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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D., History**, Degree conferred May 2017, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Dissertation: “‘A Great Uneasiness in Our County’: Slavery and Its Influence on Family and Community Stability in Northern Virginia, 1782-1860”

Major Professor: Dr. Jane Turner Censer

Minor Fields: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Social History, exam passed with distinction

Transatlantic History, 1450 – 1860, exam passed with distinction

**M.A., American History**, 2011, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

**M.S. Ed., Education with teaching licensure**, 1996, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

**B.A., German**, 1989, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

HIST 615: Slavery in American History and Memory (Spring 2020)

HIST 499: Senior Research Seminar – Slavery in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century US (Spring 2021)

HIST 300: Introduction to Research Methods – Slavery and Memory (Spring 2023)

HIST 300: Introduction to Research Methods – Slavery & Resistance in Virginia (Spring 2022)

HNRS 240: Reading the Past: Slavery and Freedom in Virginia (Spring 2022, Spring 2023)

HNRS 240: Reading the Past: Gender in American Culture (Spring 2020, Fall 2021)

HNRS 131: Race, Gender, and Culture in Disney’s World (Fall 2019)

HNRS 130: Identity in Disney’s World (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

HIST 125: Introduction to World History (Fall 2017-Fall 2019)

INYO 501: Graduate Transition for International Students I (Fall 2018)

Adjunct Professor, Northern Virginia Community College – Manassas, VA

HIST 101: Western Civilization I (Fall 2017)

Recitation Instructor and Teaching Assistant, George Mason University

HIST 125: Introduction to World History (F 2011, S 2012, S 2013, F 2013, S 2014)

Teaching Assistant, George Mason University

HIST 121: Formation of American Republic (Fall 2012)

HIST 122: Development of Modern America (Fall 2012)

Teaching Assistant, ESOL instruction, Grades 6-8, Saunders Middle School, Woodbridge, VA,  
Fall 2008-Spring 2011.

Teaching Assistant, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Foreign Language Immersion Program class (Spanish & English),  
Alexander Henderson Elementary School, Dumfries, VA, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Master Trainer, Army Family Team Building, 250 class sections taught, 1999-2002.

### TEACHING AWARDS

Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award recipient, George Mason University, 2022.

Inclusive Excellence Curriculum Revision Team Grant, George Mason University, 2022.

Outstanding Teaching in a Mason Core Synthesis / Writing Intensive Major course, Spring 2021.

Adjunct Teacher of Distinction Award Recipient, George Mason University, 2019.



Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award nominee, George Mason University, 2019.  
Outstanding Teaching in a Mason Core World History Course Spring 2018, Fall 2017.  
Career Connection Faculty Award Nominee, George Mason University, May 2018.

## TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

Level 1 Teaching Essentials Credential, Continuing Professional Development, Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning, 2022.  
Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing Intensive Course Development Cohort, GMU, 2022  
Online Course Development Fundamentals, George Mason University, August 2020.  
Learning for Justice: Teaching Hard History Professional Development Certifications.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Endowment for the Humanities Funded Summer Institute, Data-Informed Methods for Slavery Studies, Summer 2023.  
Omohundro Institute - National Endowment for the Humanities ARP Research Fellowship, 2022  
Mason 4VA OER Grant Recipient for course redesign using Open Education Resources, 2018.  
Provost Award, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2014-2015, George Mason University.  
Provost Travel Award, 2014, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.  
Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, 2014, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA.  
Department of History Advancement Fellowship, 2014, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.  
Randy Beth Clarke Fellowship in U.S. History for studies in antebellum southern and women's history, 2010, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Golden Key International Honor Society, 2010, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.  
Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Gamma-Upsilon Chapter, 2010, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.  
Josephine Pacheco Award for Best Graduate Research Paper, 2010, George Mason University.

## IN THE MEDIA

"Announcing the recipients of the 2022 Omohundro Institute - NEH ARP postdoctoral fellowship program," Omohundro Institute, March 2022,  
<https://oicahc.wm.edu/fellowships/oi-neh-arp-recipients/>  
Alexa Tirolí, "Online Classes and the Mason Community" March 23, 2020, The Fourth Estate,  
<http://gmufourthestate.com/2020/03/23/online-classes-and-the-mason-community/>  
Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award Winner, George Mason University, Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning, April 2019, <https://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/awards/adjunct-teaching-excellence-award-winners/>  
"History in Action: Collaborative Comparisons," George Mason University, Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning, [https://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sannhuerta\\_History-in-Action.pdf](https://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sannhuerta_History-in-Action.pdf)  
"Steering World History from Flat to Multi-Dimensional," Mason 4-VA OER Grant, 2019,  
<https://4va.gmu.edu/steering-world-history-from-flat-to-multi-dimensional/>

## PUBLICATIONS

Review of Jan Ellen Lewis, *Family, Slavery, and Love in the Early American Republic: The Essays of Jan Ellen Lewis*. H-Early-America, H-Net Reviews. January, 2023.  
URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=57413>  
Review of Kimberly M. Welch, *Black Litigants in the Antebellum American South. The Historian* December 2018, p. 809-810.



Review of H. G. Jones, with David Southern, *Miss Mary's Money: Fortune and Misfortune in a Carolina Plantation Family, 1760-1924*. *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2015, p. 338-339.

Review of Heather Andrea Williams, *Help Me to Find My People: The African American Search for Family Lost in Slavery*. H-SAWH, H-Net Reviews. January, 2015.  
<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42402>.

Review of Katy Simpson Smith, *We Have Raised All of You: Motherhood in the South, 1750—1835*. *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2014, p. 360-361.

## PRESENTATIONS

“To petition for redress of Grievances’: Emancipation, Birthrights, and Black Political Activism in Virginia’s General Assembly and County Courts, 1806-1820,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 2023.

“Whether the Letter of the Law shall be rigidly enforced’: Virginia’s 1806 Expulsion Law and Resistance to the Criminalization of Free(d) Black Residency,” Virginia Forum Conference, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, March 17, 2023.

“Enslaved Resistance and Resilience in Fairfax County,” Invited Speaker, Sully Historic Site Black History Month Lecture Series, Sully Historic Site, Fairfax County, Virginia, February 11, 2023.

"Co-Creating Belongingness: Affirming Student Voice and Ways of Knowing," with Tianna Cobb, PhD, Rose Cherubin, PhD, Sharon Doetsch-Kidder, PhD, and Jennifer R. Warren, PhD, Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference, Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning, George Mason University, September 30, 2022.

“Without Lawful Permission to Remain’: Virginia’s 1806 Removal Act and Its Effects on Free(d) Black Residency,” British Group of Early American Historians Conference, Cardiff, Wales, UK, September 2, 2022.

“If we were compelled to leave the State’: Resistance to Black Residency Restrictions in Early Republic Virginia,” Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, New Orleans, July 24, 2022.

“Witnessing Resistance: Enslaved Women’s Narratives in Virginia Slave Court Records,” Southern Association for Women Historians Triennial, University of Kentucky, June 10, 2022.

“Pernicious Sentiments’: Identity through Speech in Virginia's Northern Counties, 1830-1860," Virginia Forum, Virginia War Memorial, Richmond, Virginia, April 9, 2022.

“Ran Away from the Subscriber...’: Freedom-Seekers from Northern Virginia,” Invited Speaker, Historic Centreville Society, March 26, 2022.

“Slave Patrols in Northern Virginia, 1800-1860,” Invited Speaker, Coming To The Table, Shenandoah Valley Regional Affiliation, March 25, 2021.

“Freedom Stories in the Free Black Papers,” at the “Expanded Access to History: Digitization of Loudoun's Free Black and Enslaved Papers, 1757-1865” program hosted by the Loudoun County Circuit Court Historic Records Division, the Loudoun County Public Library, and the Virginia Humanities, February 22, 2021.

“Remaining in the Commonwealth Contrary to Law’: Enforcing Residency Restrictions against Freed Persons of Color in Early Virginia,” accepted for the 2021 American Historical Association annual meeting.



“Down in the Documents: Slave Patrols in Fauquier County,” Invited Speaker, Online Presentation, The Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, The Plains, Virginia, September 23, 2020.

“Women’s Suffrage and Narratives of History,” Invited Speaker, Honors College Summer Colloquium, George Mason University, July 14, 2020.

“Free liberty to visit his friends’: Creating Spaces of Quasi-Freedom for Enslaved Virginians,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, November 10, 2019.

“Choosing to be free or not as they think proper’: Manumission as a Strategic Decision in Northern Virginia,” Virginia Forum, Longwood University, March 15, 2019.

Panel Commentator, “A Horrible Intimacy: A Conversation with Melvin Patrick Ely about his new book project on relations between enslaved people and white people in the Farmville region,” Virginia Forum, Longwood University, March 16, 2019.

“The Meaning of Freedom in an Era of Enslavement,” Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History, Bull Run Library, Manassas, Virginia. February 5, 2019.

“Making History Important,” Wakefield High School History Honor Society Ceremony, Guest Speaker, Arlington, Virginia, November 29, 2018.

“Stories of Resistance and Persistence: Enslaved Women in Prince William County.” Manassas Lifelong Learning Institute, Manassas, Virginia. April 11, 2018.

Panel Commentator, Slavery and Digital Humanities Session, Current Research in Digital History conference, March 17, 2018, Arlington, Virginia.

“Resistance and Persistence: Enslaved Women in Prince William County.” Virginia Women in History Presentation. Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center for Genealogy and Local History, Bull Run Library, Manassas, Virginia. October 17, 2017.

“Within These Walls: Slavery, Resistance, and Protest in Prince William County 1822 to 1860.” Invited Speaker. Brentsville, VA Historic Centre Jail Opening Ceremony. May 13, 2017.

“Freedom Seekers, Public Opinion and the Law.” Invited speaker. Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Talks. Oatlands Plantation, Leesburg, Virginia. February 20, 2016.

“Slave Trials at Brentsville, Virginia in the 1850s.” Invited speaker. “Lest We Forget”: A Conference on Enslavement and Emancipation. Prince William County Historic Preservation Division. February 22, 2013.

“Murder, Law, Sympathy, and Justice in 1850 Virginia: The Prince William County Trial of Agnes, an Enslaved Woman.” George Mason Department of History and Art History M.A. Colloquium, Fairfax, Virginia, April 21, 2010.

## **DIGITAL HISTORY**

“Enslaved Persons at the Brentsville Jail,” Brentsville Jail Sneak Peek #5, May 2017, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=99fiSkxVt8>.

“The 1857 Journeys of Richard Beach: Transporting Convicted Slaves in 1857 Virginia.” <<http://novohistoria.net/SlaveTransport1857/Beach.html>> (archived)

“Minnesota Family Relief During the Civil War.”< <http://mncivilwarfamily.omeka.net/>>



## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County, VA  
American Historical Association  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History  
Coming to the Table, Race and Reconciliation Group, Shenandoah Valley Region  
Coordinating Council for Women in History  
Golden Key International Honor Society  
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society  
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
Southern Association for Women Historians – Treasurer, 2020-2024  
Southern Historical Association  
Washington Early American Seminar  
Virginia Forum

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORK GROUPS

Inclusive Excellence Curriculum Revision Grant Team: Redesigning “Introduction to World History” (HIST 125), a GMU Core Course, for Global Understanding Outcomes, 2022  
Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing Intensive Course Development Cohort, GMU, 2022  
Omohundro Institute: "From Dissertation to Manuscript: De-Mystifying the Process"  
Coffeetable Group, 2021  
Omohundro Institute: Just Write Coffeetable Group, 2021  
George Mason University – Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning – Professional Development Certifications – ongoing, 2021-2023  
Writing Across the Curriculum: Faculty Writing Sprints and Retreats, GMU, (2020-present)  
GMU – Center for Humanities Research Work Groups: Queer Readings Group; Northern Virginia Work Group; Critical Race Theory Reading Group; Early Americas Work Group; and Slavery Studies Reading Group  
GMU – Writing Across the Curriculum: Writing Retreat Participant  
Learning For Justice: Teaching Hard History Professional Development Certificates

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Treasurer, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2020 – present  
Teaching Excellence Awards Consultant, Stearns Center for Teaching and Learning, GMU, 2023  
Center for Mason Legacies Affiliate, George Mason University, 2020 – present  
Expert Advisory Committee Member, Virginia Commonwealth University Initiative “Deeply Rooted: History’s Lessons for Equity in Northern Virginia,” 2020-2021,  
<https://historyfortomorrow.org/>  
Guest Panelist, Dr. Eric Eisner’s ENG 301 Class on Toni Morrison’s *A Mercy*, George Mason University, November 12, 2019.  
Mason Core Courses Assessment Committee Work – George Mason University  
Reviewer – Mason Core Inquiry Courses, 2019  
Reviewer – Capstone and Synthesis Courses, 2018  
Reviewer – Western Civilization & World History Courses, 2018  
Assessment Rubric Development Team Member - Western Civ & World History, 2017  
Invited Speaker. “Making History Important,” Wakefield High School History Honor Society, Arlington, Virginia, November 29, 2018



Career Influencer Network Member, George Mason University, 2018 – present

Virginia History Day, District 5, Alexandria, Virginia

2022: Junior Historical Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2021: Senior Historical Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2020: Junior Historical Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2019: Senior Exhibits Division Judge

2017 and 2018: Senior Historical Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2013 and 2014: Junior Historical Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2010 – 2012: Junior Historical Paper Division Judge

National History Day Judge, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

2017: Junior Paper Division Judge, Team Captain

2014: Junior Group Website Division Judge

2012: Senior Group Website Division Judge, Team Captain