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## EDUCATION

- **University of Notre Dame**, Ph.D. in American History, January 2006.  
Dissertation: "Selling Jesus to Modern America: Campus Crusade for Christ, Evangelical Culture, and Conservative Politics." Adviser: George M. Marsden.
- **Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**, M.Div., 2002.  
Alan M. Jackson Preaching Award, May 2002.
- **University of Notre Dame**, History Department, M.A. in American History, 2000.
- **Fulbright Grant**, Oct. 1996 – July 1997. Theology Faculty, University of Leipzig, Germany.
- **Middlebury College**. B.A., 1996.  
Valedictory honors, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1995.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of South Alabama**, Fall 2006-.  
Assistant Professor of History (tenure-track).  
- Courses taught: U.S. History 1877-; U.S. History until 1877;  
U.S. History since 1945; The West in 19-Century America; American Religious History; 20<sup>th</sup>-Century U.S. History (graduate level);  
Religion in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century America (graduate level).  
- Selected as "Outstanding Professor of the Year" for academic year 2007-08 by department majors and graduate students.
- **Colorado State University**, Fall 2005-Spring 2006.  
Lecturer in U.S. History.
- **Indiana University South Bend**, Spring 2003.  
Adjunct Professor of History.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- *Brigham Young* (under contract with Harvard University Press).
- *Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ: The Renewal of Evangelicalism in Postwar America* (University of North Carolina Press, March 2008).  
- Winner of *Christianity Today's* 2009 award for best book in History/Biography.  
- Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Oral History Review*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Church History*, *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, *Alabama Review*, and *Books & Culture*.

- “A ‘Black-White’ Missionary on the Imperial Stage: William H. Sheppard and Middle-Class Black Manhood,” *Journal of Southern Religion* 9 (2006).
- “The Power Behind the Throne: Henrietta Mears and Post-WWII Evangelicalism,” *Journal of Presbyterian History* (Fall / Winter 2005): 141-57.
- “Maria Fearing,” “Bishop T. D. Jakes,” “Lucy Gantt Sheppard,” in John K. Bollard ed., *African American National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2008), 3:242-43, 4:482-83, 7:174-75.
- “Campus Crusade for Christ,” “InterVarsity Christian Fellowship,” “Navigators,” in Michael McClymond, ed., *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007), 87-88, 222, 297-98.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "More than a Footnote?: Evangelical Ministries and the Secular University," in Kurt W. Peterson, Thomas S. Kidd, and Darren Dochuk, ed., *American Evangelicalism: George Marsden and the Shape of American Religious History* (South Bend, IN.: University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming).
- "Becoming African American," *Christian Century*, 7 Sept. 2010, 42-43. [Review of Laurie Maffly-Kipp, *Setting Down the Sacred Past*].
- "What's Wrong about '8: *The Mormon Proposition*," *Wall Street Journal*, 9 July 2010.
- "Billy Graham, Political Operative," *Christian Century*, 6 Oct. 2009, 34-35. [Review of Steven Miller, *Billy Graham and the Rise of the Republican South*.]
- "Civility and Boldness," *Books & Culture*, May/June 2009, 18-19. [Review of Jon Shields, *The Democratic Virtues of the Christian Right*.]
- Review of Hanna Rosin, *God's Harvard: A Christian College on a Mission to Save America*, in *Christian Higher Education* 7 (Sept./Oct. 2008): 357-60.
- "More Than Fluff: Protestant Revivals in the 1950s," *Historically Speaking*, May/June 2008, 32-33. [Reprinted in Randall J. Stephens, ed., *Recent Themes in American Religious History: Historians in Conversation* (Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 2009).]
- "Perfect," *Books & Culture*, May / June 2008, 10-11. [Review of Randall Stephens, *The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South*.]
- "The Christian Woodstock," *Wall Street Journal*, 18 Jan. 2008, W12.
- "Believing History, Believing Joseph Smith," *Fides et Historia* 39 (Summer / Fall 2007): 103-07. [Review essay: Richard Bushman, *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling*; Richard Bushman, *Believing History: Latter-day Saint Essays*].
- “9/11, 1857,” *Books & Culture*, September / October 2007, 35. [of Will Bagley, *Blood of the Prophets: Brigham Young and the Mountain Meadows Massacre*.]

PRESENTATIONS  
AND  
PANELS

- **American Historical Association**, January 2011 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. "A New Order of Things': Polygamy, Faith, and Scholarship"
- **American Historical Association**, January 2010 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. "Brigham Young's Pragmatic Theocracy."
- **Organization of American History**, April 2009 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. "Campaigning for Converts: Mormons and the 1844 Presidential Election."
- **American Society of Church History**, January 2009 Winter Meeting, New York, NY. "Campaigning for Converts: Mormons and the 1844 Presidential Election."
- **Conference on Faith and History**, September 2008, Bluffton, OH. Panel discussion of John Turner, *Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ*; David John Marley, *Pat Robertson: An American Life*.
- **American Society of Church History**, Winter 2008 Meeting, Washington, DC. "Nothing but Morals': Brigham Young, Frontier Methodism, and Early Mormon Conversions."
- **American Society of Church History**, Winter 2007 Meeting, Atlanta, GA. "Winning or Losing the Campus for Christ?: Evangelical Ministries and the University in Post-WWII America."
- **Organization of American Historians**, Spring 2005 meeting, San Francisco, CA. "The Jesus Revolution: Campus Crusade for Christ and Student Radicalism at Berkeley."
- **American Society of Church History**, Spring 2004 meeting, Harrisburg, PA. "Young Men! Christ Needs You!': The Ministry of Henrietta Mears and Post-WWII Evangelicalism."

FELLOWSHIPS  
AND GRANTS

- **Charles Redd Center for Western Studies Visiting Scholar Award**, Brigham Young University, 2009-10, \$3,500.
- **University of South Alabama Research Council**, University of South Alabama, 2007, \$5,000.
- **Arts and Sciences' Support and Development Award**, University of South Alabama, 2007, \$1,000.
- **Arts and Sciences' Summer Professional Development Award**, University of South Alabama, 2007, \$6,205.
- **Zahm Research Travel Grant**, University of Notre Dame, 2004, \$3,000.
- **Fielding Lewis Walker Fellowship**, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2002-2004, \$4,000.
- **Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies**, 1998-1999, full fellowship for first year of graduate study at Notre Dame.