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## Academic Appointments

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Assistant Professor, U.S. History, *University of North Carolina, Charlotte*, 2017 –  
Mellon Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Digital Scholarship Lab, *University of Richmond*, 2015-2017  
Visiting Scholar, *American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, 2014-2015

## Education

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Ph.D., History, *University of Virginia*, 2014  
B.A., History, *Hamilton College*, honors in history, 2003

## Publications

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### Books:

*The American Way of Growth: Business, Poverty, and Development in the American Century* (under contract, University of Pennsylvania Press, series: Politics and Culture in Modern America)  
*Political History Unbound: Crisis and Continuity in 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. History*, edited with Lily Gesimer and Mason B. Williams (in review)

### Articles:

“Creative Competition: The TVA, Georgia Power, and the Forging of a Rural Consumer Market, 1933-1955” (forthcoming, *Journal of American History*)  
“Clio and the Compound Republic,” *Publius*, (2017) 47 (2): 235-259, with Karen Tani and Mason B. Williams

## **Book Chapters:**

“The Antigovernment Impulse: The Modern Presidency, the Market, and the Splintering Common Good,” in Roger Biles and Mark Rose, eds., *The President and American Capitalism Since 1945* (University Press of Florida, forthcoming, 2017)

“They were the moving spirits’: Business and Supply-Side Liberalism in the Postwar South,” in Kimberly Phillips-Fein and Richard John, eds., *Capital Gains: Business and Politics in the Twentieth Century* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

## **Other Articles and Review Essays:**

“On the Smithsonian’s American Enterprise Exhibit: The Value of Structurally Sound History,” *American Quarterly*, December 2016, Volume 68, Issue 4, 1061-1079.

“Capitalism’s Life Blood,” *Reviews in American History*, Vol. 44, No. 4., December 2016, 561-568.

“Liberated as Hell: Autonomy, Precarity, and the Ways of Modern Work,” *Hedgehog Review*, Vol. 18, No. 1, Spring 2016, 34-45.

“Markets and Morals in the ‘Capitalism Turn’: A Review of Recent Scholarship on the Culture of Economic Life,” with Stephen Macekura, Christina McRorie, and Julia Ticona, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 99, No. 2 (2016), 136-170.

## **Book Reviews and Reference Essays:**

“The Great Society,” in *The American Yamp*, ed. Joseph Locke and Ben Wright, 2014.

Review, Michael Bowen, *The Roots of Modern Conservatism: Dewey, Taft, and the Battle for the Soul of the Republican Party in Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* (Fall 2012).

## **Selected Digital History Projects**

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“Renewing Inequality: Mapping Urban Renewal, 1954-1974,” in *American Panorama*, Digital Scholarship Lab, University of Richmond, (forthcoming 2017)

## **Awards and Fellowships**

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Associate Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2011-2017

Dissertation Fellow, Miller Center, 2013-2014

Roberts Fellow, Eisenhower Institute, 2013-2014

Fellow, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, 2012-2013  
Fellow, Bankard Fund for Political Economy, University of Virginia, 2012-2013  
John Anson Kittridge Educational Fund Research Award, 2012-2013  
Best Graduate Instructor Award, Department of History, University of Virginia, 2011-2012  
Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter (Dissertation Award), Gerald R. Ford  
Presidential Library, 2011-2012  
Social Science History Association Conference, Graduate Student Paper Award, 2010

## **Talks, Comments, and Public Presentations**

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- “Mindless Cannibals: Newt Gingrich and the Politics of Polarization and Impeachment,” Invited Paper, “The Nineties” Conference, Purdue University, March 2-3, 2017, Lafayette, IN.
- “Making ‘love to our entrepreneurs’: Localism and the Rise of *Post*-industrial Policy, 1972-1995,” American Historical Association Meeting, January 2017, Denver, CO.
- “Whither Neoliberalism? An Interdisciplinary Conversation on Neoliberalism’s Role in the City and Its Place in Historical Scholarship,” Roundtable, American Historical Association Meeting, January 2017, Denver, CO.
- “Deregulating the War on Poverty: Or, Restoring the Urban New Deal Order, 1967-1974,” Urban History Association Conference, October 15, 2016, Chicago, IL.
- Panelist: “What do the humanities have to say to urbanists?” Human/Ties, September 16, 2016, Charlottesville, VA (Conference celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities).
- “Making ‘love to our entrepreneurs’: *Post*-industrial Policy and the Nationalization of American Politics, 1972-1995,” Policy History Conference, June 4, 2016, Nashville, TN.
- “The American Way of Growth,” May 10, 2016, National Museum of American History Colloquium Series, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.
- “Liberated as Hell,” Markets and Morals Symposium, April 15, 2016, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture and Institute for New Economic Thinking, Charlottesville, VA. (Co-organizer)
- “Political History Beyond the Liberalism-Conservatism Paradigm,” Roundtable, Organization of American Historians Meeting, April 9, 2016, Providence, RI.
- “The Antigovernment Impulse: The Modern Presidency, the Market, and the Splintering Public Good,” The Presidency and American Capitalism since 1945, Alan B. Larkin Symposium on the American Presidency, Florida Atlantic University, February 17-18, 2016

Comment, Jonathan Levy, “From Fiscal Triangle to Passing Through,” MadCap: Movements and Directions in Capitalism Symposium, U.Va., Charlottesville, VA, October 19, 2015.

“Revisiting the Question of Federalism: Intergovernmental State-building and the New Deal Roots of Urban Liberalism and Sunbelt Conservatism,” with Mason B. Williams, September 24, 2015, “Beyond the New Deal Order,” Center for the Study of Work, Labor, and Democracy, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

“The Legacies of Urban Renewal,” Thriving Cities Conference, August 6, 2015, Portland, OR.

“Bootstraps Nation: A History of Entrepreneurial Self-Help in Modern America,” Hoover Institution Archives Workshop on Political Economy, Stanford University, June 26, 2015, Stanford, CA.

“Creative Competition: The TVA, Georgia Power, and the Forging of a Rural Consumer Market, 1933-1955,” Institute for Political History, Boston University, April 1, 2015, Boston, MA

“Creative Competition: The TVA, Georgia Power, and the Forging of a Rural Consumer Market, 1933-1955,” American Academy of Arts and Sciences, March 10, 2015, Cambridge, MA.

“Our ‘responsibility to the city and the people of Cleveland’: The Rise of Business Producerism and Municipal Default in Cleveland, Ohio,” Histories of American Capitalism Conference, November 2014, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

“Our ‘responsibility to the city and the people of Cleveland’: Business Producerism and Municipal Default in 1970s Cleveland, Ohio,” Urban History Association Conference, October 2014, Philadelphia, PA.

“Pro Growth v. Pro Market: Building and Burying the Developmental State,” Policy History Conference, June, 2014, Columbus, OH.

“Developmental State,” Miller Center Fellows Conference, May 8, 2014, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

“Pro Growth v. Pro Market: Local Businessmen, Economic Development and Forging the Developmental State in Rural Georgia, 1938-1965,” Business and Politics in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America Conference, Hagley Museum and Library, November 8, 2013, Wilmington, DE.

“Deregulatory State Building: The Case of General Revenue Sharing, 1972-1986,” Policy History Conference, June, 2012, Richmond, VA.

“Government’s Invisible Hand: Free Market Myths & Government’s Role in Shaping Housing Opportunity and Economic Inequality,” FLASH Seminar, University of Virginia, April 24, 2012.

Comment, Matthew Lassiter, “From ‘Generation Gap’ to ‘Just Say No’: Suburban Politics and the War on Drugs from the 1960s to the 1980s,” Colloquium, Miller Center, April 13, 2012.

Business History Doctoral Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA, March 29, 2012

“Public-Private Governance in an era of ‘Neoliberal’ Policy Prescriptions: The Case of Cleveland, Ohio, 1979-1989,” Organization of American Historians Conference, March 2012, Milwaukee, WI.

“The Policy Limits of Populist Conservatism: Federalism and White Ethnic Politics in Cleveland, Ohio, 1971-1980,” History of the Contemporary United States Conference, July 2011, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, U.K.

“Small Government Politics / Big Government Policies: The Rise of Working Class Republicans, 1971-1980,” Boston University Graduate History Conference, April 2011, Boston University, Boston, MA.

“Electoral Capture and the Pro-Life Religious Right: Single Issue Voters in America’s Polarized Two Party System,” Social Science History Association Conference, November 2010, Chicago, IL.

## Published Commentary

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“The Problem of Progressive Cities and the Property Tax,” *The Atlantic’s* CityLab, August 18, 2017

“Democrats Don’t Need Another Barack Obama,” *New Republic*, November 15, 2016

“They Were Made for Each Other: How Newt Gingrich laid the groundwork for Donald Trump’s rise,” *New Republic*, July 11, 2016 (with Nicole Hemmer)

“Restoring Security by (Re)discovering the Culture of Flexible Work,” *Public Seminar*, June 2, 2016

“Government, big or small: Presidents from Nixon to Obama have promised to streamline government, but in truth they’ve usually found uses for government power instead,” *Los Angeles Times*, January 23, 2012

“The Tea Party: It’s All About Us,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, Sunday Insights, March 20, 2011

## Teaching

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The Age of Reagan: U.S. Society and Politics since 1968, UNCC, *Fall 2017*

U.S. History since 1865, UNCC, *Fall 2017*

Instructor, University of Virginia, *Spring 2011*

History Behind the Headlines: An Introduction to American Political Development  
(cross-listed in History and Political Science)

Adviser, Undergraduate Independent Research Project in History, *Fall 2010*

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia, *2008-2010*

History of the Civil Rights Movement, Prof. Julian Bond

U.S. Society and Politics since 1945, Prof. Jennifer Burns

Russian History since 1917, Prof. Jeffrey Rossman

History of Espionage in the United States, Prof. Gerald Haines

English Teacher, Millbrook School, Millbrook, NY, *2005-2007*

Solebury School, New Hope, PA, *2004-2005*

## **Selected Service and Professional Activities**

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Co-editor and contributor, *Bunk*

Director, 2015-2016, Program on Culture, Capitalism and Global Change, Institute for Advanced  
Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, co-director, 2013 – 2015

Project Investigator, Thriving Cities Project, 2012 – 2017

## **Selected Interviews and Media Mentions**

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Ryan Reft, “Segregation in the City of Angels: A 1939 Map of Housing Inequality in L.A.,” *KCET*,  
January 19, 2017.

Camila Domonoske, “Interactive Redlining Map Zooms in on America’s History of  
Discrimination,” *NPR*, October 19, 2016

Kim Phillips-Fein, “The Roots of American Conservatism,” *The Nation*, May 4, 2016

Geoffrey Kabaservice, “Dave Brat and the Rise of Right-Wing Populism,” *Politico Magazine*, June 12,  
2014

Kim Curtis, “‘History Behind the Headlines’ Course Features Miller Center Colloquium Series,” *UVa  
Today*, January 25, 2011