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Education

University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in History, 1996, Ph.D. in History, 1998
Princeton University, B.A., History Major, 1991, *summa cum laude*

Employment

History Department, Florida International University
Associate Professor
Assistant Professor

9/04—
8/98–8/04

Publications (in print and forthcoming)

"Gender and Slavery," in Mark Smith and Robert Paquette, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Slavery in the Americas* (London: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

"Making a Home in Public: Domesticity, Authority, and Family in the Old South's Public Houses," in Craig Friend and Anya Jabour, eds., *Southern Families* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, forthcoming).

"The Management of Negroes," in J. William Harris, ed., *The Old South: New Studies of Society and Culture* (New York: Routledge, 2008), 170-194 [reprint of chapter 2 of *Masterful Women*]

"Women on the Move: Travel, Taverns, and Gender in Antebellum America," in Mark Cheatham, ed., *Jacksonian and Antebellum Age: People and Perspectives* (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

Masterful Women: Slaveholding Widows in the American Southeast from the Revolution through the Civil War. Gender and American Culture Series (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004).

"'Old Miss Sho' Was Good to Us . . . 'Cause She Was Raisin' Us to Wuk For Her': Widowed Planters and Paternalism in the Old South," in Winfred B. Moore, Kyle S. Sinisi, and David H. White, eds., *Warm Ashes: Issues in Southern History at the Dawn of the Twenty-First Century*. (Columbia: University of South Carolina, 2003), 47-68.

"Broken Reeds and Competent Farmers: Slaveholding Widows in the Southeastern United States, 1790-1860," *Journal of Women's History* 13 (Summer 2001), 34-57.

"'The Strongest Ties that Bind Poor Mortals Together': Slaveholding Widows and the Construction of Family in the Southeast, 1790-1860," in Janet L. Coryell, Thomas H. Appleton, Jr., Anastasia Sims, and Sandra Gioia Treadway, eds., *Negotiating Boundaries of Southern Womanhood: Dealing with the Powers that Be*. (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2000).

"'One Woman so Dangerous to Public Morals': Gender and Power in the Eaton Affair," *Journal of the Early Republic* 17 (Summer 1997), 237-275.

Grants and Honors

Francis B. Simkins Prize for the Best First Book in Southern History published in 2003 and 2004. Awarded by the Southern Historical Association and Longwood University, 2005
Gilder-Lehrman Institute Fellowship at the Library of the New York Historical Society, 2005-2006

Isaac Comly Martindale Library Research Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 2005-2006

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Fellowship at the Library Company of Philadelphia, 2005-2006
Summer Research Funding, College of Arts and Sciences, FIU, 2004
Provost's Office and FIU Foundation Research Grant, FIU, May-August, 2002
Short-Term Research Grant, Newberry Library, 2000
Mary Lily Research Grant, Center for Women's History and Culture, Duke, 2000
Grant-in-Aid, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida International University, 2000
First Place, Prize presented for best paper by a scholar in southern women's history, Awarded at the Visible Women in Southern History Conference, 1999
Grant-in-Aid, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida International University, 1999
Finalist, Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize, Organization of American Historians, 1998
James Madison Prize, Society for the History of the Federal Government, 1998
Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 1996
Women's Studies Research Grant, Duke University, 1996
Phi Beta Kappa, 1991

Seminars

American Antiquarian Society, History of the Book Summer Seminar, "The Newspaper and the Culture of Print in the Early American Republic," Worcester, Mass., June 2008
NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "The Early American Republic and the Problem of Governance," Philadelphia, PA, June 2005

Conference Papers and Public Lectures

"Beyond Whiskey: Business, Politics, and Family in American Taverns after the Revolution," History Department, Rice University, October 26, 2007
"Gendering Households, Space, and Power in the New Nation: From the Plantation to the Tavern," History Department, Purdue University, January 30, 2006
"See You at the Tavern: Women's Participation in Associational, Political, and Musical Gatherings at Early Republican Taverns," Society for Historians of the Early Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 22, 2005
"The Gender of Power: Presidential Widow Martha Washington," Miami Intelligence, March 4, 2005
"A Southern Perspective on Women and Economic Development," Global Studies Teacher Training Workshop on Women, February, 2005
"Masterful Women: Slaveholding Widows from the American Revolution through the Civil War," Women of Distinction Series, FIU Women's Studies Program, Miami, FL, January 21, 2005
"Patriotic Songs and Genteel Concerts: Music-making in Post-Revolutionary American Taverns," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Orlando, FL, November 19, 2004
"Martha Washington and the early American Republic," for "The Gender of Power: 'Women Worthies' and the Political Center in Europe and the USA," City of Coral Gables Women's History Month, Coral Gables, FL March 16, 2004
"'[He] Knows More About How to Treat a White Lady than Any White Man in Virginia': Slaveholding Widows and Slave Men in the American South," American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 4, 2002
"Till Death Us Do Part: Estate Sales as Public Rituals in the Slaveholding South," Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, November 19, 2001
"Female Actors in the Plantation Economy: Slaveholding Women, Exchange, and Spatial Relations in the Southeast, 1790-1860," The Past and Future of Early American Economic History: Needs and Opportunities, Program in Early American Economy and Society, Philadelphia, PA, April 21, 2001
"Heroes and Villains in Southern Women's History: Coming to Grips with Power," Public Lecture for Women's History Month at Rice University, Houston, TX, March 29, 2001

- "Beyond the Household: Gender, Exchange, and Space in the Early Nineteenth-Century Southeast," Houston-Area Southern History Seminar, Houston, TX, March 28, 2001
- "'A Belle Widow is So Uncertain': Representations of Widowhood in Early Modern Anglo-America and the Old South," Global Currents in Southern History, Georgia Southern University, October 21, 2000
- "For Business and For Pleasure: Slaveholding Widows and Travel, 1790-1860," Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Buffalo, NY, July 21, 2000
- "'De Real Trouble Start for Us When Ole Marsa Died': Slaveholding Widows and Slaves," Southern Association of Women Historians, Richmond, VA, June 16, 2000
- "Lady Bountiful and the Rituals of Paternalism: Widows and Slaves in the Old South," Citadel Conference on the South, Charleston, SC, April 7, 2000
- "Before Suffrage: Women and American Politics before the Nineteenth Amendment," League of Women Voters, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, March 18, 2000
- "Relational Approaches to Gender: A Comment on 'Engendering History,'" Clio's Workshop: Europe and the Atlantic World, Florida International University, March 11, 2000
- "Situating Households, Expanding Spheres: Slaveholding Women, Commerce, and Law, 1790-1860," Visible Women in Southern History II, Shreveport, LA, October 15, 1999
- "Continuity and Change for American Women: A Talk for Women's History Month," Federal Correctional Institute, Miami, Florida, March 26, 1999
- "'What is to Become of Us?': Slaveholding Widows in the Civil War," Southern Historical Association, Birmingham, AL, November 13, 1998
- "The Female World of Love and Exchange: Slaveholding Widows in the American Southeast, 1790-1860," McNeil Center for Early American Studies, April 10, 1998
- "The Economic Lives of Slaveholding Widows: Gender, Exchange and Community in the Southeast, 1790-1860," Organization of American Historians, Indianapolis, April 3, 1998
- "'Fightin', Fussin', an' Beatin'": Widows, Slave Management, and Violence," Works-in-Progress Series, Philadelphia Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, PA, September 22, 1997
- "'The Strongest Ties that Bind Poor Mortals Together': Slaveholding Widows and Family in the Old Southeast," Southern Association of Women Historians, Charleston, SC, June 13, 1997
- "Fictive Masters: Slaveholding Widows, Gender, and Power in the American Southeast, 1790-1860," St. George Tucker Society, Atlanta, GA, June 6, 1997
- "Partisan Men and Powerful Women: Gender Politics in the Eaton Affair," Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Nashville, TN, July 19, 1996
- "'A Great Responsibility': Martha Jackson, Widowhood, and Slave Management," Telling About the South, Graduate Student Conference, Charlottesville, VA, March 23, 1996

Conference Participation

- Chair, "Periodization in Teaching U.S. History," Social Science History Association, Miami, October 24, 2008
- Respondent, "Moving Beyond 'Separate Spheres' in Understanding Civil Society," Workshop on "The Well-Regulated Society," Society of Historians of the Early Republic, Philadelphia, July 21, 2008
- Chair, "Beyond the *Risorgimento*," Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference, North Miami Beach, FL, April 4, 2008
- Comment, "Travel, Cosmopolitanism, and Gender in the Early Republic," Society for Historians of the Early Republic, Montreal, July 2006
- Chair, "Women and Property," Southern Association for Women Historians, Baltimore, June 10, 2006
- Comment, "Manumitters, Managers, and Mastery: Studying Gender in the Old South," Southern Historical Association, Atlanta, GA, November 4, 2005
- Comment, "The State, Law, and Marriage," Southern Association for Women Historians, Athens, GA, June 5, 2003

"Perspectives on the Post-Doctoral Experience: A Panel Discussion," Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, MD, November 7, 2002
Comment: "Tragic Poetry and the Internal Slave Trade," Atlantic World Forum, Miami, FL, October 25, 2001

Book Reviews

- Anya Jabour, *Scarlett's Sisters: Young Women in the Old South* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007) and Lorri Glover, *Southern Sons: Becoming Men in the New Nation* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007), *Journal of Southern History*, forthcoming
- Ben Marsh, *Georgia's Frontier Women: Female Fortunes in a Southern Colony* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2007), *American Historical Review*, 113 (Feb 2008) 1: 170-171.
- Cynthia M. Kennedy, *Braided Relations, Entwined Lives: The Women of Charleston's Urban Slave Society*. Blacks in the Diaspora. (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2005), *Journal of Southern History* 73 (November 2007), 881-882.
- Richard Follett, *The Sugar Masters: Planters and Slaves in Louisiana's Cane World, 1820-1860* (Louisiana State University Press, 2005), *Slavery and Abolition* (December, 2006), 401-403.
- Stephanie M. H. Camp, *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women and Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004), *American Historical Review* (February 2006), 173-174.
- Jonathan D. Wells, *The Origins of the Southern Middle Class, 1800-1861* (University of North Carolina Press, 2004), *Journal of American History*, 92 (October 2005), 602-603.
- Joshua D. Rothman, *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861* (University of North Carolina Press, 2003), *American Historical Review*, 110 (October 2005), 1178-1179.
- Sally G. McMillen. *Southern Women: Black and White in the Old South*. Second Edition (Harlan Davidson, 2002), H-SAWH (November 2004).
- Sharla M. Fett, *Working Cures: Healing, Health, and Power on Southern Slave Plantations* (University of North Carolina Press, 2002), *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 87 (2003), 3: 462-463.
- Nancy F. Cott, *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation* (Harvard University Press, 2000), *Law and History Review* 21 (Summer 2003), 2: 419-420.
- Catherine Clinton, ed., *Fanny Kemble's Journals* (Harvard University Press, 2000), and Clinton, *Fanny Kemble's Civil Wars* (Oxford University Press, 2001), *Journal of Southern History* 68 (August 2002), 701-702.
- "The Homefront in Black and White," *Reviews in American History* 30 (March 2002), 39-50.
- Donald R. Kennon, ed., *A Republic for the Ages: The United States Capitol and the Political Culture of the Early Republic. Perspectives on the American Revolution* (University Press of Virginia, 1999), *Journal of Southern History* 67 (February 2001), 158.
- Cynthia Kierner, *Beyond the Household: Women's Place in the Early South, 1700-1835* (Ithaca, NY, and London: Cornell University Press, 1998), H-SHEAR (September 1999).
- Catherine Clinton and Michele Gillespie, eds., *The Devil's Lane: Race and Sex in the Early South* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998), *Journal of the Early Republic* 18 (Fall 1998), 554-556.

Service to the Profession

Committees

- Mentorship Committee, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2008
Program Committee, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2005 (for 2006 conference)
Review Panel, NEH-Library Company of Philadelphia Post-Doctoral Applications, 2005

NEH Review Panel, Division of Grants to Preserve and Create Access to Humanities Collections, Fall 2004
Prize Committee, Willie Lee Rose Prize for Women Historians of the South, awarded by the Southern Association for Women Historians, 2003
Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2002-2003

Other service

External reviewer for tenure and promotion for:

Ithaca College
East Carolina University
Indiana State University

Book manuscript reviewer for:

Oxford University Press
New York University Press

Article manuscript reviewer for:

Journal of Southern History
Journal of the Early Republic
Pennsylvania History
Massachusetts Historical Review
Western Journal of Black Studies

Book reviewer for:

American Historical Review
Journal of American History
Reviews in American History
Law and History Review
Journal of Southern History
Journal of the Early Republic
Georgia Historical Quarterly
H-SHEAR
H-SAWH

Member:

Southern Historical Association
Southern Association for Women Historians

Service to the School/College

Humanities Representative to Institutional Review Board, 2007—
Chair, Convocation Committee, 2008—; member, AY 2007
Associate Dean's Advisory Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Fall 2000-Spring 2004
Budget Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, AY 2001-2002
Women's Studies Program Representative, New Information Technology and Liberal Education Symposium, Greenville, SC, May 2000
Co-Organizer, Interdisciplinary Reading Group (with participants from History, Political Science, and Philosophy), AY 1999-2000
Affiliated Faculty: Women's Studies Program, 1998—; African-New World Studies Program, 1998-2005

Service to the Department

Ad-Hoc Committee for Online Education, AY 2007-2008
Chair, Search Committee, Early America (1600-1850), AY 2007-2008
Webmaster, 2002-2004, Spring 2007-Fall 2007
Chair, Personnel Committee, Fall 2007—; member, 2004-2005;
Graduate Committee, AY 2004-2005
Search Committee, U.S. Foreign Policy, AY 2004-2005
Coordinator, History Department Works-in-Progress Series, Spring 2004

Junior Faculty Representative to the Advisory Committee, Spring 2003-Spring 2004
Search Committee, African-American History, AY 2002-2003
Search Committee, Black Presence in North America, AY 2001-2002
Co-Organizer, Junior Faculty Works-in-Progress Writing Group, AY 2000-2001
Undergraduate Committee, Fall 1999-Spring 2002
Search Committee, Caribbean History/African Diaspora, AY 1999-2000