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Employment:

- 2018-present Associate Professor of History, Mississippi Valley State University
Coordinator of General and University Studies
- 2012-2018 Assistant Professor of History, Mississippi Valley State University
- 2010-2012 Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Honors College, Auburn University.
Primary responsibilities include teaching two sections of “Technology and Culture,” a new first-year seminar in the Honors College as well as administering the Honor’s Forum, the Honors College’s colloquium for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Education:

- 2005-2010 Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS: Ph.D. in History.
Dissertation Title: “Making Milking Modern: Agricultural Science and the American Dairy, 1890-1940.”
Dissertation Adviser: Alan I Marcus
Graduated May, 2010.
- 2002-2005 Iowa State University, Ames, IA: MA in the History of Science and Technology.
- 1998-2001 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR: BS in Mathematics.
- 1990-1994 Carleton College, Northfield, MN: BA in Music.

Publications:

“Is Milk the Measure of All Things: Babcock Tests, Breed Associations, and Land Grant Scientists, 1890-1920” in *Science as Service: Establishing and Reformulation American Land-Grant Universities, 1865-1930*, edited by Alan I Marcus (University of Alabama Press, 2015).

“The Man in the Grey Metal Suit: Doctor Doom, the Fantastic Four, and the Costs of Conformity,” essay in *Comics as History, Comics as Literature: Roles of the Comic Book in Scholarship, Society, and Entertainment*, edited by Anessa Babic (Fairleigh Dickinson, 2013).

“Post-Modern Punks? The Libertines’ Up the Bracket,” essay in *Please Allow Me to Introduce Myself: Essays on Debut Albums*, edited by George Plasketes (Ashgate Press, 2013).

Conference Presentations and Panels:

“More Than One Way to Get a Buck: Black Powder Makes a Resurgence, 1970-2000,” paper presented at 2016 SoHOST Conference, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, April 2016.

“We Scream for Ice Cream: Dairy Queen Takes on America’s Dairyland,” paper presented at the Mississippi Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, February 2016.

1890 Agricultural History Panel, Annual Conference of the Agricultural History Society, University of Kentucky, Frankfort, KY, June 2015.

“Cotton Pickin’ Pisano: Italians in the Mississippi Delta, 1890-1920,” paper presented at Third Annual Cotton Symposium, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, October 2014.

“I Scream, You Scream, We All Sue: Dairy Queen and Wisconsin Dairy Farmers Go to Court,” paper presented 2014 SoHOST Conference, Georgia Tech University, Atlanta, GA, March 2014.

“Rage Against the Machine: Plantation Owners, the Mechanical Cotton Picker, and the Fear of Change,” paper presented Second Annual Cotton Symposium, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, October 2013.

“Folding Money: Cotton as Currency in 19th Century Mississippi,” paper presented Cotton Symposium, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS, October 2012.

“Is Milk the Measure of All Things: Babcock Tests, Breed Associations, and Land Grant Scientists, 1890-1920,” paper presented USDA 150th Anniversary Celebration, Starkville, MS, October 2012.

“Don’t Give a Yam: The Auburn Sweet Potato Project, 1940-1960,” paper presented SoHOST Conference, Auburn, AL, April 2011.

“Power to the People: Stephen Babcock, Milk-Fat Testing, and Popular Science,” W paper presented HEATS Conference, Starkville, MS, October, 2009.

“Sputnik and Muttnik: Public Perception and the Soviet Satellite Launches,” paper presented Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Starkville, MS, March 2009.

“Out with the Old and In with the Moo: Cattle Judging, Modernity, and the Origins of Agri-business, 1930-1960,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Reno, NV, June 2008.

“Red Menace or Red Herring? Sputnik, the Media, and Popular Opinion,” Annual paper presented Meeting of the Southern History of Science and Technology Society, Starkville, MS, April 2007.

“In One End and Out the Udder: Vitamins, Oleo Margarine, and American Dairy Science,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society, Vancouver, BC, November 2006.

“The Birth of a New Machine: Technological Innovation and Application on American Dairies,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the Agricultural History Society, Cambridge, MA, June 2006.

“Milking Time: Dairy Farms, Expertise, and Technological Change,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Minneapolis, MN, November 2005.

“Swiftly If Not Surely: Race, Class, Gender, and Technology in the Tom Swift Books,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Kansas City, MO, April 2004.

“Black, White, and Read All Over: The Sputnik Launch in American Newspapers,” paper presented Annual Meeting of the Midwest Junto for the History of Science, Minneapolis, MN, April 2003.

Grants Awarded:

Doing Digital History Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer 2014.

Grants Pending:

Online Textbook adoption grant offered through University of Mississippi.

Professional Affiliations:

Southern Historical Association
History of Science Society
Society for the History of Technology
- Served on SHOT Kranzberg Dissertation Prize Committee 2014-2017
Agricultural History Society

University Service:

Secretary, Faculty Senate, 2015-2017

Chair, University General Education Committee, 2015-2017

Faculty Travel Funds Committee, 2014-2016

Tenure and Promotion Grievance Committee, 2013-2015