

## Curriculum Vita (Abbreviated)

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**Education:** Ph.D. in History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, 1998  
**Employment:**  
2011- UCF, Associate Professor, Editor *Florida Historical Quarterly*; Director of RICHES; and Coordinator of History Internships  
2010-2011 UCF, Associate Professor; Editor *Florida Historical Quarterly*; Interim Director of RICHES, and Coordinator of History Internships  
2009 University of Central Florida, Associate Professor; Editor *Florida Historical Quarterly*  
2005-2009 University of Central Florida, Assistant Professor and Editor *Florida Historical Quarterly*  
1999-2005 Mississippi State University, Assistant Professor  
1998-1999 Middle Tennessee State University, Visiting Assistant Professor  
1996-1998 Associate Editor, Tennessee Historical Society, Encyclopedia Project

### Publications:

#### Books:

*Up From the Mudsills of Hell: The Farmers' Alliance, Populism, and Progressive Agriculture in Tennessee, 1870-1915* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2006)  
Nominated for the Frederick Jackson Turner Prize (OAH), Theodore Saloutos Prize (Agricultural History Society), and Tennessee History Book Award (Tennessee Library Association)

Editor, *Revolution in the Land: Southern Agriculture in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: The Papers of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum on the Turning Points in History* (Mississippi State University: Department of History, 2003).

<http://historicaltextarchive.com/books>

Associate editor, *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture* (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Society, 1998). Recipient of the Award of Merit, American Association of State and Local History, 1999. Updated and republished by University of Tennessee Press, 2002 online at [www.tennesseeencyclopedia.net](http://www.tennesseeencyclopedia.net)

### Book Manuscripts in Progress:

“Yours Always”: *The Civil War Diary of Lucy Virginia French*,

*Mississippi Economic History in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, under contract to the Mississippi Historical Society Heritage Series, University Press of Mississippi

### Articles, Essays, Edited Works, and Chapters in Books:

- “Planting the Seed: Florida’s Independent Black Farmers in the Civil Rights Era,” in *Old South, New South, or Down South?: Florida in the Civil Rights Movement*, ed. Irving Winsboro, (Morgantown: University of West Virginia Press, 2009), 113-133.
- “‘I had to be right pushy’: Lucille Thornburgh, AFL Editor and Activist,” in *Tennessee Women: Their Histories, Their Lives*, ed. Beverly Bond and Sarah Wilkerson-Freeman, University of Georgia Press (2009), 191-213.
- “Balancing Agriculture with Industry: Capital, Labor and Race in Mississippi’s Home-Grown New Deal,” *Journal of Mississippi History*, Volume 57, no. 3 (Fall 2008): 235-263.
- “Populist Scholarship as a Survey of American Political and Social Change,” essay for

- “*Agricultural History* Roundtable on Populism” with Robert C. McMath, Jr., Peter H. Argersinger, Connie L. Lester, Michael F. Magliari, and Walter Nugent *Agricultural History* Volume 82, No. 1 (Winter 2008): 10-16.
- “Lucy Virginia French: Out of the Bitterness of My Heart,” chapter in *The Human Tradition in the Civil War and Reconstruction*, edited by Steven E. Woodworth (Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 2000); and *The Human Tradition in the Old South*, James C. Klotter, editor ( Scholarly Resources, 2003).
- “Family Farms,” (4500 word essay) in *The Family in America: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Joseph Hawes and Elizabeth Shores (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2001): 414-425.
- Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture* (Nashville, TN: Tennessee Historical Society, 1998), 43 entries, including a major essay on science and technology in Tennessee.
- “Let Us Be Up and Doing: Women in the Tennessee Movements for Agrarian Reform, 1870-1892,” chapter in *Tennessee: The Land, The People and The Culture* (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 1998); reprint from article by the same title in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 54 (Summer 1995): 80-97.

**Grants and Fellowships:**

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| 2011 | NEH Digital Start-up Grant (2011-2012), \$50,000<br>Winter Park Health Foundation (2011), \$20,000 |
| 2007 | Leu Research Fellowship Award for Civil War History, Tennessee Historical Society Society          |

**Service:**

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| 2011-2013 | Executive Board, Agricultural History Society  |
| 2010-2012 | Executive Board, Gulf South Historical Association   |
| 2010-2012 | Executive Board, Conference of Historical Journals   |
| 2009      | Ramsdell-Greene Award, Southern Historical Association   |
| 2008      | Chair, Program Committee, Florida Historical Society   |
| 2007-2010 | Wayne Rasmussen Award Committee for the best article in <i>Agricultural History</i>  |
| 2007      | Patrick Rembert Book Award Committee, Florida Historical Society   |
| 2006-2009 | Nominating Committee, Agricultural History Society   |
| 2006-2007 | Nominating Committee, Conference of Historical Journals  |
| 2006-2009 | Board of Editors, H-FLORIDA and H-TENNESSEE  |
| 2005-2008 | Board of Editors, <i>Agricultural History</i>  |
| 2005-2006 | Program Chair, Mississippi Historical Society  |
| 2005-2006 | Project Site Director, “Between Fences” Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State University |
| 2001-2005 | Book Review Editor, <i>Journal of Mississippi History</i>  |
| 2003-2006 | Board of Directors, Mississippi Historical Society   |
| 2001-2005 | Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta, Mississippi State University   |

**Awards:**

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| 2006       | Research Recognition Award, College of Arts and Humanities, UCF  |
| 2005       | Outstanding Faculty Woman, Mississippi State University,<br>President’s Commission on the Status of Women                |
| 2001, 2005 | William E. Parrish Outstanding Teaching Award, Phi Alpha Theta, Mississippi State University                             |
| 1999       | Award of Merit, American Association of State and Local History for <i>Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture</i> |

**Professional Memberships:**

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| Florida Historical Society                 | Organization for American Historians      |
| Agricultural History Society               | Rural Women’s Studies Association         |
| Tennessee Historical Society               | Mississippi Historical Society            |
| Southern Historical Association            | Inter War Rural History Research Group    |
| Society for the Gilded Age/Progressive Era | Southern Association for Women Historians |