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Education

June 2025: PhD in U.S. History, focusing on the U.S. West and Pacific, with a Designated Emphasis in Native American Studies, the University of California, Davis

Dissertation: “Mormons, Pacific Islanders, and the Boundaries of Belonging in the Age of Empire”

May 2015: MA in U.S. History, with a focus on women’s and religious history, University of Utah.
Examination passed with distinction.

May 2010: Honors Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, minors in Religious Studies and Mathematics, University of Utah

Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, University of Utah, HIST 1700, U.S. History survey course (Fall 2024), and HIST 4660, History of Utah (Spring 2025)
- Instructor, Teaching Assistant Training Course, Department of History, UC Davis (Winter 2022)
- Associate Instructor, Department of History, UC Davis, HIS 17B, U.S. History Since 1865 (Summer 2021)
- Teaching Assistant, Department of History, UC Davis (September 2018–June 2022)
 - Teaching Assistant for first and second half of U.S. history, second half U.S. women’s and gender history

Public History Projects

- Lead Research Assistant for Women in the Parks Bios Project through UC Davis for the National Park Service, writing bios on parks in the North American West and Pacific region (June 2020–April 2021)
 - <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/womenshistoryinthepacificwest.htm>
- Research Assistant for Empire Suffrage Syllabus project published through Women and Social Movements, <https://documents.alexanderstreet.com/empire-suffrage-syllabus/home> (April 2020–October 2020)
- Research Assistant for the History Project, UC Davis (Winter 2020, Summer 2019). Helped create content and resources for K-12 instruction, and also helped write and submit a successful NEH Landmarks of American History and Cultures Workshop grant.

Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor of History, Utah State University (August 2025–present)
- Graduate Writing Fellow for Graduate Writing Across the Curriculum Program, providing weekly feedback on graduate student writing (September 2021–June 2022)
- Wakeman Fellow, part of a team who developed a Grad Map for navigating graduate school for the History Department at UC Davis (September 2019–September 2021)
- Graduate Assistant for Nineteenth-Century North American Speaker Series at UC Davis (January 2020–March 2020)
- Personal Voices Editor, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* (February 2024–present)
- Book Review Editor, *Latter-day Saint Historical Studies* (September 2017–present)
- Research Assistant in Women’s History, LDS Church History Library (September 2015–August 2017). Listed as research specialist in the publication titled *At the Pulpit: 185 Years of Latter-day Saint Women’s Discourses* (Salt Lake City: Church Historian’s Press, 2017). Also worked on the history of the LDS Young Women organization.
- Research Assistant for Dr. Colleen McDannell on her book *Sister Saints: Mormon Women Since the End of Polygamy* (Oxford University Press, 2018) (May 2014–May 2016)

- Research Assistant for other scholars in women’s history and Mormon history (May 2015–July 2017)
- Research Intern with the Joseph Smith Papers, Church History Library (May 2015–September 2015, December 2012–August 2013)
- Academic Program Manager and Recruitment Specialist in the Honors College, University of Utah (May 2010–December 2012)
- Manuscripts organizer in Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library (January 2009–May 2010)

Selected Scholarly Presentations

- “Mormon Identities in the Pacific,” Mormon Women’s History Initiative Team (MWHIT) Breakfast Lecture, Mormon History Association (June 2024)
- “Becoming American in the Pacific,” Snow College Convocation Lecture Series (March 2024)
- “To Make Saints: Children, Kinship, and Belonging in the Pacific,” Tanner Humanities Center Work in Progress Talk (February 2024)
- “Connections Between Mormon Schools in the Pacific and North American West in the Nineteenth Century,” Western History Association (October 2023)
- “Beginnings of LDS Church-Run Schools in the Pacific,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2023)
- “Music and Mormon Missionization Efforts in the Pacific,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2022)
- “Becoming American in the Pacific: Mormons and Religious Imperialism in Samoa,” Western History Association Conference (October 2020)
- “To Make Saints: Concerns about Mormon Migrations from the Pacific in the 1890s,” Western History Association Conference (October 2019)
- “Creating Good Mormons in the Pacific: Struggles of Standardization in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2019)
- “Mormon Fascination with the Samoan Body in the Nineteenth Century,” Western History Association Conference (October 2018)
- “Detained at the Border: Concerns about Mormon Colonization efforts of Samoans in 1894,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2018)
- “Degraded Customs but Honest Souls: The Arguments for Building the Mormon Empire in the Pacific,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2017) and a sponsored panel at the Western History Association Conference (November 2017)
- “Rhetoric versus Reality: Mormon Women’s Diaries and Domesticity in the early Twentieth Century,” Mormon History Association Conference (June 2015)

Publications

- Joanna Capps, Daniel Castaneda, Stacey Greer, Constance Holden, Kathryn Morgan, and Charlotte Terry, “Citizenship, Race, and Place: Frontiers in Asian American History,” in *Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas*, ed. by Lynn M. O’Hara (College Park, MD: National History Day, 2022), 19–23.
- Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor, Lisa G. Materson, and Charlotte Hansen Terry, “Women, Empire, and Commemoration in the North American West and Pacific,” National Park Service, March 2022, <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/women-empire-and-commemoration-in-pacific-west.htm>
- Rebecca Jo Plant, Ellen Hartigan-O’Connor, Lisa G. Materson, Katherine Marino, Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Charlotte Hansen Terry, Faith Bennett, Emma Chapman, and Samantha de Vera, “Empire Suffrage Syllabus Roundtable,” *Women and Social Movements in the United States* 25, no. 2 (Alexander Street Press, October 2021).
- Review of *Kingdom of Nauvoo: The Rise and Fall of a Religious Empire on the American Frontier*, by Benjamin E. Park, *Western Historical Quarterly* 52, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 107–108.
- Review of *Your Sister in the Gospel: The Life of Jane Manning James, a Nineteenth-Century Black Mormon* by Quincy D. Newell, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 53, no. 3 (Fall 2020): 173–177.

- Review Essay, “Tipping the Scales: LDS Women and Power in Recent Scholarship,” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 53, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 198–203.
- Review of *Decolonizing Mormonism: Approaching a Postcolonial Zion*, edited by Joanna Brooks and Gina Colvin, *Journal of Mormon History* 46, no. 2 (April 2020): 150–152.
- Review of *A Chosen People, A Promised Land: Mormonism and Race in Hawai‘i* by Hokulani K. Aikau, *Journal of Mormon History* 44, no. 2 (April 2018): 149–151.
- Review of *Helen Andelin and the Fascinating Womanhood Movement* by Julie Debra Neuffer, *Utah Historical Quarterly* 83, no. 3 (Summer 2015): 240–242.
- “Eugene England’s Calculated Risk: The Struggle for Academic Freedom and Religious Dialogue,” *Sunstone* issue 161 (December 2010): 38–42. Full Honors thesis available in the J. Willard Marriott Library.

Academic Honors and Awards

- Mormon Studies Graduate Research Fellowship at the Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah (August 2023–May 2024)
- Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship (July 2022–September 2023)
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow at The Huntington Library (March–April 2023)
- Mormon Studies Graduate Research Fellowship at the Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, 2022–2023 academic year (declined)
- Rosenbloom Scholar in Applied History, Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2021)
- Seminar Participant in the Consultation on Latter-day Saint Women in Comparative Perspective with Kate Holbrook and Laurie Maffly-Kipp, sponsored by the Maxwell Institute (Summer 2019–Summer 2022)
- Charles Redd Center Summer Award recipient for off-campus upper division and graduate students (Summer 2020)
- UC Davis History Department Summer Research Funds Recipient (Summer 2019)
- Provost’s First Year Fellowship at UC Davis (2017–2018)
- Best Graduate Paper Award, Mormon History Association, for “Rhetoric versus Reality: Mormon Women’s Diaries and Domesticity in the early Twentieth Century” (June 2015)

Service

- Secretary for History Graduate Student Association, UC Davis (December 2019–June 2022)
- Student Representative on the Mormon History Association Board (June 2019–June 2021)
- Graduate Student Association Representative for History Department (September 2018–September 2021)
- Graduate Representative on the Undergraduate Instruction and Program Review Committee (November 2019–June 2020)
- Contributing blogger to the Juvenile Instructor (March 2018–present)
- Volunteer, Room Moderator for Utah State Historical Society Conference (September 2016, October 2015, September 2014)
- Volunteer Coordinator, Mormon History Association Conference (June 2016)
- Judge, Utah State History Day for High School and Junior High Students (April 2016, April 2015, April 2024, April 2025)

Professional Affiliations

Western History Association
Mormon History Association