

## Courtney L. Kisat Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Positions:

- Asst. Professor of History
- Program Coordinator, Secondary Social Studies Education Program  
Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
August 2014–present.

### Education

- Ph.D., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 2013. Dissertation: “To Give or Not to Give: Interactions Between Rural Relief Clients and Social Workers During the Emergency Relief Period of the Great Depression, 1933 to 1935.”  
*Elizabeth Eames Dissertation Scholarship Award from SIUC-Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – February, 2012*
- Illinois Teacher Certification in Secondary Education, Social Studies Endorsement  
McKendree College, Lebanon, IL, May, 2006.
- M.A., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 2002. Thesis: “Building on a Strong Foundation: the Origins and Evolution of Women's Studies Programs in the United States,” <http://www.worldcat.org/wcpa/ow/51331676>.
- B.A., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 1999.

### Teaching Fields

Modern American history, Social Studies Education, Heritage Education, Oral History, Rural America from 1800 to present

### Research Fields

Poverty Studies, Rural America, Women’s History, Social Studies Education

### Professional Experience

- 2014-present: *Asst. Professor, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO*
- 2012-2013: *Instructor, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN*
- 2007-2013: *Education Coordinator, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Southern Illinois University*
- 2006-2008: *Social Studies Teacher, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Anna, IL*
- 2004-2007: *Adjunct Instructor, McKendree College, Lebanon, IL*
- 2000-2002: *Teaching Assistant, History Department, Southern Illinois University*

## Professional Service

- 2016-present: College of Education Assessment Committee
- 2015-2016: University MLK Planning Committee
- Nov. 2015 & Nov. 2016, Organization and promotion of Department of History Open Houses
- 2015-present: National History Day Committee
- November 2015: Evaluation and feedback on House Bill 1490, academic performance standards for Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education
- 2014-present: Student group advisor, Social Studies Educators Association
- 2011-2012: External Communications Committee, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program
- 2011-2012: Editorial Board of *Teaching with Primary Sources Quarterly*

## Publications

“‘Completely Sold on Birth Control:’ Rural Extension Work of the Kentucky Birth Control League, 1933-1942,” *Kentucky Register* 116(3-4), Fall 2018.

“Build a Social Studies Methods Course on the OER Model,” *The Leader* 5 (2), Fall 2017.

“‘The Language of Pictures:’ Images of Poverty in New Deal America,” in Wylie Lenz, ed. *The Representation of Poverty in Popular Culture: Essays*. McFarland Press, forthcoming 2018.

Book review; Jill S. Greenlee, *The Political Consequences of Motherhood*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2014. *Women’s History: The Journal of the Women’s History Network*, vol. 2, issue 4: 36.

“The History of Poverty in America,” in Odekon, Mehmet A., et al, eds., *The SAGE Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, July, 2015.

“The United Methodist Church and Efforts to Alleviate Poverty,” in Odekon, Mehmet A., et al, eds., *The SAGE Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, July, 2015.

Book review; David Welky, *Everything was Better in America: Print Culture during the Great Depression*. *Southern Historian*, vol. 31, April 2010, p. 129.

<http://southernhistorian.ua.edu/?p=36>

“Slavery in the Ante-Bellum South: Varying the Learning Process with Primary Sources” *Teaching with Primary Sources Quarterly*, vol. 2, no. 1, Winter 2009, p. 11.

[http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/differentiated\\_instruction/pdf/secondary\\_activity.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/differentiated_instruction/pdf/secondary_activity.pdf)

### **Conference Presentations**

““Suffering Under a Great Injustice””: Teaching Japanese-American Internment through Photographs,” Missouri Council for Social Studies, Jefferson City, MO, February 2018.

“Poor Relief Practices of Early Rural Missouri,” Missouri Conference on History by State Historical Society of Missouri, Springfield, MO, March 2017.

“What Do You Stand For? Developing Professional Identity among Pre-Service Teachers,” National Council for Social Studies annual conference, Washington, D.C., Dec. 3, 2016.

“Student Engagement through Problem-Based Learning,” Missouri Council for Social Studies annual conference, February 27, 2016.

“Such Impatience with Differing Opinion: The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom in the 1930s,” Peace History Conference, Miami, FL, Oct. 22, 2011.

“Sell It Back to the People: Placing FSA Photography in a Historical Context,” Illinois Council for Social Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, Oct. 13, 2011.

“Enjoying a Historical Heritage: The Growth of Women’s Studies Programs in the U.S.,” Symposium on Women’s and Gender History, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL, March 10-12, 2005.

“A Woman’s Work is Never Done: Women in Nineteenth Century Southern Illinois,” 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Illinois History; Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, IL Oct. 29, 2004.

### **Teacher Workshops**

Project Director, Mapping Missouri: Geography Education Workshop. Southeast Missouri State University, July 14, 2017.

Project Director, Primary Sources and Local History: A Workshop for Social Studies Teachers. Southeast Missouri State University, July 14-15, 2016.

“Teaching with Digitized Primary Sources,” Southeast Ed-Tech Conference, July 2015.

“Primary Source-based Instruction in Teacher Training Programs,” History of Education Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 7, 2014.

“Common Core State Standards, Social Studies, and Technology: Engaging Students in the Past,” with Jamie Nash-Mayberry, Teachers Institute, Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, October 11, 2013.

“Common Core State Standards, Social Studies, and Technology: Engaging Students in the Past,” with Jamie Nash-Mayberry, Teaching and Lifelong Learning Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, June 2, 2013.

“Meeting Common Core Reading Standards with Primary Sources,” Teaching and Lifelong Learning Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, June 11, 2012.

“Perspectives through Photography: Japanese- American Internment during World War II,” Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Egyptian High School, Ullin, IL. School Enrichment Grant Program, Aug. 1, 2011.

“Think like a Historian - Pedagogical Justifications for Incorporating Primary Sources into the Curriculum.” Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Vienna High School, Vienna, IL; Trail of Tears Teacher Institute, July 13, 2011.

“Utilizing Library of Congress Civil War Sources,” with Amy Wilkinson. Illinois State Historical Society – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Illinois History Symposium, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, April 11, 2011.

“Local History Projects for the K-12 Classroom,” Regional Office of Education 02 Teachers Institute, Ullin, IL, October, 2010.

“American Education in the Digital Age and Beyond: A Discussion for the 21st Century,” Forum on Rural K-12 Education, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Webcast available at: [http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature\\_wdesc.php?rec=4523](http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4523), March, 2009.

“Incorporating Primary Sources into Your Classroom: Library of Congress for Teachers,” Regional Office of Education 02 Teachers Institute, Ullin, IL. Oct. 2008 & Oct. 2009.

### **Other Professional Presentations**

“Teaching Controversial Topics,” a co-presentation at Faculty Development Day at Southeast Missouri State University, August 15, 2018.

“Teaching with Podcasts,” a presentation for a Takeaway Friday to faculty at Southeast Missouri State University. February 2, 2018.

“Count Poor Farms of Missouri,” presentation to Stoddard County Historical Society, November 27, 2017.

“Poor Relief Practices of Early Missouri,” presentation to Dhira Crunkleton’s advanced social work class, Feb. 14, 2017.

“County Poor Farms in Missouri,” Kent Library Antheneum, Sept. 28, 2016.

“Rural Poverty in 1930s America,” Provost’s Faculty Research and Creativity Showcase, Southeast Missouri State University, April 8, 2015.

### **Website Design**

Fall 2014 – present: Development of [www.semo.edu/socialstudies](http://www.semo.edu/socialstudies), a comprehensive site to find all information relating to the program.

Spring 2016: *Primary Source and Local History in the Digital Classroom*. This is a summer institute for social studies teachers of southeast Missouri at <https://pslh2016.wordpress.com/>

Fall 2015: *Open Education Resources in Social Studies*.  
<https://drkisatsocialstudiescurriculum.wordpress.com/>

Spring 2015: *The SEMO District Fair for GH520: Oral History*  
<http://gh520spring2015.wordpress.com/>

2012-2014; *Teaching with Primary Sources*. This website was designed to facilitate online course work and professional development training for EDUC 550 students through Southern Illinois University. [www.tpsteach.com](http://www.tpsteach.com)

### **Grant Writing Workshops and Success**

Academic Leadership Grant to fund travel to Missouri Conference on History by State Historical Society of Missouri, Springfield, MO, March 2017.

Missouri Humanities Council grant for \$2,500 and Southeast Missouri State University Funding for Results match grant for \$7,000.

- “Primary Sources and Local History in the Digital Classroom,” a two-day teachers institute planned for July 14-15, 2016.
- “Mapping Missouri: GIS and Geography Education July 14, 2017.

Grants Writing Workshop, Southeast Missouri State University, June 16-20, 2015.

Academic Leadership Grant to fund travel to Columbia, MO to observe BSED program at Mizzou, April 2015.

Research Fellowship for \$800 to Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Kentucky, June 2014.

Elmer Andersen Research Scholars grant for \$600 from University of Minnesota for research in social work archives, March 2012 (<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/news/announcements/>)

### **Professional and Public Service**

Oral historian for Women’s *March on Washington Archives Project* at the sister march in Carbondale, Illinois, January 21, 2017.

Quality Matters Trained Peer Reviewer, 2016-present

Submission to *Veterans History Project* at Library of Congress, oral history by Marion Brimberry, an Army and Air Force veteran of Cape Girardeau, July 2015.

Bicentennial Focus Group Session for state bicentennial commemoration in Jackson, MO, July 2015.

