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Education:

Ph.D., December, 2000

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Dissertation: “A Faith for Changing Seasons: Education and the Refinement of Methodism in Indiana, 1800-1872”: A social and institutional history of how education transformed Methodism from a small, counter-cultural sect into a large, mainline denomination at the center of the nation’s cultural establishment.

Major Field: American History

Minor Fields: Early Modern Europe and British History

Languages: French, Quantitative Methods

Master of Business Administration, December, 1989

State University of New York at Binghamton, Binghamton, New York

Major: Business Administration

Master of Arts, December, 1984

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Major Field: Early American History

Minor Field: European History

Bachelor of Arts, May, 1982

Hamilton College, Clinton, New York

Major: History

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Professor, Fall 2003 to present

Grand Valley State University

Allendale, Michigan

Visiting Professor, Fall 2000 to May, 2003

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan

Teach four classes per semester of American History surveys, including supplemental writing skills courses that emphasize improving the writing skills of students.

Instructor, Fall 1993 to Spring 2000

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Taught at least one section per semester of American History Since Reconstruction, with the exception of the 1995-96 academic year. On three occasions taught sections with over one hundred students and was assigned and supervised teaching assistants.

Instructor, Spring 1996 to Spring, 2000

Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois

Taught two classes per semester, one each of the two American History surveys. The classes had 25 students each.

Instructor, Fall 1999

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago and Naperville, Illinois

Taught one section of the History of American Business to engineering students.

The class had seven students.

Instructor, Spring 1996 to Spring 1997

Elgin Community College, Elgin, Illinois

Taught either one or two classes per semester of the two American History surveys. Most classes had approximately 25 students.

Teaching Assistant, Spring 1984 to Spring 1986

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Assisted professors teaching American History surveys by grading, holding office hours, review session, and in the Spring of 1986 taught a section of American History through the Civil War.

Awards:

Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-96, Pew Program in Religion and American History, through Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
Received a full year of funding for researching my dissertation.

Conferences:

Columbia Seminar on Early American History, December 11th, 2007, New York City, New York, led a seminar based on my paper entitled, “‘Choked Hims ‘til His Tongue Protruded’: Honor and Violence in Antebellum Ohio Valley Methodism

Ohio Valley History Conference, October 25-27th, 2007, Bowling Green, Kentucky, presented “Violence and the Code of Honor in Antebellum Methodism”

American Society of Church Historians Spring Conference, April 13-14, 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah, presented “Methodist Preachers, Violence, and the Code of Honor”

Chaired and commented a Panel entitled “Society, Culture, and the American Civil War,” Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Valley History Department, October 20-21, 2006, Grand Rapids, Michigan

“A Comparison of Violence Between the Methodist Tradition and the Fiction of Flannery O’Connor,” presented at *Flannery O’Connor and the Age of Terrorism: An Academic Conference on Violence and Grace*, October 5-7, 2006; Grand Valley State University Department of English, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Great Lakes History Conference, October 30, 2005
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Presented “Methodist Perspectives on Antebellum Violence”

Mid-American History Conference, September 21-23, 2005
Lawrence, Kansas
Presented “Education and the Refinement of American Methodism”

Great Lakes History Conference, October, 2004
Grand Rapids, Michigan, Presented “Prophets and Civilizers: The Methodist Clergy in the Ante-bellum Midwest”

Great Lakes History Conference, October 2002

Grand Rapids, Michigan
Presented “Methodism and antebellum politics”

Great Lakes History Conference, November, 2001
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Presented “How Education Transformed Methodism”

Pew Program in Religion and American History Fellowship Conference,
May, 1996
New Haven, Connecticut. Presented a summary of my research to date and
participated in discussions of the work of the other fellowship winners.

Indiana Methodist Historical Conference, April, 1996
Greencastle, Indiana
Presented: “Jacob Pfrimmer and the Origins of the United Brethren in
Indiana”

Publications:

Forthcoming, January edition of the *Ohio Valley Historical Review*,
“‘Choked Him Til’ His Tongue Protruded’: Honor and Violence in
Antebellum Methodism”

“Education and the Refinement of 19th Century Methodism in the Midwest”
in *Methodist History*. Published in the January 2006 edition, Volume XLIV,
Number 2, pages 94-104. This article synthesizes the theme that education
at all levels transformed Methodism into a refined, established religion that
catered to and was dependent on the wealthy

A 250 word article on the Methodist preacher Peter Cartwright and a 1,500
word article on Methodism for the *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*

Professional Associations

Society of the the History of the Early Republic (SHEAR)

American Society of Church Historians (ASCH)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)
American Historical Association (AHA)

References:

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