

Scott Lawrence Stabler

History Department • Grand Valley State University
D-1-206 Mackinac Hall • Allendale, Michigan 49401-9403
Office (616) 331-8699 • Email: stablers@gvsu.edu

Education

Ph.D., History, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, 2005

- Committee: Brooks D. Simpson; Peter Iverson; Alexander Bontemps III
- Dissertation: Race, Reaction, Policy and Perception: A tri-cultural study of postbellum America through the life of General O.O. Howard

M.A., History, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 1999

- Committee: Eric Walther; Joseph Glathaar; Susan Kellogg
- Thesis: The Policy of Peace: U. S. Grant and the Foundations for His Indian Policy

B.A., Business, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 1989

Experience

Professor of History, *Grand Valley State University*, 2017 - present

Associate Professor of History, *Grand Valley State University*, 2010–17

Visiting Professor of History, *Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd*, Germany, 2012

Visiting Professor of History, Fulbright Scholar, *University of Cape Coast*, Ghana, 2011

Assistant Professor of History, *Grand Valley State University*, 2004–10

Regents' Scholar and Graduate Instructor, Department of History, *Arizona State University*, 2001-04

Certified High School Social Studies Teacher, *Texas Public Schools*, 1994-98

Professional Baseball Umpire, Office of Major League Baseball, Umpire Development, 1990-93

Courses Taught

U. S. History Surveys (face-to-face and online)

Era of Sectional Conflict and Civil War (face-to-face and online)

Junior History Seminar

Education in Plural Societies (Social Studies Capstone)

Content Field Observer for Student Teachers and Assistants

Research Methods in History

Publications Under Contract

Onward Christian General: Oliver Otis Howard's Civil Wars in Postbellum America with the University of Kansas Press

- Revising for resubmission

Harriet Beecher Stowe: Saints Sinners and Slavery with Taylor and Francis a subsidiary of Routledge

- Co-authors Martin Herschock, Makendric Bowman, and Kathleen Hearn
- Due for submission in 2028

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Reconstruction’s Accomplishment: Black Education and the Rise of the Civil Rights Movement” with Justin Sheldon and Timothy J. McKeeby in *Teaching Emancipation and Reconstruction, 1861–1876*, edited by Matthew R. Campbell (New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2025), 153-171, <https://www.peterlang.com/document/1478150#>

“The Odd Couple: William T. Sherman, O.O. Howard, Loyalty, Soldierly, and the Freedpeople” with Eleanor Gleason cover article in *The Journal of America’s Military Past*, 46: 1 (Winter 2021), 5-24.

“Slave to Soldier: United States Colored Troops in the West During the Civil War,” with Martin J. Herschok, in *Critical Race Studies Across Disciplines: Resisting Racism through Scholactivism*, Jonathan Langston Chism, Stacie Craft DeFreitas, Vida Robertson, and David Ryden, editors (New York: Lexington Books, 2021), 51-75.

“‘Standing on the Banks’: African American Troops in the Vicksburg Campaign” with Martin J. Herschok in *Vicksburg Besieged*, edited by Steven E. Woodworth and Charles D. Gear, published by Southern Illinois University Press (June 2020), 27-48.

“Two Paths to Peace: Oliver Otis Howard, Negotiator to Cochise and Joseph,” Cover article for *Military History of the West* v. 47 (Fall 2018), pp.1-23.

“‘The World’s Greatest Minstrel Show Under the Stars’: Blackface Minstrels, Community Identity, and the Lowell Showboat, 1932-1977,” with Matthew Lawrence Daley for the *Michigan Historical Review* 44: 2 (Fall 2018), pp. 1-35.

“‘No More Auction Block for Me’: The Fight for Freedom by the United States Colored Troops at the Battle of Nashville” with Danette Turner in the *Tennessee Campaign of 1864: Spring Hill, Franklin, and Nashville*, Steven E. Woodworth and Charles D. Gear, eds., published by Southern Illinois University Press (January 2016).

“Atlantic Slavery: Lost in Trans-lation” with Mary Owusu for the *African Journal of Teacher Education* 3: 2 (Summer 2013), pp. 2-22.
<http://gir.uoguelph.ca/index.php/ajote/article/view/2180>

“Nuanced History: Westward Expansion in the Context of the Civil War and After” with Abilyn Janke, comprehensive contextual multipart lesson plan for the *Journal of the West* 51: 3 (Summer 2012) pp. 66-81.

“Oliver Otis Howard” for Paul Hutton and Durwood Ball, eds., *Soldiers West*, 2nd ed., University of Oklahoma Press (April 2009), pp. 201-25.

“Free Men Come to Houston: Blacks during Reconstruction,” for the *Houston Review of History and Culture* 3: 1 (Winter 2005), pp. 40-43, 73-84.

“Ulysses S. Grant and the ‘Indian Problem,’” for the *Journal of Illinois History* 6: 4 (Winter 2004), pp. 297-316.

At Press

“The Great Emancipator and American Indians,” with James H. Precht, for *A Companion to Abraham Lincoln*, Michael S. Green, ed., to be published by Blackwell Publishing.

Encyclopedia Co-editor

ABC-Clio’s, *Ideas and Movements that Shaped America: From the Bill of Rights to "Occupy Wall Street,"* 3 vols., Encyclopedia (Fall 2015)

Works in Progress

Slave to Soldier: United States Colored Troops in the West During the Civil War, with Martin Herschok

Relevant Publications

“Mayaguez – It’s Just as Difficult an Incident for Ford as It is to Pronounce” for the Gerald R. Ford Foundation Forum, May 15, 2025.

<https://fordforum.org/2025/05/15/mayaguez-its-just-as-difficult-an-incident-for-ford-as-it-is-to-pronounce/>

“Bravery at Bladensburg: The Marine Corps in 1814,” for the *Marine Corps Gazette* 96: 11 (November 2012), pp. 25-31.

“Fighting for the Franchise” in *Consider* published by the University of Michigan on October 17, 2012.

“To Mentor or Not to Mentor,” *Memorandum*, Newsletter of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies (Winter 2007), p. 8.

“Young Napoleon versus Old Abe,” *Lincoln Editor*, Quarterly Newsletter of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, 3: 2 (April-June 2003), p. 2.

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

GVSU Alumni Association Educator of the Year Award, 2021

Inclusion and Equity Faculty Fellow, 2018-2020

Fulbright Specialist Roster Candidate, 2015-2023

Oliver Wilson Freshman Academy Outstanding Faculty Award, 2014

Modified Student Summer Scholars Grant, with Alice Monday, 2013

Fulbright Discipline Peer Reviewer, 2012-14

Nominated for the Outstanding Academic Advising and Student Services Award, 2012-14

Visiting Professor of History, Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, 2012

Fulbright Scholar, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, 2011

Grand Valley State University, Research Grant, 2010

Celebrated Faculty Member, Grand Valley State University Housing and Residence Life, 2009

Someone Who Makes a Difference, Grand Valley State University Housing and Residence Life, 2008

Inspirational Historian of the Year, Grand Valley State University History Department, 2007
 Mel Miller Mentor of the Year Award, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, 2007
 Grand Valley State University, Summer Stipend for manuscript revision, 2006
 Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Technology Grant, March 2005
 Research and Editing Fellow at the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, 2003

Invited Lectures

Kalamazoo Civil War Roundtable, "General O.O. Who?," November 21, 2025, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Abraham Lincoln Presenters Association, "Lincoln and Indians," April 23, 2025, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Vancouver Barracks Military Association, "General Howard, beyond the Nez Perce War," February 23, 2022, Vancouver, Washington
 Democracy 101 Series, GVSU, "Immigration and the American Dream," February 19, 2020
 Kutsche Center public lecture, GVSU, "'The World's Greatest Minstrel Show Under the Stars': Blackface Minstrels, Community Identity, and the Lowell Showboat, 1932-1977," with Matthew Daley and George Bayard, September 18, 2019
 Thornapple Kellogg High School, "The Confederate Flag's History," October 20, 2018
 Northview High School, "Robert E. Lee and the Lowell Showboat," October 12, 2018
 Detroit Country Day School's Lincoln Lecture, "An Indian Killed Father Abraham: Abraham Lincoln and American Indians," April 5, 2017
 Sparta Retirement Home, "Slaves and Soldiers," Sparta, MI, July 16, 2015
 Northview-area Retirees, "Mr. Lincoln's War," Grand Rapids, MI, April 28, 2015
 Baylor University, "From Hankamer to Fulbrighter and All the Places in Between," Lecture delivered to First Year Honors Students, Waco, TX, December 4, 2014
 Notre Dame University, "Custer's Stand was Last: God, Greed, and Going West," Lecture delivered for American Indian History Course, Notre Dame, IN, March 17, 2014
 The Henry Ford, "Onward Christian General," Lecture delivered at The Henry Ford's "Civil War Remembrance Days," Dearborn, MI, May 27, 2013
 Grand Rapids Veterans Home, "O. O. Howard – Who?" Lecture delivered for Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) and the General John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Grand Rapids, MI, October 9, 2012
 Baldwin Wallace University, "Atlantic Slavery: Lost in Trans-lation," Lecture delivered to African History Class, Berea, OH, April 4, 2012
 Harmony Brewing Company, "Custer's Stand was Last: God, Greed, and Going West," Lecture delivered for Black Squirrel University, Grand Rapids, MI, August 28, 2012
 Grand Rapids Public Museum, "Mr. Lincoln's War," Lecture delivered to the GVSU Grand Forum, Grand Rapids, MI, September 15, 2011
 Benzonia Historical Society, "O. O. Howard – Who?" Lecture delivered to the Benzonia Historical Society, Benzonia, MI, October 15, 2010
 Zeeland, MI, "Onward Christian General," Lecture delivered to Civil War Roundtable, Zeeland, MI, October 9, 2008

Interviews

Interview on Allendale Civil War Statue, “How this Confederate soldier statue became part of a veterans memorial in Michigan, MLive, July 14, 2020.

- https://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/2020/07/how-this-confederate-soldier-statue-became-part-of-a-veterans-memorial-in-michigan.html?outputType=amp&_twitter_impression=true
- <https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/politics/2020/06/19/controversial-allendale-statue-inaccurate-portrayal-of-history-historian-says/42776771/>

Interviewed by *Lanthorn* on Allendale Civil War Statue

Interviewed by WGVU on Allendale Civil War Statue, June 30, 2020

<https://www.wgvunews.org/post/history-allendes-controversial-civil-war-statue>

Interviewed by *Holland Sentinel* on Allendale Civil War statue, “Controversial Allendale statue an inaccurate portrayal of history, historian says,” by Arlan Lobo, June 19, 2020.

<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/20200619/controversial-allendale-statue-inaccurate-portrayal-of-history-historian-says>

Interview on Wood TV, Confederate Flag Controversy, March 2016

<http://woodtv.com/2016/03/16/student-told-to-change-rebel-flag-shirt-or-go-home/>

Interview "Foreign Policy and You," on "The American Civil War," March 2010

Interview on Dave Scott's "Big Show," for President's Day on Abraham Lincoln, February 2006

Book Reviews

Obbie Tyler Todd, *The Beechers: America's Most Influential Family* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2024) for *Journal of Southern History*, 92: 2 (May 2026), 415-16.

John Reeves, *Soldier of Destiny: Slavery, Secession, and the Redemption of Ulysses S. Grant* (New York: Pegasus Books, 2023) for *Journal of American History*, 112: 2 (September 2025) pp. 361-62.

Stockwell, Mary, *Interrupted Odyssey: Ulysses S. Grant and the American Indians*, The World of Ulysses S. Grant Series, John f. Marszalek and Timothy B. Smith, eds. (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2018) for *Annals of Iowa*, 78: 2 (Spring 2019) pp. 218-20.

Compton, Jim, *Spirit in the Rock: The Fierce Battle for Modoc Homelands*, Foreword by Vivian Arviso (Pullman: Washington State University Press, 2017) for *Western Historical Quarterly*, 49: 3 (Autumn 2018), pp. 349-50.

Bauer, William J., *We Were All Like Migrant Workers Here: Work, Community, and Memory on California's Round Valley Reservation, 1850-1941* for *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*, 58: 1-4 (2016), pp. 73-74.

Sweeney, Edwin R., *From Cochise to Geronimo: The Chiricahua Apaches, 1874-1886* for *Journal of the West*, 53: 1 (Winter 2014), pp. 97-98.

Howell, Kenneth W., ed. *The Seventh Star of the Confederacy: Texas during the Civil War* for the *Western Historical Quarterly*, 42: 1 (Spring 2011), pp. 110-11.

Marten, James and A. Kristen Foster, eds. *More Than a Contest Between Armies: Essays on the Civil War Era*, for the *Civil War Book Review* (Winter 2009).

- Samito, Christian, ed. *Fear Was Not with Him: The Civil War Letters of General Francis C. Barlow, U. S. A*; Kathleen Gorman, ed., *Boy Soldier of the Confederacy*; Keith Wilson, ed. *Honor in Command: Lt. Freeman S. Bowley's Civil War Service in the 30th United States Colored Infantry*; Mark H. Dunkelman, *Twelve Tales of Civil War Soldiers: War's Relentless Hand* for the *Journal of Southern History* 75: 1 (February 2009), pp. 260-63.
- Confer, Clarissa W., *The Cherokee Nation in the Civil War*, for the *Journal of American History* 94: 3 (December 2007), p. 36.
- Durham, Robert S., ed., *A Confederate Yankee: The Journal of Edward William Drummond, A Confederate Soldier from Maine*, for the *Military History of the West* 37 (2007), pp. 115-16.
- Utley, Robert, *The Indian Frontier, 1846-1890*, for the *H-AmIndian Listserv* (May 2005)

Selected Scholarly Conference Papers

- "The Great Emancipator and American Indians" presented at Conference of Illinois History, Springfield, IL, October 4, 2019
- "Two Paths to Peace: O. O. Howard, Negotiator to Cochise and Joseph" presented at Western History Association Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2017
- "Read Beyond the Comma: Robert E. Lee and Me" presented at Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI, January 10, 2016
- "Atlantic Slavery: Lost in Trans-lation" presented at The Black Atlantic: Colonial and Contemporary Exchanges Conference at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, October 29, 2011
- "The Lady and the General: Sarah Winnemucca and Otis Howard's cooperation in carrying out American Indian policy." Paper presented at "A Conference Celebrating Peter Iverson" in Tempe, AZ, February 19-20, 2010
- "The Spoils System Goes West from Washington." Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, October 22-25, 2008
- "A Brief History of a Brief Time in Houston History: Reconstruction in Houston (1865-77)." Paper presented at the East Texas Historical Association Conference in Huntsville, TX, February 16-18, 2006
- "Two Paths to Peace: O. O. Howard, Negotiator to Cochise and Joseph." Paper presented at the Organization of American Historians Conference in Boston, MA, March 25-28, 2004

Selected Scholarly Conference Activities

- Panel Chair for "Mountains, Resources, and Prisons: Armies and Environment in the U.S. Civil War" at Northern Great Plains History Conference, in Fargo, ND, September 20-23, 2022
- Panel Chair for "Enslaved Agency: Resistance among Enslaved Blacks and Free Blacks in the Antebellum Era," at Reflecting Black: 400 Years of African American Life and History, University of Houston – Downtown, in Houston, TX, October 24, 2019
- Panelist for "Committee on Teaching and Public Education Roundtable: Teacher and Scholar: Working with Your Local K-12 Schools" at the Western History Association Conference in Tucson, AZ, October 10, 2013
- Chair for "Language, Race, and Power: Confronting the Legacy of Slavery" at the Great Lakes History Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, October 18, 2007

Commenter for “Visions of Peace: How Texans Imagined Life upon the Conclusion of the World Wars and the Korean Conflict” at the Southwestern Social Science Association: Southwestern History in Albuquerque, NM, March 15, 2007

Moderator for “New Directions in Civil War History” at the Great Lakes History Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, October 28-29, 2005

Moderator for “Nineteenth Century War and Empire Panel” at the War and Empire Conference at the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies in Grand Rapids, MI, October 6-7, 2005

Selected Educational Conference Activities

“Colonists in the Colony: Re-defining personal identity through studying in Ghana” with Patrick Anderson, Devonte Hillman, and Haley Sullivan for university Teach-In, GVSU, November 8, 2018

“Introducing Inclusion in the Elementary Classroom” with three GVSU students for university Teach-In, GVSU, February 2016

“Classroom Relevance: Making the Social Studies Classroom Engaging and Contemporary” with three GVSU students for Great Lakes History Conference, GVSU, October 2016

“How can we elicit the kind of student feedback that will actually help us grow in our teaching?” with FTLC Fellow Dr. Kathryn Stieler at the 20th annual Dialogue on Teaching and Learning Conference, GVSU, August 20, 2014

“The Visibility of Success Through GVSU’s Freshman Academy,” at the 5th Annual Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Academy in Grand Rapids, MI, May 20, 2013

“The ‘Benefits’ of Slavery,” at the Michigan Council for Social Studies Conference, in Warren, MI, November 3, 2012

“Using Good Pedagogy for Engaging Content in U.S. History” for International Perspectives on Education at Pädagogische Hochschule, in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, June 12, 2012

“Flawed History: How Americans Get Their History Wrong,” at the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference in Kalamazoo, MI, November 9, 2010

“American Indians and the Great Emancipator,” at the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, February 10, 2009

“Teaching Controversial Issues in the Social Studies Classroom,” at the UPMSA/MARESA/Seaborg Center Fall Educators’ Conference in Marquette, MI, October 12, 2007

“To Mentor or Not to Mentor,” roundtable discussion with six former students presented at the Michigan Council for Social Studies Conference in Lansing, MI, February 27, 2007

“Can oral discussion be fairly assessed?” at the Looking for the Light Conference by the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Grand Valley State University, January 26, 2007

“Teaching History through Biography,” panel presentation with two former students presented at the Michigan Council for the Social Studies Conference in Boyne Falls, MI, October 30, 2006

“How to Teach Controversy in the Classroom” at the Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council of West Michigan, “Fire Up” Conference for student teachers in Winter (2006-09, 11) and Fall (2006-09, 12, 13, 15, 16)

Remunerated Pieces

- “Frederick Douglass on Reconstruction” with Peter Porsche, *The American Mosaic: The African American Experience*, ABC-CLIO, Web, 2019
- “Metal, Marble and Memory: Robert E. Lee’s Stature in Death,” *A Roundtable on Confederate Monuments*, ABC-Clio, Web. 2019
- Literary Criticism of Martin Delany’s novel *Blake* for Thomas Riggs, 2012
- Literary Criticism of Booker T. Washington’s “The Better Part” speech for Thomas Riggs, 2012
- "Barely Addressed Inequalities: The Continued Need for Affirmative Action." *The American Mosaic: The African American Experience*, ABC-CLIO, Web. May 13, 2013
- “The Economics of the Slave Power Conspiracy and Westward Expansion,” in *World at War: Understanding Conflict and Society*, for ABC-Clio, Web. January 21, 2011

Historical Service

- Organization of American Historians, script reviewer, for Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
- Grand Valley Journal of History, referee, “The Evolving Memory of Robert E. Lee: A Journey in American National Identity,” 2023
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Aquinas College, Adjunct Instructor for History Courses, 2006 to 2022
- Oregon Historical Quarterly*, referee, “Hijacking History: Colonel John W. Redington and the Influence of Indian Wars Veterans on History,” 2020
- Ulysses S. and Julia D. Grant Home Historical Advisory Board, June 2013
- Consultant for the Grand Rapids Public Museum’s exhibit in celebration of the Civil War’s Sesquicentennial, December 2010 to December 2011
- “Grant’s Peace Policy” staff training session Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI, November 2010
- “Rethinking Columbus: Discover the American Indian Perspective,” for GVSU’s Office of Inclusion and Equity in October 2010
- Michigan Historical Commission, Civil War Sesquicentennial Academic Review Committee, board member to celebrate the Civil War’s Sesquicentennial, 2008 to 2012
- ABC-Clio Editorial Advisory Board for American History database, 2009 to 2011
- H-CivWar Book Review Editor, 2001–2008
- Journal of Illinois History*, referee “John ‘Black Jack’ Logan,” 2007

Education Service

- MTTC item reviewer for Michigan Department of Education, January and May 2026
- AP US History grader, June 2023 to current
- Interim Assessment Item Writer for the Michigan Department of Education, June 2018
- Interim Assessment Item Writer for the Michigan Department of Education, June 2014
- Instructor for GVSU Continuing Education “Hot Topics” short-courses for teachers, July 2009 to July 2010
- Michigan Council for the Social Studies (MCSS) board member for District 3, June 2007 to June 2011
- Editor of the MCSS *Memorandum* newsletter June 2008 to May 2010
- Presenter for Geography/History Institute for the Lansing and Grand Rapids School Districts, June 2008 and 2009

East Kentwood High School, Guest Speaker, U.S. AP History Classes, April 2005-09
 Smithsonian Institution's Teaching American History Grant "Lincoln and Reconstruction" for Inkster, MI Schools, March 2009
 Smithsonian Institution's Teaching American History Grant "Lincoln and Reconstruction" for Muskegon County Schools, November 2008
 Pearson Publishing Content Advisory Committee for the Michigan Department of Education, Lansing, October 7-8, 2008
 Hudsonville Schools, Instructor for middle school social studies teacher in-service, Hudsonville, MI, August 2008
 East Kentwood High School, Judge for "We the People" practice, April 2007 and 2010, December 2007 and 2008
 Byron Center West Middle School, "Civil War," May 2007
 East Grand Rapids High School, Judge for "We the People" practice, May 2007
 Coopersville Rotary Club, "The Relevance of History," August 2006

Grand Valley State University Service

Co-Faculty Director, Vietnam: Country, Culture, and People Study Abroad Program, Summer 2022 to 2024
 Faculty Liaison for Oliver Wilson Scholars Summer Bridge Program, 2022 to 2024
 1YLC connected course with Roy Black, 2023 to present
 1YLC connected course with Amy Masko, 2019, 2020
 Student Success Network, 2018 to 2022
 Inclusion Advocate, Fall 2010 to 2024
 Faculty Director, Ghana Honors Study Abroad Program, Summer 2016 and 2017
 Faculty Personnel and Policy Committee, 2016-17
 Advisory Board, *Grand Valley Journal of History*, September 2015 to present
 Advisory Board, GVSU, *College Student Affairs Leadership Journal*, 2013 to 2017
 Independent Study, EDH 686, Jakia Marie Ghana Internship, Winter 2016
 Advisory Board, Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Board, August 2013 to June 2016
 Fulbright Student Interviewer for Frederick Meijer Office of Fellowships, 2012, 2013, 2017
 Grant Review Committee for the Faculty/Staff Exchange Program, Padnos International Center, 2012, 2013
 Mentor for Oliver Wilson Academic Success Institute, 2012-14
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Faculty Council, 2011-14
 New Student and Transfer Orientation Faculty Leader, summer 2006 to 2010 and 2014
 Faculty Fellow for Student Housing, 2007 to 2013
 Student Life Committee, 2009 to 2012
 Sponsor of the GVSU Civil War Club, August 2007-13
 Allie and Advocate for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Community, 2009 to 2015
 Advising Development Committee, 2009-10
 Intramural Officials Training, 2009
 Committee member for the Underground Railroad in Michigan Conference, September 2008
 GVSU "Awards of Distinction" interviewer, December 2006

Honors Projects Supervised:

- Kylie Klunder and Emily Burgess, “Menstrual Sanitation and Education in Ghana,” Fall 2017
 - o Won Honors Outstanding Senior Thesis (2018)
- Sarah Smith and Cassandra Pataro “Guide to Ghana,” Fall 2015
- Colleen Burns unit plan on “American Indians: Policy, Portrayals, and Implications” for elementary students, summer 2009
- Bethany Atwell “Plowshares into Rifles and Back Again: Canton, Michigan as a Microcosm of the Union War Effort,” Winter 2008
- Shannon Harrigan unit plan on “Slavery, Abolition, and the Civil War” for 4th graders, Fall 2007

Transitions Leader, Fall 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

History Department Service/Involvement

Co-chair of the Great Lakes History Conference, 2023

Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2020 to present

Personnel Committee Chair, 2018-19

Public History Search Committee, 2016-17

Student Relations Committee, 2015-17

Personnel Committee, 2014-16

Laker Days representative, 2016

Social Studies Search Committee, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2014, 2015

Strategic Planning Committee, 2015

Student Research Expo, Fall 2013

GVSU History Department Colloquium, “Robert E. Lee and Me,” April 2013

Co-chair of the Great Lakes History Conference, 2008, 2009 and 2010

- 2010 keynote included Columbia Professor Eric Foner who subsequently won the Pulitzer Prize for History for *The Fiery Trial*
- 2009 keynotes included Historian Ned Blackhawk, AIM Founder Dennis Banks, and author Sherman Alexie who subsequently won the PEN/Faulkner Award for *War Dances*

Visitors Committee, 2007 to 2010

GVSU History Department Colloquium, “The Spoils System Goes West from Washington,” October 2008

Michigan History Day Judge, April 2006, 2008, 2009

West Michigan History Day Judge, March 2004-06, 2008-09, 2013-16

Major Fair, Winter 2008, 2015

African American search committee, 2006

History Department member for university’s Liberal Education Initiative, Fall 2005

GVSU History Department Colloquium, “‘Winning’ the West and Reconstruction: Why are they taught separately?” January 2005

Community Service

PTO President, Coit Creative Arts Academy, 2014-15

PTO Secretary, Coit Creative Arts Academy, 2013-14

Editor, Eastown *Access* Newsletter, October 2005 to June 2010

Scholarly Development

Underground Railroad Tour of Michigan, 2007

Additional Publications

“Baseball Umpires in Sports Culture,” *Encyclopedia of Sport in American Culture*, Joyce Duncan, ed. (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Books, Inc., 2004)

“Goin’ to Get ‘em,” *Referee Magazine*, 24: 11 (December 1999), pp. 52-55

“The Players’ Zone,” *Referee Magazine*, 24: 1 (December 1998), pp. 66-67

“Backbone of the Game,” *Referee Magazine*, 23: 12 (November 1998), pp. 54-56