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### **EDUCATION**

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Dissertation: "Roman Catholics in the American Civil War"  
Ph.D., History, May 2012  
Exam Fields: American Civil War, United States, Great Britain  
Advisor: Gary W. Gallagher

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
M.A., History, August 2008  
Advisors: Joseph Kett and Gary W. Gallagher

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
B.A. with Honors in History, Minor in Anthropology, May 2006  
Advisor: Dorothy Pratt

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

United States History; Religion and Immigration in the United States; The  
Era of the American Civil War; African American History; American Catholic History

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Articles and Other Publications**

David Power Conyngham. *Soldiers of the Cross*. Edited and annotated by William B. Kurtz and David Endres (under review at University of Notre Dame Press).

"The Union as It Was: Northern Catholics' Conservative Unionism: Book Chapter in *New Perspectives on the Union War* (under contract with Fordham University Press).

"Founders Online: Early Access: Reflections on Open Access, Crowd Sourcing, and Metadata Standards." *Digital Studies/ Le champ numérique* (Vol. 7: 2016-2017).

"'A Singular Zeal': William S. Rosecrans's Family in Faith, Triumph, and Failure." *U.S. Catholic Historian* (Spring 2017).

*Excommunicated from the Union: How the Civil War Created a Separate Catholic America*. Fordham University Press (December 1, 2015).

"The Battle of Stones River." *Essential Civil War Curriculum* (September 2015).  
www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com.

“‘This Most Unholy and Destructive War’: Catholic Intellectuals and the Limits of Catholic Patriotism.” Book Chapter in *So Conceived and Dedicated*. Fordham University Press (April 2015).

“The Grand Review of the Armies.” *The Civil War: Opposing Views of Freedom, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Magazine*. I-5 Publishing (February 2015).

“The Civil War Online and Digital History.” *Essential Civil War Curriculum* (September 2014). [www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com](http://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com).

“Let us hear no more ‘nativism’: The Catholic Press in the Mexican and Civil Wars.” *Civil War History* (March 2014).

“‘The Perfect Model of a Christian Hero’: The Faith, Anti-Slaveryism, and Post-War Legacy of William S. Rosecrans.” Special Civil War Issue of *U.S. Catholic Historian* (Winter 2013).

“Father Corby’s Absolution.” *Gettysburg 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Magazine*. I-5 Publishing (Summer 2013).

“The Catholic Herald and Visitor and the Catholic.” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 135 (October 2011).

“Immigrants.” Pennsylvania Civil War 150th Anniversary Website (2011). [www.PACivilWar150.com](http://www.PACivilWar150.com).

## **Book Reviews**

Mark F. Bielski, *Sons of the White Eagle in the American Civil War: Divided Poles in a Divided Nation* (2016), *The Journal of Southern History* (August 2017).

Kristen Layne Anderson, *Abolitionizing Missouri: German Immigrants and Racial Ideology in Nineteenth-Century America* (2016), *The Journal of American Ethnic History* (Summer 2017).

Alison Clark Efford, *German Immigrants, Race, and Citizenship in the Civil War Era* (2013), *Civil War History* (March 2017).

James Carson, *Against the Grain: Colonel Henry M. Lazelle and the U.S. Army* (2015), *The Journal of Southern History* (February 2017).

Jeff Strickland, *Unequal Freedoms: Ethnicity, Race, and White Supremacy in Civil War-Era Charleston* (2015), *The Journal of the Civil War Era* (December 2016).

David T. Gleeson, *The Green and the Grey: The Irish in the Confederate States of America* (2013), *The Historian* (Fall 2015).

Timothy L. Wesley, *The Politics of Faith During the Civil War* (2013), *LSU Libraries Special Collections’ Civil War Book Review* (Fall 2013).

William C. Davis, *A Taste for War: The Culinary History of the Blue and Gray* (2011), *The Civil War Monitor* (December 2012).

William C. Davis and James I. Robertson, Jr., *Virginia at War, 1865* (2011), *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 120 (April 2012).

George C. Rable, *God's Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the American Civil War* (2010), *Essays in History* 45 (2011).

Joan Waugh, *U.S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth* (2009), *Essays in History* 44 (2010).

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

"Quantifying Civil War Prisons: Toward a Statistical and Geographical Analysis of U.S. Civil War Prisons": Prisoners of War Conference; Filson Historical Society, Louisville, KY, October 28, 2017

"White and Black Virginians in Blue: The Untold Story of Union Soldiers from the University of Virginia and Albemarle County": Universities, Slavery, Public Memory, & the Built Landscape Symposium; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 20, 2017

"Black Virginians in Blue: Exploring Albemarle African American History through Digital Archives: Digital Archives in the Commonwealth Summit; Law Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 13, 2017

"Albemarle USCT: Black Civil War Soldiers and Sailors from Central Virginia": Civil War and Digital History Conference; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, November 11, 2016

"Albemarle African American Men in the USCT": Lightning Talk. DH @ UVA Conference; University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October 14, 2016

"Patrick Henry Goes Digital": Virginia Association of Museums Conference; Williamsburg, VA; March 14, 2016

"Commonwealth Slavery: Digital Studies in the History of Slavery at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities": Poster Session. American Historical Association Conference; Atlanta, GA; January 9, 2016

"Founders Online 'Early Access': Best Practices and Lessons Learned about Working on Large Scale Digital Editions": Digital Humanities Summer Institute Colloquium; University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada; June 2015

"Remember the Catholic Ladies: Integrating Immigrant and Catholic Women Digitally into American History": Women's History in the Digital World Conference; Bryn Mawr College, Philadelphia, PA; May 2015

- “Maria Monk, ‘Bridget,’ or Just Plain Invisible?”: Catholic Lay and Religious Women in the Era of the American Civil War”: American Catholic Historical Association Conference; New York City, NY; January 2015
- “Founders Online”: Poster Session. Association for Documentary Editing Conference; Louisville, KY; July 2014
- “Religion in the Camp”: American Catholic Historical Association Conference; Washington, DC; January 2014
- “‘Disgraceful’: American Catholics and the New York Draft Riots”: American Catholic Historical Association Conference; New Orleans, LA; January 2013
- “‘Brothers in patriotism and love of country’: Northern Catholics and Civil War Memory”: Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism; Notre Dame, IN; September 2012
- “The Making of a Catholic Hero: William S. Rosecrans and the Catholic Memory of the American Civil War”: American Catholic Historical Association Conference; Chicago, IL; January 2012
- “Missed Opportunity? The Legacy of the American Civil War for Northern Roman Catholics”: “Legacy of Civil War” Conference; Philadelphia, PA; November 2011
- “Catholic Abolitionists: The Rosecrans Brothers, the Purcells, and Ohio Catholicism During the American Civil War”: “Ohio Goes to War!” Conference; Cleveland, OH; September 2011
- “‘Terra Incognita’: Uncovering the Story of German Catholics in the American Civil War”: Forschungsbibliothek Gotha, Germany; August 2011
- “German-American Catholics in the Era of the American Civil War”: German Historical Institute; Washington, D.C.; April 2011
- “It is the ‘duty’ of Catholics to stand by the Union: The Diverse Responses to Civil War by Orestes Brownson and the Roman Catholic Press in both the North and the Loyal Border States”: Fourth Conference on the Civil War (“Leadership”); Oxford, MS; October 2009
- “Making a Catholic Republic: Orestes Brownson, Irish Catholics, and Roman Catholicism in Nineteenth-Century United States”: Religion and Identity Graduate Student Conference; Northwestern University Department of Religion; Evanston, IL; April 24-25, 2009

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Adjunct Professor, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, “American Religious History, 1607 to Present,” Fall 2013

Responsible for designing and leading an upper level course, giving lectures, leading discussions, grading assignments, and helping students write a ten page work on a topic of their choice in American Religious History

Seminar Instructor, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, "Americans in the Civil War Era," Fall 2011

Responsible for designing and leading a seminar for history majors, leading discussions, grading assignments, and helping students write a twenty-five page work of original historical scholarship

Teaching Assistant, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Fall 2008–Spring 2010, Spring 2012

Responsible for leading three weekly discussion sections of twenty undergraduates, advising students, grading assignments, and attending lectures

- "Espionage, Intelligence, and Foreign Policy in the 20th Century," Spring 2009, 2010, and 2012 (Gerald Haines)

- "American Military History through 1900," Fall 2009 (Gary Gallagher)

- "United States-Latin American Diplomatic Relations in the 20th Century," Fall 2008 (Gerald Haines)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Digital Historian and Archivist, John L. Nau III Center for Civil War History, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 2016–Present

Responsible for managing and creating our two digital projects focusing on prisoners of war and Virginia African American soldiers and sailors during the Civil War, maintaining our center's website, running our social media pages, planning and hosting a digital history conference on November 11, 2016, and assisting our directors in the daily operations of the Nau Center

Assistant Editor, "Early Access" Project, Documents Compass, a program of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville, VA, Spring 2012–March 2016

Responsible for managing and training employees, providing quality control, working with XML and TEI, and designing proofreading style guides and workflows for the "Early Access" part of the National Archives "Founders Online" website that provides free access to every letter written to and from some of America's most important founding fathers (Washington, Madison, Jefferson, Adams, Hamilton)

Managing Editor, *Essays in History*, a Graduate Student-run Historical Journal, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Fall 2010–Spring 2012

Responsible for handling incoming email correspondence, helping to schedule and conduct meetings of the editorial staff, updating the Drupal-CMS based website, and assisting other editors with copy-editing submissions to the journal

Associate Book Reviews Editor, *Essays in History*, Fall 2011–Spring 2012

Responsible for selecting, editing, and publishing book reviews submitted to the journal

Graduate Assistant, The Papers of George Washington, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Fall 2010–Spring 2012

Performed research and copy-editing tasks for the editorial staff of the "Revolutionary War Series" of the Papers of George Washington

Editorial Assistant, "People of the Founding Era" Project, Documents Compass, a program of the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, Charlottesville, VA, June 2009-August 2011  
Researched, performed quality control, developed best practices and workflows for an online prosopography project that compiled a large database of individuals from the founding generation of America; helped to train new employees in our research methods and digital tools, and was promoted to Editorial Assistant in January 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Attended Rare Book School course "Scholarly Editing: Principles & Practice," Rare Book School, Charlottesville, VA, June 8-12, 2015

Learned about scholarly editing skills and textual criticism techniques used in creating a critical edition from Dr. David Vander Meulen, Professor of English at the University of Virginia and editor of *Studies in Bibliography*

Attended Digital Humanities Summer Institute workshop "Conceptualising and Creating a Digital Documentary Edition," University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, June 1-5, 2015

Learned about the process of creating and managing a documentary edition online from experienced editors Jennifer Stertz and Cathy M. Hajo

Attended National Endowment for the Humanities workshop "Digital Methods for Military History," Northeastern University, Boston, MA, October 10-11, 2014

Learned about geospatial mapping and network analysis techniques used widely in the Digital Humanities in order to start applying them to my own research.

Attended Association of Research Libraries workshops, "An Introduction to XML & XML Applications," and "Transforming Library Metadata with XSLT," Association of Research Libraries Headquarters, Washington, DC, February 26-28 and May 14-16, 2014

Learned about using XML for library applications, including TEI and metadata standards such as MODS and METs; learned to use XSLT to transform XML into HTML and how to use XSLT to crosswalk files from one metadata standard to another

Graduate of "Tomorrow's Professor Today Program," Teaching Resource Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, August 2009-May 2011

A program facilitating the transition from graduate student to faculty member by emphasizing preparedness and excellence in teaching, professional development, and scholarship; helped to design and implement a graduate-student course covering these topics in Virginia's history department

## **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Kenneth Karmiole Endowed Research Fellowship (Two-month Stipend), Special Collections Library at the University of California-Los Angeles, 2018

Herzog-Ernst-Scholarship (One-month Research Stipend), University of Erfurt, 2011

German Historical Institute Doctoral Fellowship (Two-month Travel Grant), German Historical Institute, 2011

Bradley Fellowship (One-year, Full-Tuition and Stipend), University of Virginia, 2010–2011

James and Sylvia Thayer Short-Term Research Fellowship, Special Collections Library at the University of California-Los Angeles, 2010

Hibernian Research Grant Award, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 2010

Summer Language Fellowship (for German), University of Virginia, 2008

Dean's Fellowship (Multi-year, Full-Tuition and Stipend), University of Virginia, 2007–2010

Phi Beta Kappa, Inducted Spring 2006

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Historical Association  
Association for Computers and the Humanities  
American Catholic Historical Association  
Society of Civil War Historians

### **LANGUAGES**

Reading knowledge of French and German

### **DIGITAL HUMANITIES SKILLS**

XML, XSLT, TEI, HTML, Basecamp, JIRA

### **REFERENCES**

Dr. Gary W. Gallagher  
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