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### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Associate Professor of History, McNeese State University, 2012-.

Assistant Professor of History, McNeese State University, 2006-2012.

Lecturer, Pennsylvania State University, 2003-2006.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University, 2000-2002.

Instructor, Louisburg College, Louisburg, NC, 1999-2000.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University, 1997-1999.

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in American History, Pennsylvania State University, August 2005.

Dissertation: "The Enemy Within: Corruption and Political Culture in the Civil War North." Advisor: Professor Mark E. Neely, Jr.

M.A. in American History, North Carolina State University, August 1999.

B.A. in American History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1992.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### 1. Books

*The Finishing Stroke: The 1864 Franklin-Nashville Campaign.* Currently under advance contract with Praeger Press, forthcoming 2014.

*This Distracted and Anarchical People: New Answers for Old Questions about the Civil War Era North.* New York: Fordham University Press, 2013.

[editor, with Andrew L. Slap]

*The Enemy Within: Fears of Corruption in the Civil War North.* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2011.

*A Traitor and a Scoundrel: Benjamin Hedrick and the Cost of Dissent.* Newark: University of Delaware Press, 2003.

*Letters from a North Carolina Unionist: John A. Hedrick to Benjamin S. Hedrick, 1862-1865.* Raleigh: North Carolina Division of Archives and History, 2001. [editor, with Judkin Browning]

#### 2. Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Abraham Lincoln, Manhood, and Nineteenth-Century American Political Culture" in Slap and Smith (eds.), *This Distracted and Anarchical People: New Answers for Old Questions about the Civil War Era North.* New York: Fordham University Press, 2013.

"For Love of Cotton: Nathaniel P. Banks, Union Strategy, and the Red River Campaign." *Louisiana History* 51 (Winter 2010): 5-26.

"Corruption European Style: The 1861 Frémont Scandal and Popular Fears in the Civil War North." *American Nineteenth Century History* 10 (March 2009): 49-69.

"The Beast Unleashed: Benjamin F. Butler and Conceptions of Masculinity in the Civil War North." *New England Quarterly* 79 (June 2006): 248-276.

"The Most Desperate Scoundrels Unhung: Bounty Jumpers and Recruitment Fraud in the

- Civil War North." *American Nineteenth Century History* 6 (June 2005): 149-172.
- "Blackbeard and the Meaning of Pirate Captainty." *American Neptune: A Quarterly Journal of Maritime History and Arts* 61 (Fall 2002): 399-411.
- "The Meanest Man in Lincoln's Cabinet: A Reappraisal of Montgomery Blair." *Maryland Historical Magazine* 95 (Summer 2000): 190-209.
- "A Traitor and a Scoundrel': Benjamin S. Hedrick and the Making of a Dissenter in the Old South." *North Carolina Historical Review* 76 (July 1999): 316-336.

### **SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Chair of "Reconstruction Legacies" panel at the Society of Civil War Historians Meeting, Lexington, June 2012.
- "The Problem of the Army of the Potomac" at the Society for Military Historians Annual Meeting, Arlington, May 2012.
- Chair and Commentator on "Women and Representations of Women in Antebellum and Civil War Louisiana" panel at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, Lafayette, March 2011.
- "African American Leaders in Reconstruction North Carolina and the Constraints of Victorian Manliness" at the Society of Civil War Historians Meeting, Richmond, June 2010.
- "P.B.S. Pinchback, Masculinity, and Race during Reconstruction," at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, Lafayette, March 2010.
- "African American Political Activists during Reconstruction and the Constraints of Victorian Manliness" at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Seattle, March 2009.
- Commentator on "Legally and Militarily Speaking: British and Confederate Perspectives" panel at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, Lafayette, March 2008.
- "African American Political Activists during Reconstruction and the Constraints of Victorian Manliness" at the Gulf South Historical Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, October 2007.
- "Bounty Jumpers and Recruitment Fraud in the Civil War North" at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March 2007.
- "The Appearance of Evil: The Image of Benjamin F. Butler" at the Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting, Alexandria, March 2007.
- Commentator on Alexis McCrossen, "Trading in Time during the Civil War" at the Richards Civil War Era Center Workshop, Penn State, April 2006.
- "Benjamin Butler and Masculinity in the Civil War North" at the New England Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2004.
- "The Zachary Taylor Murder Conspiracy" at the American Culture Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, April 2003.

### **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Violent Howell Endowed Professorship, College of Liberal Arts, McNeese State University, February 2012.
- Violet Howell Faculty Award, College of Liberal Arts, McNeese State University, October 2008.

John Hope Franklin Collection for African and African American History Travel Grant,  
Duke University Special Collections Libraries, July 2007.

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History Fellowship, June 2007.

W.M. Keck and Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Huntington Library,  
July-August 2004.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Publications Committee, Louisiana Historical Association, 2012-.

Program Manager, Richards Civil War Era Center, Pennsylvania State University,  
2005-2006.

Managing Editor, *Civil War History*, 2005-2006.

Editorial Assistant, *Civil War History*, 2003-2005.

Interviewer, Durham County Library Oral History Project, February-August 2000.

Editorial Assistant, Zebulon B. Vance Papers research project, Historical Publications  
Section, North Carolina Division of Archives and History, January-March 2000.

### **SERVICE**

#### **1. University Service**

Coordinator, Social Studies Education Program, McNeese State, 2007-.

Member, Secondary Education Advisory Committee, McNeese State, 2007-.

Member, Quality Enhancement Plan/ General Education Assessment Council, McNeese  
State, 2007-.

#### **2. Community Service**

Gave talk on "The Enemy Within" for Calcasieu Chapter of the Daughters of the  
American Revolution speaker series, April 2012.

Project scholar for the "Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War"  
discussion series, in partnership with the McNeese library, March-May 2012.

Gave lecture on "P.B.S. Pinchback, Masculinity, and Race during Reconstruction"  
as part of the McNeese Faculty Colloquia Series, September 2010.

Participated in "From Battlefield to Homefront & Beyond: Modern Trends in Civil War  
Studies" panel as part of the Banners lecture series, March 2009.

Appointed member of Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, 2009.

Gave lecture on "The Lincoln-Douglas Debates, 150 Years Later" as part of the Phi  
Alpha Theta lecture series, October 2008.

Gave lectures on "Dolley Madison" and "Mary Todd Lincoln" as part of the SAGE  
lecture series on "Famous First Ladies" at the Lake Charles Public Library,  
February 2007.