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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History (2023), University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Dissertation: “The Kids Were Alt-Right: Radical Right Youth Activism and the Origins of the White Power Movement, 1960-1980”; Chair: Anastasia Curwood

Examination Fields: African American History; U.S. History 1865- Present; Twentieth Century Europe, Emphasis on Authoritarian Movements

M.A., History (2017), University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

B.A., History (2015), Auburn University, Auburn, AL

ACCADEMIC POSITIONS

J David Rosenberg College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2023-Present

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

LAW 972-002- Civil Rights and Restorative Justice in Kentucky Clinic (Fall 2023/Spring 2024)

Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 2015-2023

LECTURER

HIS 240- History of Kentucky (Spring 2023)

HIS 121- War and Society, 1914-1945 (Summer 2022); (Winter 2020)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

HIS 122- War and Society Since 1945 (Spring 2021)

HIS 109-History of the United States: 1877-Present (Fall 2020); (Spring 2017); (Fall 2016)

HIS 323-The Holocaust (Spring 2018)

HIS 108-History of the United States Thru 1876 (Fall 2017)

HIS 130- Drugs and Alcohol in Western Civilization (Spring 2016)

HIS 112-The Making of Modern Kentucky (Fall 2015)

PRESENTATIONS

ACCADEMIC CONFERENCES

Panel Paper, “Before the Internet: Trolling, Dress-Up, and Homosocial Communities of Hate within 1960s Radical Right Wing Youth Groups,” “Masculinity in the Far-Right,” *Conference*

on Supremacism and Authoritarianism, Institute for Research on Male Supremacism (IRMS), Berkeley, California, December 2, 2022.

Panel Paper, “The Other Side of the Counter Culture: George Lincoln Rockwell and the Development of a White Power Youth Movement,” “Seeding Movements: Youth Mobilization and Funding in U.S. History,” *Conference on Right-Wing Studies*, Berkeley, California, May 12, 2021.

Panel Paper, “From Wallace to White Power: Willis Carto, William Pierce, and the National Youth Alliance,” “Violence and Political History,” *Ohio Valley History Conference*, Frankfort, Kentucky, October 5, 2019.

Panel Chair, “Personalities and Politics in Kentucky History, from the Antebellum Era to New Deal,” *Ohio Valley History Conference*, Frankfort, Kentucky, October 5, 2019.

Panel Paper, “‘So We Continued’: Kentucky’s NAACP Youth Councils and the Struggle Against Discrimination on the Border,” *Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting and Conference*, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 28, 2017.

INVITED TALKS AND PAPERS

Paper, “Violence, Black Appalachia, and Redress: Lessons from the University of Kentucky’s Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic,” Law Review Symposium, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky, March 22, 2024 (forthcoming).

Invited Talk, “Work-Life Balance as a Graduate Student,” HIS 750-Professional Development Seminar, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, October 30, 2023.

Invited Talk, “The Jan. 6 Capital Insurrection and Youth Extremism: A Brief Response,” 5 *Turning Points on the Road to Insurrection*, College of Arts & Sciences Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Martin Luther King Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, April 23, 2021.

Guest Lecture, “The Vietnam War,” HIS 122-War and Society Since 1945, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, February 2021.

Guest Lecture, “Black Civil Rights, Red Fears: The Freedom Movement and the Cold War,” HIS 351- The Cold War, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, June 2019.

Paper, “Youth Activists in the Bluegrass: Kentucky’s Forgotten NAACP Youth Councils,” History Graduate Student Association Work in Progress Workshop, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, September 19, 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLE (co-author)

Chip Berlet, Kendall Sewell, Matthew Wentz, and Austin Zinkle, “Reflections From a Lifetime of Activism. An Interview with Chip Berlet,” *disclosure: A Journal of Social Theory*: Vol. 29, Article 7 (2020).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Charles Dodd White, How Fire Runs in *The Journal of Appalachian Studies*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (Spring 2022): pp. 105-107.

Review of Stephanie R. Rolph, Resisting Equality: The Citizens’ Council, 1954-1989 in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Vol. 118, No. 2 (Spring 2020): pp. 379-382.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Kirwan-Elliott Award for Excellence in History, Department of History, University of Kentucky, April 2023.

Kentucky Chapter Fellowship, Scholars Strategy Network, August 2022-May 2023.

Department of History Nomination; Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Kentucky, Spring 2022.

Bryan Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Spring 2022.

Mary Wilma Hargreaves Memorial Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Summer 2021.

George Herring Graduate Fellowship, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Summer 2021.

College of Arts and Sciences Block Funding, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Summer 2021.

Research Assistantship, Derrick White, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Fall 2020.

Graduate Editorial Assistantship, Kentucky Historical Society, August 2018-July 2020.

Research Assistantship, Institutional Diversity Project, University of Kentucky, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Research Assistantship, Anastasia Curwood, University of Kentucky, 2016-2019.

Teaching Assistantship, University of Kentucky, 2015-2021.

PROFESSIONAL WORK AND SERVICE

Planning Committee, Racial Violence in Central Kentucky Symposium, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2024 (tentative).

Co-Leader and Organizer, Civil Rights and Restorative Justice in Kentucky Community Celebration, May 10, 2024 (forthcoming).

Mentor, Incoming History Graduate Students, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2016-Spring 2023.

Judge, National History Day in Kentucky State Contest, Lexington, Kentucky, April 23, 2022; April 22, 2023.

Graduate Representative, Planning and Priorities Committee, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2021-Spring 2023.

Co-Organizer, Meet & Greet and Op-Ed Workshop, Scholars Strategy Network Kentucky Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky, December 9, 2022.

Conference Facilitator and Volunteer, Southern Association for Women Historians Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, June 9-12, 2022.

Graduate Student Congress Representative, Department of History, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Book Review Editor, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky, August 2018- July 2020.

Judge, National History Day in Kentucky Regional Contest, Louisville, Kentucky, March 15, 2020.

Member of Interviewing Committee, Associate Editor job search, *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky, December 2019-February 2020.

Reference Desk Aide, Martin F. Schmidt Library, Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky, December 2018- January 2020.

Social Media Manager and Operator, Ohio Valley History Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky, October 3-4, 2019.

Assistant Conference Organizer, Ohio Valley History Conference, Frankfort, Kentucky, October 3-5, 2019.

Researcher, Institutional Diversity Project, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2018- Spring 2019.

Grant Writer, The Campus Kitchen at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Member of Local Organizing Committee; Conference Facilitator and Volunteer, Midwest Conference on British Studies, Lexington, Kentucky, September 14-16, 2018.

President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Summer 2018-May 2019.

Executive Committee, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, University of Kentucky Chapter, Lexington, Kentucky, Spring 2018-Spring 2019.

Mentor, Community Advocate, and Volunteer, The Campus Kitchen at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2015-Spring 2019.

Vice President, History Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Summer 2017-May 2018.

Co-Editor and Co-Designer, Department of History Newsletter, University of Kentucky, 2017-2018.

Co-Director and Workshop Organizer, Annual University of Kentucky/University of Tennessee History Graduate Student Colloquium, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 13, 2018.

Social Secretary, History Graduate Student Association, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Fall 2016-May 2017.

Participant and Attendee, Annual University of Kentucky/University of Tennessee History Graduate Student Colloquium, Lexington, Kentucky, Spring 2017.

Volunteer Coordinator, The Campus Kitchen at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, Fall 2013-Spring 2015.

Internship, East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville, Tennessee, May 2013-July 2013.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)

Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)

Organization of American Historians (OAH)

Southern Historical Association (SHS)

Phi Alpha Theta