

Curriculum Vitae
JOHN M. SACHER

PROFESSIONAL:

Associate Professor with Tenure, University of Central Florida, Orlando, 2010-
Assistant Professor, 2006-2010
Interim Chair, History Department, 2011-
Associate Chair, History Department, 2007-2011
Associate Professor with Tenure, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, 2005-06
Assistant Professor, 2000-2005
Chair, Department of Social Sciences, 2003-06
Instructor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 1999-2000

EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of History, Louisiana State University, December 1999
Dissertation: "'A Perfect War': Politics and Parties in Louisiana, 1824-1861."
Dissertation Director: William J. Cooper, Jr.
Master of Arts in History, Louisiana State University, 1994
Bachelor of Arts in History, with Highest Honors, University of Notre Dame, 1992

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

A Perfect War of Politics: Parties, Politicians, and Democracy in Louisiana, 1824-1861 (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2003).

Winner of the 2003 Kemper and Leila Williams Prize for best book on Louisiana History
Paperback edition Louisiana State University Press, 2007

Everyone Must Do His Duty: Confederate Conscription (Under advanced book contract with University Press of Kansas)

Refereed Articles

"The Loyal Draft Dodger? A Reexamination of Confederate Substitution," *Civil War History*, (June 2011), 153-178.

"'Our Interest and Destiny are the Same': Gov. Thomas Overton Moore and Confederate Loyalty," *Louisiana History* (Summer 2008), 261-286.

"'A Very Disagreeable Business': Confederate Conscription in Louisiana," *Civil War History* 53 (June 2007), 141-169.

"'The Ladies are Moving Everywhere': Louisiana Women and Antebellum Politics," *Louisiana History* 42 (Fall 2001), 439-57.

Winner of the Presidents Memorial Award for Best Article in *Louisiana History*, 2001

“The Sudden Collapse of the Louisiana Whig Party,” *Journal of Southern History* 65 (May 1999), 221-48.

Included in Carolyn De Latte, ed., *Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial Series in Louisiana History*, Volume 4, *Antebellum Louisiana, 1830-1860: Part B Politics* (Center for Louisiana Studies, 2004)

Book Chapters

“The Elections of 1824 and 1828 and the Birth of Modern Politics,” in Sean P. Adams, ed., *A Companion to the Era of Andrew Jackson* (Blackwell-Wiley, forthcoming).

“Southern Politics” in Aaron Sheehan-Dean, ed., *Blackwell Companion to the Civil War* (Blackwell-Wiley, forthcoming)

““A Soldier’s Life is a Hard One at Best,” in Lisa Tendrich Frank, ed., *Civil War: Perspectives in American Social History* (ABC-Clio, 2009), 1-17.

Encyclopedia Articles

Entries for “Keziah Goodwyn Hopkins Brevard,” “Conscription,” “Desertion,” “Enlistment,” and “Southern Unionists,” “Imprisonment of Women,” in Lisa Tendrich Frank, ed., *Women in the American Civil War: An Encyclopedia* (ABC-CLIO, 2008).

Entries for “Louisiana” and “Education: Education of African Americans” in Paul Finkelman, ed., *Encyclopedia of the New American Nation* (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2005).

Entry for “Edgar Farrar” in Roger K. Newman, ed., *Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law* (Yale University Press, forthcoming).

Entries for “Antebellum Louisiana,” “Secession,” “Civil War,” “Soldiers,” and “Confederate Louisiana,” for KnowLA, Online Encyclopedia of Louisiana History and Culture sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (forthcoming)

Book Reviews

Twenty-nine book reviews in the following print and on-line journals: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Historical Biography*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Louisiana History*, *Kansas History*, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*, *Military History of the West*, *Great Plains Quarterly*, H-NET Book Reviews (H-Louisiana, H-South, H-Civwar), and Civil War Book Review.

REFEREED PAPERS:

National

“There Should be One Man Left on Every Plantation”: A Reappraisal of the “Twenty-Negro” Law, Society for Civil War Historians, Richmond, VA, June 2010

“Required by the Exigencies of the Times”: The 1862 Confederate Conscription Act, Society for Military History, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 2009

Confederate Substitutes and Principals: A Preliminary Analysis, Society for Civil War Historians, Philadelphia, June 2008

The Kansas-Nebraska Act and the Demise of Two Party Politics in Louisiana, Southern Historical Association, Memphis, Tennessee, November 2004.

“The Question of Slavery is No New Thing”: Slavery and Louisiana’s Partisan Politics in the 1850s, Social Science History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2002.

“We Never Before Have Witnessed Such Enthusiasm”: Political Culture in 1844 Louisiana, American Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 2000.

Regional

Walking a Tightrope: Louisiana Governor Thomas Overton Moore and the Confederacy, Mid-America History Conference, Lawrence, Kansas, September 2005.

Rethinking Confederate Conscription, Mid-America History Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, September 2003.

“Banks to Steal the Money of the People, and Railroads to Run Away with it”: Internal Improvements and Antebellum Louisiana Politics, Southern Industrialization Project, St. Louis, Missouri, May 2002.

“Louisiana Will Act with Her Sister States of the South”: The Secession Crisis in the Pelican State, Mid-America History Conference, Stillwater, Oklahoma, September 2001.

“The Ladies are All Whigs”: Louisiana Women and the Presidential Elections of 1840 and 1844, Visible Women and Southern History Conference, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 1999.
(Winner of second prize for scholarly paper written on a Louisiana topic)

State

“The Confederacy May Go to the Devil”: Loyalty and Louisiana’s Civil War Soldiers, Louisiana Historical Association, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2010

Moving from *The Civil War in Louisiana* to Louisiana in the Civil War, Louisiana Historical Association, Monroe, Louisiana, March 2009

Thomas Overton Moore and Confederate Identity, Louisiana Historical Association, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 2008

“Our Interest and Destiny are the Same”: Governor Thomas O. Moore and the Confederate Government, Louisiana Historical Association, March 2006

Confederate Conscription in Louisiana, Louisiana Historical Association, Hammond, Louisiana, March 2004.

“The Energy of the Ladies”: Women and Party Politics in Antebellum Louisiana, Louisiana Historical Association, Hammond, Louisiana, March 2001.

Louisiana’s 1812 Constitution: A Comparative Context, Louisiana Historical Association, Shreveport, Louisiana, March 1997.

INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Invited Lecturer, Teaching American History Grants (national grants designed to improve the quality of Social Studies education in K-12 schools)

2012: Citrus County, Florida—The Civil War

2011: Volusia County, Florida—The Civil War
Rio Grande, OH—Jacksonian America
Waco, Texas—Jacksonian America
Citrus County, Florida—Jacksonian America
Lawton, Oklahoma—The Early Republic
Miami, Florida--Slavery

2010: Kern County, California—Jacksonian America
Bradenton, Florida—Washington’s America
Waco, Texas—Washington’s America
Borrego Springs, California—The Early Republic
Monroe County, Florida—The Coming of the American Revolution

2009: Anderson, IN—Jacksonian America
Corinth, Mississippi—Secession and Civil War
Alcorn County, Mississippi—Jacksonian America
Cleveland County, NC—The American Revolution

2008: Charleston, SC—Secession and Civil War
Medford, Oregon—Jacksonian America
Fresno, California-- Jacksonian America
Miami, Florida—The Frontier (repeated in 2009 and 2010)
Orlando, Florida—Washington’s America

2007: Jefferson, Louisiana-- Jacksonian America
Elk Grove, California-- Jacksonian America (repeated in 2009)

2006: Clay County, Florida—Civil War and Reconstruction

Invited Participant, “Going to Graduate School Session,” National Phi Alpha Theta Conference (Orlando, 2012)

Invited Lecturer, Orange County History Center, "Why a Civil War Erupted in 1861," (January 2007) "Glory: Film and History," (February 2007) "Lincoln's Assassination Revisited," (April 2007) "Elections of 1800 and 1824," (February 2008), "Slavery: Myths and Realities" (November 2008), "Lincoln as a War Leader: The Controversies" (February 2009).

"The Civil War Started Here: The National Impact of Events in Territorial Kansas," Tenth Annual Bleeding Kansas Program Series at Lecompton, Kansas, February 2006.

Historical Consultant for "Touched by Fire, Bleeding Kansas 1854-1861," a documentary focusing on territorial Kansas, Lone Chimney Productions (summer 2005)

PRIZES AND GRANTS

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES:

Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, summer 2005.

2003 Kemper and Leila Williams Prize for best book in Louisiana History for *A Perfect War of Politics: Parties, Politicians, and Democracy in Louisiana, 1824-1861*

Research and Creativity Summer Research Grant, Emporia State University, 2001, 2003

Presidents Memorial Award for Best Article in *Louisiana History*, 2001

T. Harry Williams Dissertation Fellowship, Louisiana State University, 1998-99

Board of Regents Fellowship, Louisiana State University, 1992-1996

GRANT INVOLVEMENT:

Lead Historian, America in the Sunshine, Orange County Public Schools, Teaching American History Grant, 2008- (A \$1,600,000 grant to improve history teaching in the Orange County school system.)

Resident Historian, Monroe County, Teaching American History Grant, 2010-11 (A \$1,000,000 grant to improve history teaching in Monroe County.)

Member, Advisory Committee, Orange County Public Schools, Teaching American History Grant, 2007- (A \$1,000,000 grant to improve history teaching in the Orange County school system.)

Project Director, Kansas Veterans of World War II Oral History Project, Grant received from the Kansas State Historical Society, 2005-06, (A \$6,268 grant to interview World War II Veterans in Lyon County, KS.)

Emporia State University Representative and Steering Committee member for Teachers as Scholars in Kansas, Teaching American History Grant, 2002-05 (An \$861,000 grant to improve history teaching in Kansas public schools.)

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT:

Undergraduate Courses Taught at the University of Central Florida:

- AMH 2010 United States History to 1877
- AMH 4140 Jeffersonian America
- AMH 4160 Jacksonian America
- AMH 4170 Civil War and Reconstruction
- AMH 3402 History of the South to 1865

Graduate Courses Taught at the University of Central Florida

- AMH 5176 Colloquium in Civil War and Reconstruction
- AMH 5149 Readings in the Early Republic
- AMH 6939 Research Seminar in Civil War and Reconstruction
- AMH 5406 Colloquium in American South
- AMH 6939 Research Seminar in American South

Other Undergraduate Courses Taught at Emporia State University

- American Revolution, 1763-1789
- Early Republic, 1789-1848
- US Political Parties, 1789-1896
- History of the South
- African-American History
- History of Mexico

Other Graduate Seminars Taught at Emporia State University

- Readings in the Early Republic
- Readings in the Civil War Era
- Readings in 19th Century Politics
- Readings in Antebellum Southern History
- Readings in African-American History
- Creating a Nation, 1763-1815 (online graduate class)
- Expansion and Reform, 1810-1860 (online graduate class)

OTHER TEACHING RELATED ACTIVITIES

Successfully completed IDL 6543 Interactive Distributed Learning course, Spring 2010

“Just Like the Real Thing: A Graduate History Conference at UCF,” *Faculty Focus*, (University of Central Florida, FCTL), Vol. 8, No. 2 2009, 6-7.

“The 1824 Election: The Corrupt Bargain?” and “Was Lincoln Left off the Ballot in 1860 in the South,” on Franklin’s Opus, a website dedicated to providing content knowledge for K-12 educators (<http://franklinsopus.org/>)

Winner of 2009 Innovative Teaching and Learning Grant for running a Graduate History Conference (Grant submitted in conjunction with Drs. Peter Larson and Amelia Lyons.)

“Using ‘Glory’ in a Civil War Classroom,” accepted proposal for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Workshop, Summer 2007.

Guest speaker, Phi Alpha Theta Film Series, “Glory” (2006, 2009), “Gods and Generals,” 2006

Organizer “Condemned to Repeat It,” and guest lecturer, “CSA: The Confederate States of America,” Honors College Film Series, 2008

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, MASTER’S THESIS SUPERVISION

Julian Boyden, “Vox Populi-Vox Belli: A Cultural Historical Study of Southern Antebellum Public Attitudes and Motivations towards Secession,” (2012)

Eric P. Totten, “The Ancient City Occupied: St. Augustine as a Test Case for Stephen Ash’s Civil War Occupation Model,” (2011)

Leanna Thomas, “A Fractured Foundation: Discontinuities in Acadian Resettlement, 1755-1803,” (2011) *Winner of the College of Arts and Humanities Outstanding Thesis Award

Hunter Shaw, “For Home and Country: Confederate Nationalism in Western North Carolina,” (2010)

Daniel Lewis, “Thomas Jefferson and the Execution of the United States Indian Policy,” (2010)

Dwight Johnson, “Fort Blakeley Fortifications,” (2009)

Sarah Clark, “The Popular Images of John Brown and Thomas ‘Stonewall’ Jackson,” (2007).

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Charles Brand, Directed Readings, Early Republic Politics (spring 2010)

Jeffery Baumiller, Directed Readings, German Immigration (spring 2009)

Daniel Lewis, Research paper, “The Lewis and Clark Expedition in Historiography” (fall 2008)

Hunter Shaw, Research paper, “North Carolina Yeomen and Confederate Nationalism” (fall 2008)

Gregory Underwood, Research paper, “Abraham Lincoln’s Military Policy” (fall 2008)

Holly Pinheiro, Directed Readings on Slavery (summer 2008), Research paper, “African American Veterans and the Memphis Race Riot of 1866,” (fall 2007)

Todd Jones, Directed Readings on Civil War West Virginia (summer 2008)

Doug Russo, Directed Readings on Civil War Virginia (spring 2008)

SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Chair, Digital History Search Committee, 2010-2011

Member, Assistant Editor, Florida Historical Quarterly, Search Committee, 2010-2011

Chair, Military History Search Committee, 2009-2010

Associate Chair of History, 2007-2011

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2007-2011

Chair, Barge Scholarship Committee, 2008-2010

Member, History Assessment Committee, 2007-2011

Department Representative, Faculty Staff Giving Campaign, 2008-2011

Member, Administrative Assistant Search Committee, 2008

Member, Chair Search Committee, 2008

Phi Alpha Theta Advisor, 2006-2008

History Club, Advisor, 2006-2008

Member, Florida History Search Committee, 2007

Organized and Lead Speaker, Forum, “What to do with a BA in History: Tips on How to Prepare for Graduate School,” February 2007

EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Member, College of Arts and Humanities (CAH), David Vickers Employee Recognition Awards Committee, 2012

Member, CAH, Student Founders' Day Selection Committee, 2012

Member, CAH, Curriculum and Standards Committee, 2010-

Member, University Athletics Advisory Committee, 2011-

Member, Board of Directors, University of Central Florida Creative School for Children, 2011-

Member, Search Committee (three searches), College of Arts and Humanities Advising Office, 2010-2011; 2011, 2012

Co-Chair, Faculty Staff Giving Campaign, 2009

Speaker at Faculty Staff Giving Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast, 2009

College of Education, Social Science Program Advisory Board Committee

SERVICE AT EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Chair, Department of Social Sciences, 2003-06

Co-Chair, Annual Emporia State University Undergraduate/Graduate Student History Conference, 2002- 06

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee 2002-4

Social Sciences Scholarship and Honors Committee, 2002-06

Academic Advisor, Sigma Tau Gamma, Social Fraternity, 2000-06

Faculty Sponsor, Phi Alpha Theta, 2000-06

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors, Louisiana Historical Association, 2006-09

Executive Committee, 2008-09

Member, C. Vann Woodward Dissertation Award Committee, Southern Historical Association, 2009-2010

Member, Advisory Board, Louisiana Digital Newspaper Project, 2009-

Referee for grant submission, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009

Publications Committee, Louisiana Historical Association, 2004-2007, Chair, 2006-2007

Program Committee, Louisiana Historical Association, 2007-2008

Review Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Humanities Workshops, June 2005, May 2007

Referee for article submissions to *Journal of Southern History*, *Civil War History*, *Kansas History*, *The Journal of the Early Republic*, *The Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, and *Louisiana History*

Outside Reviewer for Jonathan Earle, "John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry," (Bedford St. Martin's, 2008)

Session Commentator, "Confluence of Loyalties: The American Civil War Era," Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Association Conference, (March 2012)

Session Commentator, "Union Occupation of Louisiana During the Civil War," Louisiana Historical Association, (March 2007)

Session Commentator, "Nineteenth-Century Presidents," Missouri Valley History Conference, March 2005

Session Chair, "Early Statehood in Louisiana: A Time of Transition," Louisiana Historical Association, March 2005

Session Chair, "Military Conflict in the Antebellum American South," Mid America History Conference, Springfield, Missouri, September 2004
Outside Reviewer for proposal and manuscript submissions to the University Press of Kansas, Louisiana State University Press, the University of Mississippi Press, the University of Virginia Press, and the Center for Louisiana Studies
Outside Reviewer for Alan Brinkley, *American History: A Survey* (McGraw-Hill, 13th edition, 2011)
Outside Reviewer for *The Brief American Pageant*, 7th Edition, (Wadsworth/Cengage, 2009).
Outside Reviewer for Victoria Bissell Brown and Timothy J. Shannon (eds.), *Going to the Source: The Bedford Reader in American History* (Bedford St. Martin's, 2004)
Member of American Historical Association, Southern Historical Association, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Louisiana Historical Association, Society of Civil War Historians, Florida Historical Society

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Education Committee, Orange County Regional Historical Center, 2011-
Member, Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, Orange County History Center, 2008
Guest Speaker, "Being a Historian," Sanford Middle School, November 2007
Invited Speaker, "American History," for "Key Themes in Understanding U.S. Nationals," Tupperware Corporation, Fall 2006, Spring 2007