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### **Employment**

- **Vanderbilt University.** Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Higher Education and Affiliated Assistant Professor of History, 2007—
- **The Brookings Institution.** Research Fellow, Governance Studies Program, 2006-07

### **Education**

- **University of Virginia.** Ph.D. in Higher Education, 2007; and Ph.D. in History, 2007
  - Major Field: Modern U.S. History; Minor Field: Modern Germany; Specialty Areas: U.S. Higher Education, U.S. Politics and Public Policy, and American Political Development
  - Dissertation: “From Democracy to Diversity: The Politics of American Higher Education in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.” Advisers: Brian Balogh and Jennings Wagoner
- **University of Virginia.** M.A. in History, 2001; and M.Ed. in Education, 2000
- **The Pennsylvania State University.** B.A. in History, 1994  
University Scholars Program; Departmental Honors in History; Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

### **Books**

- *Between Citizens and the State: The Politics of American Higher Education in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* (Under Contract, Princeton University Press, Politics and Society in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America Series).

### **Work in Progress**

- “A People’s University”: Higher Education, State-building, and the New Deal” (Article Ms. under second review at *Studies In American Political Development*).
- “‘Women’s studies is in a lot of ways—consciousness raising’: The Educational Origins of Identity Politics” (Article Ms. accepted for review by the *Journal of the History of*

*Psychology*).

### **Peer Reviewed Articles**

- “‘The Most Wonderful Thing Has Happened to Me in the Army’: Psychology, Citizenship, and American Higher Education in World War II,” *Journal of American History*, 92.3 (Dec. 2005): 864-91. [Recipient of the 2006 James Madison Prize awarded by the Society for History in the Federal Government.]
- “Bureaucratic Tyranny: ‘The Price of Structure’ in the American University,” in *Retrospective: Laurence R. Veysey’s The Emergence of the American University*, organized and introduced by Christopher P. Loss, *History of Education Quarterly*, 45.3 (Fall 2005): 405-406, 446-53.
- “Party School: Education, Political Ideology, and the Cold War,” *Journal of Policy History*, 16.1 (2004): 99-116.
- “Religion and the Therapeutic Ethos in Twentieth-Century American History,” *American Studies International*, 40.3 (Oct. 2003): 61-76.
- “Reading Between Enemy Lines: Armed Services Editions and World War Two,” *Journal of Military History*, 67.3 (July 2003): 811-34.

### **Book Chapters and Edited Collections**

- “Reading Between Enemy Lines: Armed Services Editions and World War Two,” in *The Second World War*, ed. Jeremy Black (7 vols., Ashgate, U.K., 2007), IV.
- “GI Bill of Rights, 1944,” *The Home Front Encyclopedia: United States, Britain, and Canada in World Wars I and II*, ed. James Ciment (3 vols., ABC-Clio, 2006), III.
- “The Organizational Structure of American Universities,” with Brian Pusser, *Encyclopedia of Education*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ed. James W. Guthrie (8 vols., Macmillan Reference USA, 2003), I, 384-89.
- “Progressive Education,” with Catherine Gavin Loss, *Encyclopedia of Education*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ed. James W. Guthrie (8 vols., Macmillan Reference USA, 2003), V, 1933-38.

### **Essays and Book Reviews**

- Review of Melissa Kean, *Desegregating Private Higher Education in the South: Duke, Emory, Rice, Tulane, and Vanderbilt* (Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Press) in *Journal of Southern History* (forthcoming).
- “Between Citizens and the State: The Politics of American Higher Education in the Twentieth Century,” *Politics of Education Bulletin*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Fall 2009), 1, 4-9.

- Review of Theodore J. Crackel, *West Point: A Bicentennial History* (Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press) in *History of Education Quarterly*, 43.1 (Spring 2003), 137-40.
- “Incorporating Website Group Projects in Arts and Sciences Classes,” *Teaching Concerns: A Newsletter for Faculty and Teaching Assistants at the University of Virginia* (Fall 2002), 3-4.

### **Honors**

- Fellow, National Forum on the Future of the Liberal Arts, Teagle Foundation, 2010-12
- Outstanding Dissertation Award, Politics of Education Association, 2009
- Outstanding Dissertation Award, American Educational Research Association, Division J, 2008
- Nominee, Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, Society of American Historians, 2008
- Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Humanities & Social Sciences, U.Va., 2007
- James Madison Prize, Society for History in the Federal Government, 2006
- Society of Military History Graduate Student Award, 2004
- Annette Gibbs Publication Award, Curry School of Education, U.Va., 2002
- Jay L. Chronister Research Award, Curry School of Education, U.Va., 2001

### **Research Grants and Fellowships**

- Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, Small Research Grant, 2007-08
- Lyndon B. Johnson Library Institute Research Grant, 2007
- Governance Studies Research Fellowship, The Brookings Institution, 2006-07
- Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, U.Va., 2005-06
- Miller Center Dissertation Fellowship in Contemporary History, Public Policy, and American Politics, Miller Center of Public Affairs, U.Va., 2004-05
- Harry S. Truman Library Institute Research Grant, 2004-05
- Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Library Institute Research Grant, 2004-05
- Corcoran Department of History Dissertation Research Grant, U.Va., 2004
- Curry School of Education Dissertation Research Grant, U.Va., 2004
- Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, U.Va., 2004

### **Conference Presentations**

- “Diversity in the University since the 1960s.” Paper and panel under review by the selection committee of the Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 3-6, 2010.
- “War and American Higher Education Policy and Policy Making.” Presented at the annual meeting of the History of Education Society, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 24, 2009.
- “Higher Education, State-building, and the New Deal.” Presented at *Beyond the Lecture Hall: Universities and Community Engagement from the Middle Ages to the Present Day*,

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, Sept. 6, 2008.

- “Secrets Kept, Secrets Told: Women’s Studies and the Cold War University.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 30, 2008.
- “From Consciousness Raising to Women’s Studies: Higher Education ‘Disciplines’ the Women’s Liberation Movement, 1968-1972.” Presented at the annual meeting of the AERA Conference, New York, NY, March 26, 2008.
- “Spreading Democracy: Adult Education and the Uneasy Quest for Cold War Public Opinion.” Presented at the biennial meeting of the Policy History Conference, Charlottesville, VA, June 3, 2006.
- "Beyond the Military-Academic Research Matrix: Higher Education, Citizenship, and the State in Twentieth-Century America." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept. 2, 2005.
- “Building a Better University: Psychology and the Search for Administrative Order in the 1920s.” Presented at the Miller Center of Public Affairs Fellowship Conference, Charlottesville, VA, May 11, 2005.
- “Between Bureaucracy and Democracy: World War II Army Education Policy and Programming.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Military History, Bethesda, MD, May 21, 2004.
- “Getting Personal: Therapeutic Culture and American Higher Education, 1919-1941.” Presented at the annual meeting of the History of Education Society, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 1, 2002.

### **Invited Presentations**

- “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Universities and American Political Development.” Paper will be presented at a roundtable entitled “Governing Out of Sight: An Enduring Pattern of American Political Development” at the Policy History Conference, Columbus, OH, June 3-6, 2010.
- “U.S. Higher Education Policy and Politics.” Presented at the *Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Conference*, Washington, D.C., December 12, 2009.
- “‘Women’s studies is in a lot of ways—consciousness raising’: The Educational Origins of Identity Politics.” Presented at *The Therapeutic Origins of Politics, Public Policy, and Citizenship in the Post-1945 United States*, University of Oregon, May 29, 2009.
- “From Democracy to Diversity: The Politics of American Higher Education in the Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Politics of Education Business Meeting, AERA

Conference, San Diego, CA, April 14, 2009.

- “From Democracy to Diversity: The Politics of American Higher Education in the Twentieth Century.” Dissertation of the Year Award Presentation, Division J. Presented at the annual meeting of the AERA Conference, New York, NY, March 25, 2008.
- “‘A People’s University’: Higher Education in the New Deal.” Presented at the Newberry Library Seminar on Technology, Politics, and Culture, Chicago, IL, May 18, 2007.
- “From Democracy to Diversity: The Politics of American Higher Education in the Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Research-in-Progress Seminar Series, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, Nov. 2, 2006.
- “The University and the American State in the Era of the Great War.” Presented at the State of War: Modern American Politics and State-Building Conference at the University of Chicago, April 21, 2006.
- “Between Citizens and the State: World War II, Education, and the GI Bill of Rights.” Presented at the Miller Center 20th Century History and Politics Colloquia at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, Dec. 12, 2003.

## **Teaching**

- **Assistant Professor.** Vanderbilt University
  - LPO 3464: PhD Seminar on the History of U.S. Higher Education
  - LPO 3460: 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Higher Education Policy History
  - LPO 3800: History of American Higher Education
  - HOD 1800: Introduction to U.S. Public Policy
  - HOD 1150: Peabody First-Year Honors Seminar

## **Service**

- **Professional**
  - **Committee Work**
    - Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, Politics of Education Association, 2010
  - **Manuscript Reviewer**
    - *Journal of Policy History*
    - *History of Education Quarterly*
    - *Teachers College Record*
    - *American Education Research Association*
    - *Education Analysis Policy Archives*
- **Peabody College, Vanderbilt University**
  - **Committee Work**
    - HOD Undergraduate Major Committee, 2009-

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- LPO PhD Admissions Committee, 2010-
- LPO PhD Steering Committee, 2010
- **Presentations**
  - Higher Education Management Institute, Summer 2007-2010
- **Guest Lecture**
  - “The Internationalization of American Higher Education.” Presented to the Peabody Fulbright/Humphrey Scholars, September 8, 2009.
  - “Cold War, Warm TV: The Politics of Educational Television before PBS.” Presented at New Student Weekend, April 18, 2009.

### **Media Mentions**

- ***London Times Higher Education Supplement***
  - John Gill, “Practise What You Preach,” 01/09/09
  - John Gill, “Fears for UK strength as its institutions slip down top 200,” 10/09/08
  - Jon Marcus, “Presidential hopefuls agree on need to simplify tuition aid,” 10/09/08
- ***The Tennessean***
  - Jaime Sarrio, “Parents Call for Fewer Educational Acronyms,” 9/03/07

### **Other Employment**

- **Assistant to the Senior Associate Provost – 2004 to 2007**  
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