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## Academic Positions

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University of Central Florida, Orlando, Lecturer, 2016-present

Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, Assistant Professor, 2013-2016

University of Central Florida, Orlando, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2013

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## Education

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The State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of History, Ph.D., 2010

Dissertation: "Sailing for Spanish America: The Atlantic Geopolitics of Foreign Privateering from the United States in the Early Republic" (Tamara Thornton, director)

The State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of History, M.A., 2002

Niagara University, Department of History, B.A., 2000, *Summa Cum Laude*

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## Publications

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### Book Published

2015 *Privateers of the Americas: Spanish American Privateering from the United States in the Early Republic*, University of Georgia Press, Early American Places Series.

- ❖ Winner 2016 John Gardner Maritime Research Award for most significant contribution to maritime research, presented by the Fellows of the G.W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut.

### Books in Press

2017 Editor, *Encyclopedia of the Atlantic World, 1400-1900: Europe, Africa, and the Americas in an Age of Exploration, Trade, and Empires*, ABC-CLIO. Publication scheduled for November 2017.

2018 Editor, *The Golden Age of Piracy: The Rise, Fall, and Enduring Popularity of Pirates*, University of Georgia Press. Publication scheduled for summer 2018.

### Book in Preparation

"A Crisis of Peace: George Washington, the Newburgh Conspiracy, and the Fate of the American Revolution," in preparation.

### Articles

2013 "Slave Smuggling by Foreign Privateers: Geopolitical Influences on the Illegal Slave Trade," *Journal of the Early Republic*, 33 (2013), 433-462.

- ❖ Winner Ralph D. Gray Article Prize for most significant *JER* article in 2013.

- 2013 “Independence on the Quarterdeck: Three Baltimore Seafarers, Spanish America, and the Lives of Captains in the Early American Republic,” *The Northern Mariner/ le marin du nord*, 23 (2013), 1-20.
- 2013 “New Nations, New Connections: Spanish American Privateering from the United States and the Development of Atlantic Relations,” *Early American Studies*, 11 (2013), 161-175.
- 2012 “Howard Pyle’s Pirates: Late Victorian Children’s Literature and the Best Reading for Over-Refined Boys,” *Topic: The Washington & Jefferson College Review*, 58 (2012), 93-112.
- 2008 “Baltimore Seafarers, Privateering, and the South American Revolutions, 1816-1820,” *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 105 (2008), 269-293.
- ❖ Winner Marion Brewington Prize for Research in Chesapeake Maritime History, Presented by the Maryland Historical Society, 2008.
- 2008 “A Different Kind of Maritime Predation: South American Privateering from Baltimore, 1816-1820,” *International Journal of Naval History*, 7 (2008), online: <http://www.ijnhonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Head.pdf>.

### General Audience Publications

- 2017 “Ranking Presidents is Fun, but What Do Historians Know?” Op-Ed, *Orlando Sentinel*, Jan. 18, 2017, online: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-stop-rating-presidents-myword--011817-20170118-story.html>
- 2016 “George Washington’s Road Trip: Trip Tips for Trump,” Op-Ed, *Orlando Sentinel*, Nov. 19, 2016, online: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-george-washington-donald-trump-visit111916-20161119-story.html>.
- 2015 “Jean Lafitte Didn’t Save New Orleans but Added Intrigue to the Battle,” Op-Ed, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, Jan. 6, 2015, online: [http://www.nola.com/military/index.ssf/2015/01/jean\\_lafitte\\_didnt\\_save\\_new\\_or.html](http://www.nola.com/military/index.ssf/2015/01/jean_lafitte_didnt_save_new_or.html)
- 2013 “Honor Kennedy’s Life; Ignore the Conspiracies Theories about His Death,” Op-Ed, *Mobile Press-Register, The Birmingham News, The Huntsville Times*, Nov. 17, 2013, online: [http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/11/honor\\_kennedys\\_life\\_ignore\\_the.html](http://www.al.com/opinion/index.ssf/2013/11/honor_kennedys_life_ignore_the.html)
- 2011 “What Do Students Remember?” *Inside Higher Ed*, Mar. 1, 2011, online: [http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2011/03/01/essay\\_on\\_what\\_college\\_students\\_remember](http://www.insidehighered.com/views/2011/03/01/essay_on_what_college_students_remember).
- 2011 “The U.S. Constitution: Our Rulebook and Symbol,” Op-Ed, *The Buffalo News*, Jan. 16, 2011, online: <http://www.buffalonews.com/article/20110116/OPINION/301169961>

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## Presentations

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### Invited Presentations

- 2014 “Jean Laffite, International Man of Intrigue: How a Pirate, Smuggler, Privateer, and Spy Thrived in a Time of War,” Gulf States Early America Group, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Lafayette, LA.

### Conferences Papers

- 2014 “The Hospitality of a Neutral: How Foreign Privateers Used Federal Law to Access U.S. Ports,” *Organization of American Historians (OAH) Annual Meeting*, Atlanta.
- 2014 “The Geopolitical Opportunism of Jean and Pierre Laffite: Beyond the Battle of New Orleans on the Louisiana Coast, 1809-1820,” *Louisiana Historical Association (LHA) Annual Meeting*, Hammond, LA.

- 2013 “The Rise and Fall of a Patriot Port: Galveston and the Geopolitics of Privateering and Filibustering in the Gulf of Mexico, 1816-1820,” *Gulf South Historical Association (GSHA) Annual Meeting*, Pensacola.
- 2011 “The Monroe Administration and the Decision to Invade Amelia Island, East Florida: Reexamining the Foreign Relations of the Early Republic,” *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting*, Alexandria, VA.
- 2010 “The Invasions of Amelia Island, East Florida, 1817: The Influence of Geopolitics in the Early American Republic,” *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting*, Rochester, NY.
- 2010 “Independence on the Quarterdeck: Captain James ‘Diego’ Chaytor and the Spanish American Revolutions,” *North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) Annual Conference*, Mystic, CT.
- 2008 “The Laffite Brothers and the Geopolitics of Privateering and the Slave Trade in the Early American Republic,” *New England Historical Association Fall Conference*, Beverly, MA.
- 2008 “Slave-Smuggling Privateers: The Laffite Brothers and the Louisiana Slave Trade, 1805-1820,” *North American Society for Oceanic History (NASOH) Annual Conference*, Pensacola.
- 2007 “A Different Kind of Maritime Predation: South American Privateering from Baltimore, 1816-1820,” *Naval History Symposium*, Annapolis.
- 2007 “Sailing Across Borders but Not Beyond Nations: Baltimore Seafarers and South American Privateering, 1816-1820,” *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR) Annual Meeting*, Worcester, MA.

#### Colloquia

- 2017 “Alexander Hamilton and the Newburgh Conspiracy: Military Politics at the Anxious End of the American Revolution,” UCF History Research Colloquium.
- 2016 “The Newburgh Conspiracy,” Work-in-Progress Presentation, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon.
- 2009 “Cruising the Gulf of Mexico: French and Spanish American Privateering from Louisiana, 1810-1815,” University at Buffalo History Department Colloquium.
- 2006 Fellowship Colloquium, Library Company of Philadelphia.
- 2005 Lord Baltimore Fellowship Work-in-Progress Presentation, Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.
- 2005 “Pirates, Privateers, and Peaceful Trade: Commercial Legitimacy in the Early American Republic, 1815-1830,” *Graduate Student Forum in Early American History*, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, Boston.

#### Guest Lectures

- 2016 “George Washington and the Newburgh Conspiracy,” Mount Vernon Leadership Seminar, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon.

#### Community Presentations

- 2017 “Revolutionary Rogues: The Spanish American Pirates and Privateers Who Tried to Conquer Florida,” Beaches Museum and History Park, Jacksonville Beach, FL.
- 2017 “Revolutionary Rogues: The Spanish American Pirates and Privateers Who Tried to Conquer Florida,” St. Augustine Historical Society, St. Augustine.
- 2017 “The Siege of Pensacola and the American Revolution in West Florida,” Brevard Sons of the American Revolution, Patrick Air Force Base, FL.

- 2017 “The Privateer Invasion of Amelia Island,” Stephen Hopkins Colony of the Society of *Mayflower* Descendants in America,” Vero Beach, FL.
- 2017 “Revolutionary Rogues: The Spanish American Pirates and Privateers Who Tried to Conquer Florida,” Sons of the American Revolution, The Villages, FL.
- 2017 “Revolutionary Rogues: The Spanish American Pirates and Privateers Who Tried to Conquer Florida,” Winter Park Public Library, Winter Park, FL.
- 2017 “Revolutionary Rogues: The Spanish American Pirates and Privateers Who Tried to Conquer Florida,” Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) at UCF, Orlando.
- 2017 “The Privateer Invasion of Amelia Island,” John Howland Colony of the Society of *Mayflower* Descendants in America,” Winter Park, FL.
- 2016 “Slave Smuggling Privateers in the Spanish Borderlands: Geopolitics and the Illegal Slave Trade,” Friends of the Cabildo Annual Symposium, New Orleans.
- 2016 “Independence and Intrigue: How American Pirates and Privateers Helped Spanish America Win its Freedom,” Florida Maritime Museum, Cortez, Florida.
- 2016 “The Gulf Coast Campaign: Conquering British West Florida by Land and Sea in the American Revolution,” George Washington Teacher Institute, GulfQuest National Maritime Museum of the Gulf of Mexico, Mobile.
- 2016 “Gray and Blind in Your Service: George Washington and the Newburgh Conspiracy,” Lunch and Fellowship Program, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon.
- 2016 “Jean Laffite and the Pirates of the Gulf,” Odyssey USA Luncheon, University of South Alabama Lifelong Learning Program, Mobile.
- 2016 “Jean Laffite and the Slave-Smuggling Privateers: A Gulf Coast Story,” Alabama Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference Plenary Address, Spring Hill College, Mobile.
- 2016 “Church and State and Modernity: The Catholic Church from the French Revolution to World War II,” Odyssey USA, University of South Alabama Lifelong Learning Program, Mobile.
- 2015 “Popery: Anti-Catholic Prejudice in America,” Between the Masses Lecture Series, Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, Daphne, AL.
- 2015 “Baltimore’s Spanish American Privateers: A Story of Independence and Intrigue,” Maryland Historical Society/ *Pride of Baltimore*, Baltimore.
- 2013 “The Wolf by the Ear: Slavery in the Old South” and “Fracturing the Nation: Territorial Expansion and the Crisis of the 1850s,” Teaching American History Grant Workshop, Orlando.
- 2013 “Nobody’s Servant: Social Change in the Early Republic” and “1812: The War That Didn’t Settle Anything But Made Americans Proud,” Teaching American History Grant Workshop, Orlando.
- 2012 “We Love You, King George: Why the Colonists Adored Britain and How It All Fell Apart” and “Fighting for Liberty, Plunder, and King: Three Armies of the American Revolution,” Teaching American History Grant Workshop, Orlando.
- 2012 “Frequently Arrrrgh-st Questions: A Pirate FAQ,” U.S. Navy Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTECE), Andros Island, The Bahamas.
- 2011 “From Most Faithful Subjects to Revolutionaries: Or, Why did the Colonists Want Independence at All?” and “America at War: Armies, Strategies, and the Experience of Battle,” Teaching American History Grant Workshop, Orlando.

## Classes Taught

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### Traditional

United States History Survey I and II  
 The American Revolution, 1763-1788  
 Jeffersonian America, 1789-1815  
 Jacksonian America, 1815-1848  
 America in the World, 1945 to the Present  
 Western Civilization I and II  
 Twentieth-Century Europe  
 Global Water (team teaching)

American Presidents

Pirates!

### Online

United States History Survey I and II  
 The American Revolution, 1763-1788  
 Jacksonian America, 1815-1848  
 The Transatlantic World of Benjamin Franklin

## Fellowships and Grants

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2016 Writing across the Curriculum Starter Grant, University of Central Florida  
 2016 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend  
 2016 Amanda and Greg Gregory Family Fellowship, Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon  
 2014 Spring Hill College, Mitchell Family Faculty Research Grant  
 2007-2008 SUNY-Buffalo, Dissertation Writing Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences  
 2006 Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship  
 2006 Gilder Lehrman Fellowship, Library of the New-York Historical Society  
 2005 Maryland Historical Society, Lord Baltimore Fellowship  
 2005-2006 SUNY-Buffalo, Milton Plesur Dissertation Research Grant, History Department  
 2002-2006 SUNY-Buffalo, Dean's Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences

## Prizes

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2016 John Gardner Maritime Research Award for most significant contribution to maritime research, Fellows of the G.W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport Museum  
 2014 Ralph D. Gray Article Prize for most significant *Journal of the Early Republic* article in 2013, Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)  
 2008 Marion Brewington Prize for Chesapeake Maritime History, Maryland Historical Society  
 2001 Hardin Craig Award for Excellence at the Munson Institute, Mystic Seaport Museum

## Academic Service

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### To the Profession

2017 Convener, "The Art and Practice of Biography," SHEAR Annual Meeting Panel

2017 Manuscript reader, University of Pennsylvania Press  
 2017 Article Referee, *Journal of the Early Republic*  
 2017 Member, SHEAR Annual Meeting Program Committee  
 2016 Article Referee, *William and Mary Quarterly*  
 2016 Panel Commentator, SHEAR Annual Meeting  
 2015 Panel Commentator, Naval History Symposium  
 2015 Member, *JER* Ralph D. Gray article prize committee  
 2014 Article Referee, *Journal of Military History*  
 2013 Panel Chair, Naval History Symposium  
 2013 Panel Commentator, Naval History Symposium  
 2013 Book Proposal Reviewer, Oxford University Press  
 2012 Book Proposal Reviewer, Routledge  
 2011-2014 Textbook Reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin's, Pearson, Cengage  
 2011 Article Referee, *Journal of the Early Republic*

To the University of Central Florida

2017 Assessment Committee, History Department  
 2017 Thomas Greenhaw Scholarship Committee, History Department  
 2016-present Academic Adviser, History Department  
 2016-2017 Undergraduate Program Committee, History Department  
 2010-2013 Academic Adviser, History Department  
 2011-2012 Undergraduate Program Committee, History Department  
 2010-2011 Technology Committee, History Department

To Spring Hill College

2016 Evaluator, History and Social Science Education Student Teaching Internships  
 2016 New Faculty Mentor, College Mentoring Program  
 2015-2016 Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees Finance and Administration Advisory Committee  
 2015-2016 Member, College Budget Advisory Council  
 2015-2016 Member, Library and Information Resources Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee  
 2015-2016 Academic Adviser, History Department  
 2014-2016 Member, Curriculum Committee  
 2014-2016 Institutional Representative, Rhodes Scholarship Program  
 2014-2015 Member, Latin American Faculty Search Committee  
 2014-2015 Member, Cohesive Undergraduate Experience (CUE) Advisory Board  
 2013-2016 Webmaster, History Department  
 2013-2015 Member, Portier Lecture Committee

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**Additional Professional Experience**

- 2016 Organizer, Spring Hill College-University of South Alabama History Writing Group
- 2013-2016 Supervisor, Master of Liberal Arts Capstone Projects (6 total), Spring Hill College
- 2012 Participant, Church and State: Religion in the Young American Republic Seminar, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2011 Participant, University of Central Florida online teaching development course “Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology-Mediated Course Delivery”
- 2013-2014 Reader, Advanced Placement United States History Exam
- 2008-2010 Reader, Advanced Placement United States History Exam
- 2009 Instructor, Buffalo State College
- 2009-2010 Instructor, Niagara University
- 2004-2010 Instructor, SUNY-Buffalo
- 2002-2007 Teaching Assistant, SUNY-Buffalo
- 2003 Research Assistant, SUNY-Buffalo, Professor Andreas Daum
- 2002 Research Assistant, University of Illinois-Chicago, Professor Richard John
- 2001 Participant, Mystic Seaport Museum, Frank C. Munson Institute Graduate Seminar in American Maritime History

### **Additional Publications**

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#### Book Reviews

- 2017 Review of William M. Ferraro, ed., *The Papers of George Washington: The Revolutionary War Series, Volume 23, 22 October-December 1779*, 37 (2017), 787-790.
- 2016 Review of Brady J. Crytzer, *Hessians: Mercenaries, Rebels, and the War for British North America* in *Journal of Southern History*, 82 (2016), 661-662.
- 2016 Review of Faye M. Kert, *Privateering: Patriots and Profits in the War of 1812* in H-SHEAR, H-Net Reviews (2016). <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=45359>.
- 2016 Review of Brian Rouleau, *With Sails Whitening Every Sea: Mariners and the Making of an American Maritime Empire* in *Journal of the Early Republic* in *Journal of the Early Republic*, 36 (2016), 425-428.
- 2013 Review of Jonathan R. Dull, *American Naval History, 1607-1865: Overcoming the Colonial Legacy* and Kevin D. McCranie, *Utmost Gallantry: The U.S. and Royal Navies at Sea in the War of 1812* in *Journal of the Early Republic*, 33 (2013), 791-795.
- 2011 Review of Sheldon S. Cohen, *Commodore Abraham Whipple of the Continental Navy: Privateer, Patriot, Pioneer* and George C. Daughan, *If By Sea: The Forging of the American Navy—From the Revolution to the War of 1812* in *Journal of the Early Republic*, 31 (2011), 318-321.
- 2009 Review of Robert H. Patton, *Patriot Pirates: The Privateer War for Freedom and Fortune in the American Revolution* in *Journal of British Studies*, 48 (2009), 507-508.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

- 2015 “Hessians,” in *The George Washington Encyclopedia* (online), Mt. Vernon, VA: Mt. Vernon Ladies’ Association, online: <http://www.mountvernon.org/educational-resources/encyclopedia/hessians>.

2006 “Poor Richard’s Almanac,” in *Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural, and Economic History*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Teaching Materials

2016 Review outlines *Western Civilization 1: To 1500* and *Western Civilization 2: 1500-2016*, BarCharts Quick Study Academic.

2016 Revision and expansion of LearningCurve supplement to Nancy A. Hewitt and Steven F. Lawson, *Exploring American Histories*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Bedford/St. Martin’s.

2015 “The Antebellum Temperance Movement,” *Bedford Digital Collections*, Bedford/St. Martin’s.

2015 Review outlines *The American Revolution* and *The Civil War*, BarCharts Quick Study Academic.

2013 Review outlines *American History 1: 1492-1877*, *American History 2: 1877-2012*, *World History 1: To 1500*, *World History 2: 1500-2013*, BarCharts Quick Study Academic.

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**Professional Memberships**

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Society for Historians of the Early American Republic