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EXPERIENCE

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

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate and graduate courses on the nineteenth-century United States including Civil War and Reconstruction, Civil War in Memory, and Indiana history. U.S. History survey and freshman seminar.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, December 1991, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

M.A., History, December 1986, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

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

CURRENT RESEARCH

"The Suffrage in the Post-Civil War United States"

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 the Civil War era.

Winner of 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).

Articles

"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).

"Up South" and "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," *New York Times* Disunion series, 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.

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

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

"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 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.

"The Indiana Homefront," Indiana's Civil War 150th Commemoration webpage, <http://www.in.gov/history/4056.htm>, 2013.

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

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

"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.

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.

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

"'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.

"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.

"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.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"How Not to Be an Antiquarian: Microhistory and Historical Meaning," Henderson History Author Event, Henderson County, Kentucky, Public Library, Oct. 17, 2015.

"First Cousins: The Civil War's Impact on Midwestern Identity," Finding the Lost Region: Rediscovering the Midwest, America's Most Common Ground, Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, April 30-May 1, 2015.

"Barren Victories or Great Prizes: The Legacy of the Civil War in Indiana," Jefferson County Civil War Roundtable (Madison, Indiana), April 11, 2015.

"Their Own Corner: The Civil War Transformation of Women's Roles," Indiana Society of Colonial Dames of America, Indianapolis, March 10, 2015.

"Emancipation and Its Discontents: The Civil War and African American Freedom in Indiana," Feb. 3, 2015, Civil Rights Heritage Center, South Bend, IN. (Two talks, one in afternoon and keynote in the evening.)

"Sustaining the National Government: The Election of 1864 in Indiana," Lincoln Colloquium, Fort Wayne, IN, Sept. 27, 2014.

"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, July 7, 2014.

"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 23, 2014.

"Soldiers and the Civil War Homefront: A Northern Community," Cleveland (Ohio) Civil War Roundtable, May 14, 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. 5, 2013.

"Emancipation and Its Discontents: The Reaction to African American Freedom in Putnam County, Indiana," Putnam County Civil War Roundtable, April 23, 2013.

"The Right to Vote: The Suffrage for Blacks, Women, and Ex-Confederates in the Post-Civil War Era," Sabbatical Lectures Series, Ball State University, Oct. 29, 2012.

"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 21, 2012.

"Repudiating the Administration: The Copperheads in Putnam County, Indiana," Society of Civil War Historians, Lexington, Ky., June, 15, 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. 11, 2011.

"'Black Republican' Victory: Abraham Lincoln and the Election of 1860" at the Tulsa Community College Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration, Oct. 28, 2010.

"Lincoln's Enemies: The Copperheads in Putnam County," Walker Horizon Lecture, DePauw University, Oct. 26, 2009.

"Women in Nineteenth-Century Indiana," Indiana Genealogy & Local History Fair, Indiana State Library, Oct. 24, 2009.

"Lincoln as a Hoosier," Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, Sept. 17, 2009.

"General Jackson Is Dead: James Buchanan and Kansas Policy," presented at President James Buchanan National Symposium, Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 2008.

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

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

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

"The Border Ruffian Conspiracy in Kansas," presented at the Mid-America Conference on History, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Sept. 28, 2007.

" 'A living, creeping lie': Abraham Lincoln on Popular Sovereignty," invited speaker, Abraham Lincoln Symposium, Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12, 2007.

"Wives and Sweethearts: The Women of Putnam County, Indiana during the Civil War," presenter, Ohio Seminar in Early American History and Culture, Department of History, Ohio State University, Feb. 9, 2007.

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

"Bleeding Kansas and American Liberty," invited speaker, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Mo., June 2006.

"The Competing Ideologies of Frontier Kansas," invited speaker, Kansas State Historical Society Summer Institute for Teachers, Topeka, June 2006.

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

"Bleeding Kansas" and "James H. Lane," invited speaker, 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.

"Where Popular Sovereignty Worked," invited speaker, Sesquicentennial of Kansas-Nebraska Act, Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 2004.

"What Makes a Region? Exploring the Intersection of Politics and Regionalism on the Great Plains," invited

speaker, Center for Great Plains Studies, Lincoln, Nebraska, Oct. 2004.

"Bleeding Kansas," invited speaker, 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.

"Kansas and Missouri Women," invited speaker, Women's History Conference, Park University, Missouri, March 2004.

"Abraham Lincoln and Bleeding Kansas," invited speaker, Lincoln-Harman Lecture, Washburn University, Topeka, Feb. 2004.

Presentations on "Bleeding Kansas" for teachers' institutes sponsored by the Kansas State Historical Society, June 2003 and Feb. 2004.

"Barbecued Kentuckians: Attitudes toward the South after the Civil War," invited paper, C. Ballard Breaux Public Conference, Filson Institute, Louisville, Kentucky, May 19, 2001.

"'Walking To and Fro in the Earth': John Brown and the Kansas Civil War," presented at the John Brown 2000 Conference, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, May 15-17, 2000.

"Barbecued Kentuckians and Penny-Pinching Yankees: Defining Midwestern Identity," invited paper, McClellan Symposium, Miami University of Ohio, Oct. 2-3, 1998.

"'Our Lives, Our Fortunes, and Our Sacred Honors': The Kansas Civil War and the Revolutionary Tradition," presented at the Mid-America Conference on History, Stillwater, Oklahoma, September 18-20, 1997.

"'Sustaining the Supremacy of the Laws': The Massac County War in Illinois, 1846-1850," presented at the Western History Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 2-5, 1996.

"'We Glory in Yankeeism': New England Settlers in Kansas Territory, 1854-1865," presented at Organization of American Historians, Chicago, March 28-30, 1996.

Session participant, "The Role of Matilda Joslyn Gage in Stanton's *The Woman's Bible*," at a conference on the "The Life and leadership of Elizabeth Cady Stanton," Columbia, South Carolina, Oct. 6-8, 1995.

"'To Be Much of a Man': Southern Settlers and the Political Culture of the Old Northwest," presented at the Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Georgia, April 14-17, 1994.

Comment on session, "Prairie Artists and Black Hill Legends," at Northern Great Plains History Conference, Pierre, South Dakota, Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 1993.

"Aristocracy and the Struggles for Statehood in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," presented at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Madison, Wisconsin, July 26-28, 1991.

"The Southern Influence on Midwestern Political Culture: 'Manliness' and Republicanism in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois," presented at the Illinois History Symposium, Springfield, Illinois, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1990.

INTERVIEWS

Guest on Hoosier History Live radio program, WICR-Indianapolis, Feb. 21, 2015.

<http://www.hoosierhistorylive.info/>

Appeared in *Bad Blood: The Border War that Triggered the Civil War*, a documentary by KCPT (Kansas City Public Television), 2007.

Appeared on Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum, "The North in the Civil War," 2006.

For "Touched by Fire: Bleeding Kansas," a film by Lone Chimney Productions, 2005.

Humanities Feature, Nebraska Public Radio, Oct. 2004.

"Talking History," radio program of the Organization of American Historians, Sept. 2004.

"Up-to-Date," KCUR Kansas City, Missouri, Feb. 2004.

(Lecompton) *Bald Eagle*, Spring 2004.

(Lawrence) *Journal-World*, Jan. 23 and Feb. 1, 2004.

Reviews

For *American Historical Review*, *Annals of Iowa*, *Civil War Book Review*, *Civil War History*, *H-CivWar*, *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 Early Republic*, *Journal of the West*, *Kansas History*, *Michigan Historical Review*, *Military History of the West*, *Mississippi Quarterly*, *Nineteenth-Century Prose*, *North & South*, *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*, *Password*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *South Dakota History*.

SERVICE

Ball State University

President, Phi Society, 2006-2008.

Service on departmental promotion and tenure, graduate programs, and advisory committees and college curriculum committee.

Service on college curriculum committee and university committee to hire dean of library.

University of Texas at El Paso

Professor of the Week, *Prospector*, September 24, 2003.

El Paso History Day Coordinator. Duties include holding annual workshops for teachers, organizing the regional contest, heading delegation of approximately forty students and teachers to the state contest in Austin, and judging at the state contest.

Serve on Educational Advisory Board, Texas State Historical Association, 1999-present.

Member, Faculty Senate, 2001-2003.

Evaluated manuscripts for *Annals of Iowa*, *Civil War History*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Kansas History*, University Press of Kansas, and University of Nebraska Press.

Served on History Department committees for searches (chair, 2004-5), U.S. caucus (chair, 2004-5), undergraduate affairs (chair, 1999-2000), graduate programs, advisory council, scholarships, PhD program, El Paso Quadracentennial Conference, and Library.

Served as History Department Undergraduate Adviser, 1999-2000, 2003.

Served on University committees on Teachers for a New Era Grant, 2004-present, and Student Publications, 1997-2000 (Chair, 1998-2000).

Served on Advisory Committee of *Indiana Magazine of History*, 1994-1997.

Judged Phi Alpha Theta, 1997-2000; Black History Knowledge Bowl, 2000-2002; El Paso Citizen Bee, 1998-99.

University of South Dakota

Served as state coordinator for National History Day. Duties included planning annual state contest, taking thirty-five to fifty students, parents, and chaperones to the national contest in Washington, D.C., fundraising, and providing information and help to teachers, students, and district coordinators.

Served on departmental committees to evaluate the chairman, to consider the feasibility of a PhD program, and to hire new faculty.

Served on Cash Award and Graduate Committees, College of Arts and Sciences.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Indiana Historical Association

Kansas State Historical Society
Organization of American Historians
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Southern Historical Association