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EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D. History, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Cooperating Disciplines: Communication Studies and Sociology
Adviser: Dennis Merrill; Dissertation: The Voice of Violence:
Performative Violence As Protest, 1968-1970
Areas of Concentration: Modern US Political and Social
- 1995 M.A. History, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Thesis: It Finally Happened Here: The 1968 Riot in Kansas City, Missouri
- 1989 B.S. Education, University of Kansas
Major: Secondary Social Studies

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sabbatical Leave, Southeast Missouri State University, Spring 2016

Grants and Research Funding Committee, Southeast Missouri State University, Research Grant, The Farm Community, 2014

The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation, Research Grant, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, 2014

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, 2011

Grants and Research Funding Committee, Southeast Missouri State University, Research Grant, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, 2011

College of Liberal Arts Honors Award for Outstanding Service, Southeast Missouri State University, 2011

Missouri Broadcasters Association, First Place Award in the Documentary/Public Affairs Category for KRCU's "The Ghosts of the Mississippi" with KRCU Producer Jacob McClelland, 2011

Richard S. Brownlee Fund Award, The State Historical Society of Missouri, 2005

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS, cont'd.

American Association for State and Local History, Certificate of Commendation, for the exhibit "COLD WAR: Promise and Fear in the 1950s" at the Johnson County Museums, Shawnee, KS, 2002

Outstanding Dissertation of the Year, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2000

School of Graduate Studies Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1999

Chancellor's Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1999

The Missouri Conference on History, The State Historical Society of Missouri, Article of the Year Award, 1998

Arthur Mag Graduate Fellowship, Edward Swinney Trust of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor (2011-present), Associate Professor (2007-2011), Assistant Professor (2001-2007), Department of History, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO.

Lecturer (1998-2001), Department of History, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO; Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING AREAS

The Sixties Experience in America
America in World War II
The Missing Decade: America in the 1970s
Cold War America
The Best Years?: America in the 1950s
Graduate Readings in Cold War Era America
Graduate Readings in American Social History

Historic Site Administration
Problems in Historic Preservation
Graduate Introduction to Public History
Living History in Historic Sites
Mass Media, Culture, and Society
United States Survey II
Perspectives on the American Dream

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

- 2001-2008 Assistant Director, Center for Regional History and Cultural Heritage, Southeast Missouri State University. As the public “outreach” arm of the Department of History, the Center documents, preserves, and presents local and regional history; architectural trends; archeology; ethnic and folk traditions. The Center offers a variety of consultative services and assistance to museums, historical societies, schools, and city, county, state, and national agencies.
- 1999-2001 Assistant Curator, Johnson County Museums, Shawnee, KS. Conducting research and writing interpretative materials for exhibits, collections, publications and programs. As a member of the Exhibit Team, developing storylines, scripts and artifact checklists and coordinating exhibit production.
- 1999 Supervisor, Historical Preservation Survey, Johnson County Museums. Directing staff in surveying pre-1950 structures in Johnson County in accordance with Heritage Trust Fund grant specifications. Researching and writing comprehensive reviews and State and National Register of Historic Places nominations.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- A Land Called Honalee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children. (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, under contract)
- A Missouri Railroad Pioneer: the Life of Louis Houck. (Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2008)
- The Voice of Violence: Performative Violence as Protest in the Vietnam Era. (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2001)

PUBLIC HISTORY BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- Haunted Cape Girardeau: Where the River Turns a Thousand Chilling Tales. (Charleston, SC: The History Press, 2013).
- Tom Neumeyer, Frank Nickell, and Joel P. Rhodes. Historic Cape Girardeau: An Illustrated History. (San Antonio, TX: Lammert Publishing, Inc., 2004)

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Joel P. Rhodes and Judson L. Jeffries, "Motor City Panthers," in Judson L. Jeffries, ed. On the Ground: The Black Panther Party in Communities Across America. (Oxford: University Press of Mississippi, 2010)

"It Finally Happened Here: the 1968 Riot in Kansas City, Missouri," in Diane Mutti Burke and John Herron, eds. Kansas City, America's Crossroads: Essays From the Missouri Historical Review, 1906-2006. (Columbia, MO: The State Historical Society of Missouri, 2007).

"The Father of Southeast Missouri: Louis Houck and the Coming of the Railroad," in the Missouri Historical Review, January 2006, pp. 72-86.

"Radical Feminism," in Miriam Forman-Brunell, ed. Girlhood in America: An Encyclopedia, (ABC-CLIO, 2001)

"It Finally Happened Here: the 1968 Riot in Kansas City, Missouri," in the Missouri Historical Review, April 1997, pp. 295-315.

Larry Easley, Steve Hoffman, Joel P. Rhodes, "Warning!: Technology Can Be Dangerous To Your Health," in the Journal of the Association for History and Computing, May 2005.

"Revolutionary Commitment?: Performative Violence and the Detroit Black Panthers," in Proceedings of the 1998 National Association of African-American Studies National Conference, February 1998.

REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

National Register of Historic Places nomination of Colonial Fox Theatre, Pittsburg, KS (entered 2008)

Register of Historic Kansas Places nomination of Spring Hill Historic District, Spring Hill, KS (entered 2000)

Register of Historic Kansas Places nomination of Colonial Fox Theatre, Pittsburg, KS (entered 2000)

National Register of Historic Places nomination of John McCarthy House, Edgerton, KS (entered 1999)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Directors, Missouri Humanities Council, 2008-2014
Chairman, Membership Committee, 2010-2014

Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board, (appointed by Governor Jay Nixon), 2010-present

Board of Directors, Missouri Association for Museums and Archives, 2012-present

President, 55th Annual Missouri Conference on History, 2013

Steering Committee, Missouri Conference on History, 2007-present
Vice-President, 2010-2011

National Digital Newspaper Program in Missouri Advisory Board, The State Historical Society of Missouri, 2008-present

Producer, Cape Girardeau Storytelling Festival: Where the River Turns a Thousand Tales, 2007-2013

Board of Directors, The Historical Association of Greater Cape Girardeau, 2011-2014

Board of Trustees, Colonial Fox Theatre Foundation (Pittsburg, KS), 2007-2014

Regional Coordinator, National History Day, Missouri District 9, 2002-2011

The Missouri History Speaker's Bureau, presented by The State Historical Society of Missouri, 2007-present

Chairman, Missouri Humanities Council Chautauqua, Cape Girardeau Steering Committee, 2006

Program Chairman, 45th Annual Missouri Conference on History, 2003

Board of Directors, The Stars & Stripes Museum/Library Association, Bloomfield, Missouri, 2002-2011

Board of Directors, Missouri Alliance For Historic Preservation, 2001-2003
Chairman, "10 Most Endangered" Committee, 2002-2003

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS

Will Sarvis, J.V. Conran and Rural Political Power: Boss Mythology in the Missouri Bootheel, in *Missouri Historical Review* (July 2013)

Mary Sue Anton, New Madrid: A Mississippi River Town in History and Legend, in *Missouri Historical Review* (January 2011)

James B. Lane, ed. Steel Shavings, Volume 39, Brother in Arms, in *Indiana Magazine of History* (March 2009)

Robbie Lieberman, Prairie Power: Voices of 1960s Midwestern Student Protest, in *Indiana Magazine of History* (June 2006)

David Fiedler, The Enemy Among Us: POWs in Missouri During World War II, in *Missouri Historical Review* (July 2005)

Harper Barnes, Standing on a Volcano: The Life and Times of David Rowland Francis, in *Missouri Historical Review* (October 2003)

Edward Watts, An American Colony: Regionalism and the Roots of Midwestern Culture, in *Big Muddy: A Journal of the Mississippi River Valley* (Fall 2002)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS, CHAIR, AND COMMENTATOR

Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY) Eighth Biennial Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 2015, "The Vietnam War in the Lives of American Children" (accepted)

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2000, "The Voice of Violence: Performative Violence as Protest, 1968-1970"

National Association of African-American Studies National Conference, Houston, TX, February 1998, "Revolutionary Commitment?: Performative Violence and the Detroit Black Panthers"

Mid-America Conference on History, Memphis, TN, September 2003, "A Born 'Trouble-Maker': Esther Brown and the Struggle for Civil Rights"

Indiana Association of Historians Conference on Political and Social Movements, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, February 1998, "Revolutionary Activism in the 1960s"

CONFERENCE PAPERS, cont'd.

54th Annual Missouri Conference on History, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Columbia, MO, March 2012, Chair, "Roundtable: Public History Programs in Missouri"

53rd Annual Missouri Conference on History, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, April 2011, Commentator, "Media Manipulations"

Mid-America Conference on History, Little Rock, AR, September 2010, Commentator, "Radicalism and Reaction in the 1960's"

52nd Annual Missouri Conference on History, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, MO, April 2010, Chair and Commentator, "Social Reform in the Missouri Press, 1966-1975"

49th Annual Missouri Conference on History, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, April 2007, "'A Damn Fine Lawyer': The Cape Girardeau Railroad War Between Louis Houck and the House of Gould"

48th Annual Missouri Conference on History, Central Missouri State University, Sedalia, MO, March 2006, Chair and Commentator, "Hanging, Hazing, & Harangue"

47th Annual Missouri Conference on History, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, April 2005, "The Father of Southeast Missouri: Louis Houck and the Gospel of Wealth"

47th Annual Missouri Conference on History, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, April 2005, "The Future of Missouri History: A Roundtable Discussion" (invited panel participant)

Missouri Valley History Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, March 1997, "Beyond Fortas: a Late Sixties Assault on the Warren Court"

Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, University of Missouri-Rolla, April 1996, "It Finally Happened Here: the 1968 Riot in Kansas City, Missouri"

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

St. Louis Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, St. Louis, December 2014, "The Father of Southeast Missouri: Louis Houck"

John Guild Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jackson, MO, November 2014, "History of the Vietnam War"

Ozarks Beatlemania, Alton, MO, September 2014, "The Beatles and 1960s Youth Culture"

University of Missouri-St. Louis Center for the Humanities' Monday Noon Series, St. Louis, March 2014, "In a Land Called Honalee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children"

Southeast Missouri State University, Kent Library Athenaeum Series, February 2011, "In a Land Called Honalee: The Sixties in the Lives of American Children"

Friends of the Missouri State Archives Lecture Series, Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City, MO, June 2010, "A Missouri Railroad Pioneer: the Life of Louis Houck"

Southeast Missouri State University, Department of Political Science, Philosophy, and Religion Constitution Day Health Care Forum, September 2009, "Parallels Between the Establishment of Medicare and the Current Health Care Reform"

100 Year Anniversary of the NAACP, NAACP Cape Girardeau Branch, March 2009, "Interracial History of the NAACP"

NAACP Cape Girardeau Branch, December 2008, "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow"

Cape Girardeau Public Library, October 2008, "The Father of Southeast Missouri: Louis Houck"

Missouri History Speakers Bureau, Perryville, MO, September 2008, "The Father of Southeast Missouri: the Life and Times of Louis Houck"

Missouri History Speakers Bureau, Scott City, MO, July 2008, "The Father of Southeast Missouri: the Life and Times of Louis Houck"

Missouri History Speakers Bureau, Cape Girardeau, MO, June 2008, “The Father of Southeast Missouri: the Life and Times of Louis Houck”

PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS

Society for the History of Children and Youth
American Association For State and Local History
The State Historical Society of Missouri
American Historical Association
Sigma Pi Kappa, Historic Preservation Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta, International Honor Society in History
President, Pi Phi Chapter, 1997-1999