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#### **Education:**

- Doctorate Degree in History, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 2013.
- Master of Arts in Teaching with Illinois Teacher Certification in Secondary Education, Social Studies Endorsement, McKendree University, May 2006.
- Master of Arts Degree in History, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 2002.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, May 1999.

### Fields of Specialization:

**Research:** Modern American history with specializations in rural American history, social welfare history, gender studies and pedagogy.

**Teaching:** Early and modern U.S. history, rural American history, Missouri history, Islamic civilizations, and techniques of teaching social studies.

# **Professional Experience:**

- Associate Professor, Department of History and Anthropology, Southeast Missouri State University, August 2019-present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of History and Anthropology, Southeast Missouri State University, 2014-2019.
- Social Studies Education Program Coordinator, Southeast Missouri State University, 2014-present.
- Instructor of History and Social Studies Education, University of Southern Indiana, 2012-2013.
- Education Coordinator, Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program, Southern Illinois University, 2007-2013.
- Social Studies Teacher, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Anna, IL, 2006-2008.
- Social Studies Teacher, Belleville West High School, Belleville, IL, 2006.
- Adjunct Instructor of History, McKendree University, 2004-2007.
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Southern Illinois University, 2000-2002.

### **Professional Membership:**

- Board Member, Missouri Council of History Education, 2021-present
- Board member, Missouri Bar Center Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education, 2018-present.
- Missouri Council of Social Studies, 2014-present.
- Southern Women's Historical Association, 2019-present.
- National Council of Social Studies, 2014-2018.
- American Historical Association, 2011-2015.
- Organization of American Historians, 2015-2016.

#### Peer Reviewed Publications:

- Courtney Kisat, "A Handsome New Home: Social Welfare Reform in Rural Missouri," *Missouri Historical Review* 115 (5) Fall 2020.
- Courtney Kisat, "Mothering a Movement: Women's Clubs in Missouri," *Gateway Heritage: The Magazine of the Missouri Historical Society* (40): 2, Fall 2020, p. 7-13.
- Courtney Kisat, "'The Language of Pictures:' Images of Poverty in New Deal America," in Wylie Lenz, ed. *The Representation of Poverty in Popular Culture: Essays*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland Press, 2020.
- Courtney Kisat, "'Completely Sold on Birth Control:' Rural Extension Work of the Kentucky Birth Control League, 1933-1942," *Kentucky Register* 116 (3-4), Fall 2018.
  - Awarded the Southern Association of Women Historians A. Elizabeth Taylor Prize for the best article of 2018 in the field of southern women's history.
- Courtney Kisat, "Build a Social Studies Methods Course on the OER Model," *National Social Studies Supervisors Association Leader* 5 (2), Fall 2017.

#### **Reviews and Non-Refereed Articles**

- Sarah Eppler Janda and Patricia Loughlin, eds. *This Land Is Herland: Gendered Activism in Oklahoma from the 1870s to the 2010s, Journal of Southern History* 88, no. 3 (2022): 600-601.
- Shireen Ahmed, Amira Rose Davis, Brenda Elsey, Lindsay Gibbs, Jessica Luther. *Burn It All Down*, 2017-20. https://networks.h-net.org/node/84048/reviews/6690833/kisat-ahmed-burn-it-all-down.
- "The History of Poverty in America," in Mehmet Odekon, ed., SAGE Encyclopedia of World Poverty, 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2015.
- "Slavery in the Ante-Bellum South: Varying the Learning Process with Primary Sources," *Teaching with Primary Sources Quarterly* 1(2), Winter 2009.

# **Curricular Development:**

- Development and implementation of undergraduate and graduate courses in a range of formats, including face-to-face, online, ITV/distance learning, and blended classes, including emergency transition of all classes to fully online in 2020.
- Continuous updates and revisions of Bachelor of Science in Education with Social Studies Endorsement program to maintain accreditation and alignment with national and state curriculum standards.
- Development of new graduate courses, including US502: America since 1920; US524: Rural American History: 1800-Present, SE680: Teaching Social Studies with Primary Sources, and GH520: Oral History.
- Continuous updates to social studies education course curriculum to align objectives for accreditation review, increase digital components, address the C3 Framework for Teaching and Learning, and reflect current scholarship in pedagogy as outlined by the National Standards for the Preparation of Social Studies Teachers.

# **Professional Service at Southeast Missouri State University:**

- College of Humanities and Social Sciences College Council, Fall 2021-present
- College of Education, Health and Human Services Assessment Committee, 2015-Present
- National History Day Southeast Missouri Regional Contest Coordinator, 2019-2021
- Social Studies Educators Association faculty advisor, 2014-present
- Quality Matters Online Course Peer Review Committee, Oct. 2016-Aug. 2019

#### Department of History and Anthropology Service:

- Recruitment, Retention, and Persistence Committee: member as of 2017, chairperson, 2022-present
- Social Media Coordinator, 2021-present
- National History Day Committee, 2014-2021
- Department of History and Anthropology Diversity Committee, 2017-2020
- Department of History and Anthropology Curriculum Committee, 2017-2021
- Dual Credit/Enrollment Department of History and Anthropology liaison, 2014-2019

## **Select List of Regional and National Conference Presentations**

- "Investigating the Historical and Cultural Impact of Farm Security Administration Photographs in Missouri, 1934-1940," Keynote Presentation for Common Ground: Farms, Cities, and Food Security During the Great Depression, Missouri Council for History Education (MOCHE) summer institute, July 12, 2021.
- "Teaching Difficult Histories," presentation for *Ohio Valley History Conference: Contested Histories in the Public,* Frankfort, KY. October 3-5, 2019.
- "Build Social Studies Curriculum with Open Educational Resources," National Council of Social Studies Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 30-December 2, 2018.
- "Developing Professional Identity among Pre-Service Teachers," National Council for Social Studies annual conference, Washington, D.C., December 1-3, 2016.
- "Primary Source-based Instruction in Teacher Training Programs," History of Education Annual Conference, Indianapolis, November 6-8, 2014.
- "Such Impatience with Differing Opinion: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in the 1930s," Peace History Conference, Miami, FL, October 20-22, 2011.
- American Education in the Digital Age and Beyond: A Discussion for the 21st Century, panel member. Forum on Rural K-12 Education, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. March 13, 2009.

# **Select List of Professional Presentations at State Conferences and Symposiums:**

- "Setting Students up for Success with Project-Based Learning," Missouri Council for History Education Annual Conference, October 13-14, 2022.
- "Teaching with Nearpod," Missouri Council of Social Studies Annual Conference, Feb. 2022.
- "Teaching Historical Agency in Reconstruction-Era America," Missouri Council for History Education Annual Conference, October 12-13, 2021.
- "Building a Culturally Responsive History Curriculum," Missouri Council of History Education Annual Conference, Oct. 8-9, 2020.
- "A Power in the Community: Women's Clubs and Social Reform in Progressive-Era Missouri," Missouri Conference on History, St. Louis, Missouri. March 13, 2020.
- ""Classroom Discussion Techniques for Teaching Difficult Histories," co-presentation at Missouri Council of Social Studies Annual Conference, St. Louis History Museum, Feb. 20-21, 2020.
- "'Suffering Under a Great Injustice'": Teaching Japanese-American Internment through Photographs," Missouri Council for Social Studies, Jefferson City, MO, February 20-22, 2018.
- "Poor Relief Practices of Early Rural Missouri," Missouri Conference on History by State Historical Society of Missouri, Springfield, MO, March 23-24, 2017.

- "Student Engagement through Problem-Based Learning," Missouri Council for Social Studies annual conference, February 27-28, 2016.
- "Sell It Back to the People: Placing FSA Photography in a Historical Context," Illinois Council for Social Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, October 13, 2011.
- "Utilizing Library of Congress Civil War Sources," with Amy Wilkinson. 31st Annual Illinois History Symposium of Illinois State Historical Society, Carbondale, IL, April 11, 2011.
- "Incorporating Primary Sources in Your Classroom with the Library of Congress," Illinois Regional Office
  of Education, Ullin, IL, October 2009.
- "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, March 10-12, 2005.
- "A Woman's Work is Never Done: Women in Nineteenth Century Southern Illinois," 6th Annual Conference on Illinois History; Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, IL October 29, 2004.

### **Moderator at Professional Meetings**

- Assessment Through Inquiry Panel Moderator. Missouri Council of History Education Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2022.
- Teaching with National History Day: History Day in the Classroom Panel Moderator. Missouri Council of History Education Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 2022.
- Gender in Midwestern History Panel Moderator. Midwestern History Virtual Conference, May 27, 2021
- Interpretations in Public History, Panel Moderator. Ohio Valley History Conference, Frankfort, KY. October 2019.

### **Coordination of Professional Development Events for Teachers:**

- Southeast History Education Conference at Southeast Missouri State University, December, 2021.
- Teaching World History in a Global Age at Southeast Missouri State University, July, 2019.
- Mapping Missouri: Geography Education Workshop, Southeast Missouri State University, July, 2017.
- Primary Sources and Local History at Southeast Missouri State University, July, 2016.
- Teaching Local History with Primary Sources, Southern Illinois University, April, 2014.

#### **Digital Scholarship:**

- Development of interactive multimedia lessons to engage students using Nearpod, 2019-present
- Missouri History Lesson Plan Project, endorsed by Missouri Bicentennial Commission in Sept. 2019.
- Primary Source and Local History in the Digital Classroom, an online platform for a summer institute for social studies teachers of southeast Missouri in July, 2016.
- Open Education Resources in Social Studies, a website to host open-source resources for students and fellow educators, February, 2015.
- Oral History Project: The SEMO District Fair, an online platform for oral history transcripts of graduate students, created in May, 2015
- Teaching with Primary Sources, website designed to facilitate online course work and professional development training for graduate students, Southern Illinois University, February, 2014.

### Professional Presentations for Faculty Peers, Graduate Students, and the General Public:

- "The History of the Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gay (PFLAG)," Cape Girardeau Public Library, April 12, 2023.
- "Problems Solved by Nearpod," CSTL Faculty Development Institute, Aug. 16, 2021
- "Creating Video Content Using Canvas Studio," CSTL Faculty Development Institute, June, 2021.
- "Persistence and Pride: The History of LGBT Rights in America," PRIDE Month community presentation, Cape Girardeau, MO, October 1, 2019.
- "The Missouri History Lesson Plan Project," Crisp Museum, September 19, 2019.
- "Stonewall: 50 Years in the Making," Cape Girardeau Public Library, June 26, 2019.
- "Professionalism in Academia" for Department of History and Anthropology Graduate Workshop, October 8, 2018.
- "Sustainability" for Faculty Senate Takeaway Friday, September 1, 2018.
- "Teaching Controversial Topics," Faculty Development Day presentation, August 15, 2018.
- "Teaching with Podcasts," Faculty Takeaway Friday presentation, February 2, 2018.
- "County Almshouses of Rural Missouri," Stoddard County Historical Society, November 27, 2017.
- "Poor Relief Practices of Early Missouri," Kent Library Athenaeum, September 28, 2016.
- "Teaching with Digitized Primary Sources," Southeast Ed-Tech Conference, July 2015.
- "Engaging Students in the Past: Common Core, Social Studies, and Technology," Teaching and Lifelong Learning Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, June 2, 2013.
- "Engaging Students in the Past: Common Core, Social Studies, and Technology," Regional Office of Education Teachers Institute, Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, October 11, 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 School Enrichment Grant Program, Egyptian High School, Ullin, IL., August 1, 2011.
- "Think like a Historian Pedagogical Justifications for Incorporating Primary Sources into the Curriculum," Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Program Trail of Tears Teacher Institute, Vienna, IL, July, 2011.
- "Local History Projects for the K-12 Classroom," Regional Office of Education 02 Teachers Institute, Shawnee Community College, Ullin, IL, October, 2010.
- "Incorporating Primary Sources into Your Classroom," Regional Office of Education Teachers Institute, Shawnee Community College, Ullin, Illinois, October, 2009.