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EDUCATION:

1995 University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), Ph.D.
1988 University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), M.A.
1985 Trinity College, A.B.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

2002-Present Associate Professor, History, State University of New York, Potsdam College
1998-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Centre College
1991-1998 Instructor, History & American Studies, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)
Fall 1997 Visiting Lecturer, History, North Carolina State University
1995-1996 Visiting Assistant Professor, History, Elon College

PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Articles:

“Speculations on the Genealogy of Deism in New York, 1700-1850.” *New York History* 89 (Winter 2008): 43-54.

“Filial Piety, Infidel Yale, and Memory Making in Lyman Beecher’s *Autobiography*.” *The New England Quarterly* 80 (March 2007): 134-39.

“National History in the Age of Michelet, Macauley, and Bancroft,” in Lloyd Kramer and Sarah Maza, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Western Historical Thought*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.

Sentiment and Celebrity: Nathaniel Parker Willis and the Trials of Literary Fame. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

“Congregational Orthodoxy and Literary Gentility in the 1820s: The Case of Nathaniel Parker Willis.” *Retrospection: The New England Graduate Review in American History and American Studies* 4 (Fall 1991): 73-81.

Publications in Progress:

American Illuminati: Deism and Politics in the Early Republic. Book manuscript in process.

“Aaron Burr and the Election of 1800: The Letter as Smoking Gun.” Article under review.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries:

Charles L. Ponce de Leon, *Self-Exposure: Human-Interest Journalism and the Emergence of Celebrity in America, 1890-1940*, in *American Periodicals* (forthcoming).

Sara S. Gronin, *Everyday Nature: Knowledge of the Natural World in Colonial New York*, in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 105 (Autumn 2007): 696-97.

Andrew C. Reiser, *The Chautauqua Moment: Protestants, Progressives, and the Culture of Modern Liberalism*, in *New York History* 85 (Fall 2004): 407-08.

Reeve Huston, *Land and Freedom: Rural Society, Popular Protest, and Party Politics in Antebellum New York*, H-SHEAR, H-Net Reviews, July 2002.

Entries on "George Lunt" and "Robert Shelton Mackenzie," in *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

Michael Newbury, *Figuring Authorship in Antebellum America*, H-SHEAR, H-NET Reviews, June 1998.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

"Responding to Celebrity in Nineteenth-Century America." Commentator for panel at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, October 2007.

"Religion in the Shadow of Enlightenment: Varieties of Deism in the Early American Republic." Commentator for panel at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, PA, July 2005.

"Speculations on the Genealogy of Deism in New York, 1700-1850." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Providence, RI, July 2004.

"Trouble at West Point: The Stormy Tenure of George Baron, Teacher of Mathematics." Invited talk given at the Bicentennial Celebration of the *Mathematical Correspondent*, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA, April 2004.

"Speculations on the Genealogy of Deism in New York, 1700-1850." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY, November 2003.

"Trouble at West Point: The Stormy Tenure of George Baron, Teacher of Mathematics." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Researching New York Conference, Albany, NY, November 2002.

"Private Lives and Public Characters: N. P. Willis and the Threshold of Celebrity." Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Pittsburgh, PA, November 1995.

"What to do with Pierre? Using *Northern Exposure* in the Introductory History Course." Paper delivered at the Third Annual Wisconsin Conference on Teaching History, Waukesha, WI, April 1995.

“‘Kitchen Testimony’: Servants, Character, and Credibility in the Forrest Case, 1851-1852.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 1993.

“Fourier in the Parlor: The Case of Catherine Forrest.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Chapel Hill, NC, July 1993.

“Congregational Orthodoxy and Literary Gentility in the 1820s: The Case of Nathaniel Parker Willis.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Graduate Student American Studies Association, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 1991.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2009 **Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies**, Charlottesville, VA
Short-term Fellow
- 2004 **NEH Summer Seminar: Reflections on American Values, Society, and Politics**,
SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, NY
Participant
- 2001 **NEH Summer Seminar: “Roots”—The African Background of American Culture
Through the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Participant
- 1997 & 1999 **Taft Educational Center**, Watertown, CT
Instructor: Taught weeklong summer workshop on “Popular Music and American
Culture” for secondary school teachers.
- 1999 **Student/Faculty Collaborative Research**, Centre College, Danville, KY
Mentor: Guided undergraduate summer research project on Centre College’s “Sinking
Spring.”
- 1997 & 1998 **Summer Seminar in the History of the Book in American Culture**, American
Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA
Participant
- 1995-1998 **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill
Academic Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences: Advised several hundred
undergraduates on academic and career matters.
- 1988-1995 **Graduate Honor Court**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Member
- 1988-1989 **Graduate History Society**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
President