Civil War,” teaching unit in the Bedford Digital Collections on-line primary source series,
<http://www.macmillanhighered.com/launchpadsolo/bdcus/689588#/launchpad>, Nov. 2014.

“Microhistory and Movement: African American Mobility in the Nineteenth Century,” *Journal of the Civil War Era*, 3 (Sept. 2013), 392-404.

“Disunion,” *Ball State Alumnus*, 70 (Winter 2012), 12.

“The Border War and American Liberty,” *Field Journal of Symphony in the Flint Hills*, 3 (2011), 41-49.

“Teaching Indiana History: A Roundtable,” *Indiana Magazine of History*, 107 (Sept. 2011), 250-61.

“Abraham Lincoln and the Nation’s Greatest Quarrel: A Review Essay,” *Journal of Southern History*, 76 (May 2010), 401-16.

“Building Community: The Townsend Family in Putnam County,” *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, 21 (Fall 2009), 28-33.

“Black Slavery and White Liberty: The Kansas Civil War,” *North & South*, 3 (Sept. 2000), 42-54.

"Education Renewal Connections: Experiences in History," in *Making a Place in the Faculty Rewards System for Work with K-12*, ed. by Crystal J. Gips and Carol F. Stoel (Washington, D.C., 1999), 81-82.

Encyclopedia Articles

With Cortney Cantrell, "The Northern Homefront," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, Aug. 2016,
<http://americanhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.001.0001/acrefore-9780199329175-e-8?print=pdf>.

"Bleeding Kansas" for Kansas City Public Library website,
<http://www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org/essay/bleeding-kansas-kansas-nebraska-act-harpers-ferry/page/0/1>, Aug. 2013. Website won the "Excellence in Public History Award" from the Society of Civil War Historians.

"The Indiana Homefront" and "The Legacy of the Civil War in Indiana," Indiana Historical Bureau's Civil War Sesquicentennial webpage,
<http://www.in.gov/history/4056.htm> and <http://www.in.gov/history/now.htm>, 2013.

"Bleeding Kansas," *Essential Civil War Curriculum* (June 2012)
<http://essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com>.

"Kansas as a Territory," <http://galenet.galegroup.com/serlet/Kansas>, Jan. 2011.

"The Midwest," in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of American Political History*, vol. II, ed. by Michael Kazin (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010).

"Bleeding Kansas," "Kansas-Nebraska Act," "Lawrence, Kansas," and "Pottawatomie Creek Massacre," in *The Political Lincoln: An Encyclopedia*, ed. by Paul Finkelman and Martin J. Hershock (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2008).

"Agrarian Movement," "Dueling in America," "English Compromise (1858)," in *Encyclopedia USA*, ed. by Donald W. Whisenhunt (Gulf Breeze, Fla., 1996-2001).

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

"When Women Do Military Duty: The Civil War's Impact on Woman Suffrage," "Shall Not Be Denied": The 15th and 19th Amendments at the Sesquicentennial and Centennial of Their Ratifications, Oct. 15, 2020.

Roundtable discussion, "Revisiting the 'Slave Power,'" Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Nov. 9, 2019.

"When Women Do Military Duty: Woman Suffrage in the Civil War Era," The Road to Suffrage: Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial, Memphis, Tenn., March 30, 2019.

“When Women Do Military Duty: Woman Suffrage in the Civil War Era,” Indiana Association of Historians, Feb. 2019.

“Indiana’s Reaction to Lincoln’s Assassination,” The Long Goodbye: Grieving Lincoln in the Heartland, Lincoln Colloquium, Indiana Historical Society, Sept. 2018.

“Loyal Women, Ignorant Freedmen, & Notorious Traitors: Woman Suffrage in the Civil War Era,” Conference on American Political History, Lebanon Valley College, Penn., June 2018.

“The Homestead of the Free: Freedom and Prosperity in Quindaro, Kansas,” Strength through Numbers: The Intersection of Abolitionist Politics, Freed Blacks, and a Flourishing Community in Quindaro Conference, Kansas City, Kansas, April 2018.

“Territorial Kansans in Trumpkinland,” Disunion in Civil War America: Parallels for Today?, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition Annual Conference, Yale University, Nov. 2017.

“The Civil War and Woman Suffrage,” Civil War Study Group, Purdue University, Sept. 2017.

“Buffalo Bill’s Civil War,” Buffalo Bill Centennial Symposium, Cody, Wy., Aug. 2017. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?431895-5/buffalo-bill-wild-west-shows>.

“Good Enough to Use Ballots: Loyalty and the Suffrage in the Civil War North,” Indiana Association of Historians, Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 2017.

“The Cause of Benevolence: Calvin Fletcher as Philanthropist,” Hoosier Philanthropy Conference, Indianapolis, Feb. 2016.

“First Cousins: The Civil War’s Impact on Midwestern Identity,” Finding the Lost Region: Rediscovering the Midwest, America’s Most Common Ground, Midwestern History Association Conference, Grand Rapids, Mich., April 2015.

“Sustaining the National Government: The Election of 1864 in Indiana,” Lincoln Colloquium, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 2014.

“Buchanan’s Mormon Judge: Delana R. Eckels and the Role of the Democratic Party in the Mormon War,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Baltimore, July 2012.

“Repudiating the Administration: The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana,” Society of Civil War Historians, Lexington, Ky., June 2012.

“The Goose Question: The Proslavery Party in Territorial Kansas and the ‘Crisis in Law and Order,’” Border Wars Conference, Kansas City (Mo.) Public Library, Nov. 2011.

“The Goose Question: The Proslavery Party in Territorial Kansas, Popular Sovereignty, and the Crisis in Law and Order,” Border Wars Symposium, University of Kansas, April 2011.

“‘Black Republican’ Victory: Abraham Lincoln and the Election of 1860,” Tulsa Community College Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration, Oct. 2010.

“Lincoln’s Enemies: The Copperheads in Putnam County,” Walker Horizon Lecture, DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., Oct. 2009.

“John Brown’s Men,” John Brown Symposium on the 150th Anniversary of the Raid on Harpers Ferry, Harpers Ferry, WV, Oct. 2009.

“The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana,” Civil War Study Group, Sept. 2009.

“General Jackson Is Dead: James Buchanan and Kansas Policy,” President James Buchanan National Symposium, Lancaster, Penn., Sept. 2008.

“Redeeming Indiana: Putnam County in the 1860 Election,” Historical Society Conference, Baltimore, Md., June 2008.

“The House That Stephen Built,” Filson Institute Conference on the Great Divide of the 1850s, Louisville, Ken., Oct. 19, 2007.

“The Border Ruffian Conspiracy in Kansas,” Mid-America Conference on History, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sept. 28, 2007.

“‘A living, creeping lie’: Abraham Lincoln on Popular Sovereignty,” Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12, 2007.

“Wives and Sweethearts: The Women of Putnam County, Indiana during the Civil War,” Ohio Seminar in Early American History and Culture, Ohio State University, Feb. 2007.

“Bleeding Kansas” and “James H. Lane,” Massachusetts School of Law, The North in the Civil War Conference, Andover, Mass., Oct. 2005.

“The Goose Question: The Proslavery Party in Territorial Kansas, Popular Sovereignty and the ‘Crisis in Law and Order,’” Southern Historical Association Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, Nov. 2004.

“What Makes a Region? Exploring the Intersection of Politics and Regionalism on the Great Plains,” Center for Great Plains Studies, Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 2004.

“Kansas and Missouri Women,” Women’s History Conference, Park University, Missouri, March 2004.

“Abraham Lincoln and Bleeding Kansas,” Lincoln-Harman Lecture, Washburn University, Topeka, Feb. 2004.

“Barbecued Kentuckians: Attitudes toward the South after the Civil War,” C. Ballard Breaux Public Conference, Filson Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, May 2001.

“‘Walking To and Fro in the Earth’: John Brown and the Kansas Civil War,” John Brown 2000 Conference, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, May 2000.

"Barbecued Kentuckians and Penny-Pinching Yankees: Defining Midwestern Identity," McClellan Symposium, Miami University of Ohio, Oct. 1998.

"Our Lives, Our Fortunes, and Our Sacred Honors!: The Kansas Civil War and the Revolutionary Tradition," Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Sept. 1997.

"Sustaining the Supremacy of the Laws': The Massac County War in Illinois, 1846-1850," Western History Association, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 1996.

"We Glory in Yankeeism': New England Settlers in Kansas Territory, 1854-1865," Organization of American Historians, Chicago, March 1996.

"The Role of Matilda Joslyn Gage in Stanton's *The Woman's Bible*," The Life and leadership of Elizabeth Cady Stanton Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, Oct. 1995.

"To Be Much of a Man': Southern Settlers and the Political Culture of the Old Northwest," Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Ga., April 1994.

"Aristocracy and the Struggles for Statehood in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Madison, Wisconsin, July 1991.

"The Southern Influence on Midwestern Political Culture: 'Manliness' and Republicanism in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," Illinois History Symposium, Springfield, Ill., Nov. 1990.

Public Talks and Teachers' Workshops

“Elections in the Civil War Era,” Lincoln at the Library, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Oct. 25, 2020.

“First African Americans, Then Women, Children, and Idiots: The Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution,” Scholars Program, United States Air Force Academy, April 8, 2020.

“The Copperhead Movement in the Midwest,” Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2019.

“The Political Crisis of the 1850s,” Roundtable Discussion, Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, June 2019.

“The Gift of Love: Sarah Bush Lincoln as a Pioneer Mother,” Commemoration of the Sesquicentennial of Sarah Lincoln’s Death, Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Charleston, Ill., April 2019.

“When Women Do Military Duty: Woman Suffrage in the Civil War Era,” The Road to Suffrage: Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial, Memphis, Tenn., March 2019.

“A Life Dependent on Mush: James Riley Weaver and the Prisoner of War Experience in the Civil War,” DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., March 2019.

“The Western Revival in Indiana,” panel discussion, Indiana Historical Society, Sept. 2018.

“Mothers of Indiana,” training session for interpreters at Indiana Historical Society, Sept. 2018.

“Suffrage in the Post-Civil War Era,” “Turning Points of the Civil War,” “The Northern Homefront,” “Slavery, the Territories, and the Crisis of the Union,” “Compromises That Saved the Union,” Presidential Academy, National Council for History Education, Lexington, Ken., June 2018.

“A Right Not a Privilege: Voting in United States History,” for First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, March 2018.

“A Right Not a Privilege: Voting in United States History,” League of Women Voters of Muncie-Delaware County “One Country, One Constitution, One Destiny” series, Feb. 2018. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wtb3bsIFKOI&feature=youtu.be>

“Teaching Freedom: A Conversation about Civic Education,” Shafer Leadership Academy, Muncie, Jan. 16, 2018.

“Bleeding Kansas and Contested Liberty: Ideas of Liberty on the Kansas/Missouri Border,” University of Missouri Kansas City Crossroads of Conflict Teachers Workshop,

Kansas City, MO, June and July, 2017; June and July, 2014; June and July, 2012; June and July 2010; June and July 2008.

“Oliver P. Morton: Indiana’s Civil War Governor,” Monroe County Civil War Roundtable, Bloomington, Ind., June 13, 2017.

“Homefront Families in the North,” Springfield, Ohio Civil War Symposium, April 2017.

“Mothers of Indiana,” Alexandria Public Library, Alexandria, Ind., March 2017.

“Lincoln as a Hoosier: Race, Politics, and the Sixteenth President,” Lincoln at the Library series, Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Feb. 2016.

“How Not to Be an Antiquarian: Microhistory and Historical Meaning,” Henderson History Author Event, Henderson County, Kentucky, Public Library, Oct. 2015.

“Barren Victories or Great Prizes: The Legacy of the Civil War in Indiana,” Jefferson County Civil War Roundtable, Madison, Ind., April 2015.

“Their Own Corner: The Civil War Transformation of Women’s Roles,” Indiana Society of Colonial Dames of America, Indianapolis, March 2015.

“Emancipation and Its Discontents: The Civil War and African American Freedom in Indiana,” Civil Rights Heritage Center, South Bend, Ind., Feb. 2015. (Two talks, one in afternoon and keynote in the evening.)

“The Goodly Land of Hoosier: How the Civil War Changed Indiana,” Friends of the Bracken Library, Ball State University, Dec. 2014.

“Mothers of Indiana,” Association of Life-Long Learners, Muncie, Ind., Nov. 2014

“Soldiers and the Civil War Homefront: A Northern Community,” Cleveland, Ohio Civil War Roundtable, May 2014.

“The Anti-Civil War Movement in the North: Copperheads in a Midwestern Community, 1861-1865,” Civil War Lecture Series, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Mass., Oct. 2013.

“Three Cheers for the Ladies and Three for the Flag,” Putnam County IEHA (Exchange Club) Achievement Night, Sept. 2013.

Keynote speaker, National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators, Indianapolis, July 2013.

“The Draft,” Fairmount, Ind. Public Library, April 2013.

“Emancipation and Its Discontents: The Reaction to African American Freedom in Putnam County, Indiana,” Putnam County Civil War Roundtable, Greencastle, Ind., April 2013.

“Lincoln and the Thirteenth Amendment: Reflections on Steven Spielberg’s *Lincoln*,” Muncie Exchange Club, Feb. 20, 2013.

“Abraham Lincoln as Great Emancipator,” Culver Academies, Culver, Ind., Oct. 2012.

“Repudiating the Administration: The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana,” Jeffersonville, Ind. Carnegie Library, Sept. 2012.

“Choosing Sides,” Indiana Humanities’ program “Making Sense of the Civil War,” Marion, Ind. Public Library, June 2012; Whiting, Ind. Public Library, March 2012.

“A Generation at War: The Civil War Era in a Northern Community,” Putnam County Public Library, Greencastle, Ind., May 2012.

“The Forest Hill Monument,” Historic Preservation Society, Greencastle, Ind., May, 2012.

Civil War Themes workshop, Indiana Humanities’ program “Making Sense of the Civil War,” Indianapolis, January 2012.

“Mothers of Indiana,” Office of Institutional Diversity Seminar, Ball State University, Oct. 2011.

“Three Cheers for the Ladies and Three for the Flag: Indiana Women during the Civil War,” League of Women Voters Annual Garden Party, Muncie, Sept. 2011.

“Bleeding Kansas,” Harry S. Truman Library and Museum Teacher’s Conference on “Kansas, Missouri, and the Civil War, 1854-1865,” July 2011.

“The Border War and American Liberty,” Symphony in the Flint Hills, Kansas, June 2011.

“Secession Crisis, 1850-1860,” Springfield, Ohio Civil War Symposium, May 2011.

“Abraham Lincoln as Great Emancipator,” Maring-Hunt Public Library, Muncie, May 2011.

“The U.S.-Mexican War,” Center for Vital Aging, Muncie, Ind., April 2011.

“Women in Nineteenth-Century Indiana,” Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 2009.

“Lincoln as a Hoosier,” Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, Columbus, Ind., Sept. 2009.

“1858: Year of Reflection” and “The Consequences of 1858,” Lincoln Institute for Teachers, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Ind., June 2008.

“Bleeding Kansas,” Blue and Gray Education Society Sesquicentennial Celebration, Kansas City, Mo., Aug., 2006.

“Bleeding Kansas and American Liberty,” Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Mo., June 2006.

“The Competing Ideologies of Frontier Kansas,” Kansas State Historical Society Institute for Teachers, Topeka, June 2006, Feb. 2004, June 2003.

“Living on the Frontier Line: The Society and Politics of the Early Midwest,” Lincoln Institute for Teachers, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Ind., June 2006.

“Where Popular Sovereignty Worked,” Sesquicentennial of Kansas-Nebraska Act, Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 2004.

“Bleeding Kansas,” Kansas State Historical Society Annual Meeting, Lawrence, Kansas, June 2004; Civil War Symposium, Fort Scott, Kansas, National Historic Site, April 2004; Sons of Union Veterans, Lawrence chapter, April 2004; Bleeding Kansas program series, Lecompton Hall, Kansas, Feb. 2004.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with WIBC-FM for “Hear Them Roar: 100 Years of Women in Politics,” (2019); Associated Press (2017); *Washington Post* (2017); *Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun* (2017); BackStory, a national public radio history program (2016); *South Bend Voice* (2015); WIPR (2014); Voice of America (2014); “Civil War Talk Radio” (2014); KRWG Las Cruces, NM (2012); *Civil War Book Review* (2012); Nebraska Public Radio (2004); (Lecompton, Kans.) *Bald Eagle* (2004); (Lawrence, Kans.) *Journal-World* (2004).

“Was Black Civil War Soldier Poisoned?” (Muncie) *Star-Press*, Dec. 30, 2014. Republished in (Chicago) *Daily Herald*, Dec. 31, 2014 and *Kansas City Star*, Dec. 31, 2014.

Appeared in *Freedom & Impeachment: The Courage of Edmund G. Ross* (New Mexico PBS, 2019), <https://portal.knme.org/video/freedom-impeachment-the-courage-of->

edmund-g-ross-vqz56l/; *A President at the Crossroads* (WIPB-TV, 2017); *Bad Blood: The Border War that Triggered the Civil War* (KCPT-TV, 2007); *Touched by Fire: Bleeding Kansas* (Lone Chimney Productions, 2005).

Featured on Hoosier History Live radio program, WICR-Indianapolis (2015); "Talking History," radio program of the Organization of American Historians, (2004); "Up-to-Date," KCUR-Kansas City, Mo. (2004).

Reviews

For *American Historical Review*, *Annals of Iowa*, *Civil War Book Review*, *Civil War History*, *H-CivWar*, *H-Law*, *H-Ohio*, *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Illinois History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of the West*, *Kansas History*, *Michigan Historical Review*, *Middle West Review*, *Military History of the West*, *Mississippi Quarterly*, *Nineteenth-Century Prose*, *North & South*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Ohio Valley History*, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, *Password*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *South Dakota History*, *U.W. Military History Review*.

SELECTED SERVICE

Ball State University

Service on departmental promotion and tenure, graduate programs, merit, remediation, African American search, and advisory committees. Chaired U.S. colonial search. Service as president of Phi Society, as departmental library liaison, as departmental United Way representative, on college curriculum committee, on college promotion and tenure committee, on advisory councils of Honors College and College of Sciences and Humanities, and on search committees for Dean of College of Sciences and Humanities (president's designee), Dean of Library, and history instructor for the Indiana Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Humanities.

Serve on the Frederick Jackson Turner Award for Lifetime Contributions to Midwestern History Committee for Midwestern History Association, 2019-2020.

Served on Tom Watson Brown Book Award for Society of Civil War Historians (2018); Richard Wade Prize Committee for *Ohio Valley History* (2013, 2017); Binkley-Stephenson Prize Committee for Organization of American Historians (2013-16); editorial board for *Ohio Valley History* (2009, 2013-16); program committee for Society of Civil War Historians (2015); grant reviewer for National Historical Publications and Records Commission (2015 and 2016) and National Endowment for the Humanities (2012); Thornbrough Prize Committee, *Indiana Magazine of History* (2011); nominating committee for Society of Historians of the Early Republic (2009-12).

Guest editor, "Local History, National Contexts: Exploring Microhistory in Henderson, Kentucky," *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 113 (Autumn 2015).

University of Texas at El Paso

El Paso History Day Coordinator. Served on Educational Advisory Board, Texas State Historical Association, 1999-2005. Member, Faculty Senate, 2001-2003. Served on History Department committees for searches, undergraduate affairs (chair, 1999-2000), graduate programs, advisory council, scholarships, PhD program, and library. History Department Undergraduate Adviser, 1999-2000, 2003.

University of South Dakota

South Dakota History Day coordinator. Served on History Department search committee and on Cash Award and Graduate Committees, College of Arts and Sciences.