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Education

Ph.D., American History, Mississippi State University, Summer 2026

Dissertation: “A More Exotic Game Animal: The European Wild Boar and the Rise of Feral Hogs in the American South,” *passed with distinction and nominated for the 2026 Gilbert Fite Award for best dissertation in agricultural history*

Committee: James C. Giesen (chair), Mark D. Hersey, Joseph Thompson, and Alexandra Hui

Areas of Specialization: United States; Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental; Conservation and Hunting; American South

M.A., History, concentration in Public History, Western Carolina University, Spring 2017

B.S., History, Western Carolina University, Spring 2012

B.S., Communication, concentration in Broadcasting, Western Carolina University, Spring 2012

Presentations and Invited Talks

“Boar Lore: Popularizing Wild Hog Hunting in East Tennessee,” Southern Forum on Agricultural and Environmental History, Cullowhee, NC, March 2026

“Hogging Down: Sportsmen, Farmers, and Feral Hogs in the 20th Century South,” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting. St. Paul, MN, June 2025

“Comedy on the Fringe? A Brief History of the Politics of Stand-Up Comedy,” invited talk, A/V Club, Mississippi State University, January 2025

“Wild Hogs in the American South: A Brief History,” Invited talk for the course “Pig History: East Meets West,” Ph.D. Candidate Niu Teo, University of Chicago, November 2024

“North Vietnam Raised the Stakes; The United States’ War Ends; America is Gone; It All Ends,”
Guest lectures for HI 4632: America’s Vietnam War, Dr. Mary Kathryn Barbier,
Mississippi State University, November 2024

“Hog Wild: Wildlife Biologists, Hunters, and the Reframing of Feral Hogs as an Invasive
Species in the US South,” World Congress of Environmental History, Oulu, Finland,
August 2024, Presented online

“‘A More Exotic Game Animal’: Hog Hunting Culture in the American South,” Agricultural
History Society Annual Meeting, Las Cruces, NM, June 2024

“Pigs in Perpetuity: Photography and Hog Hunting in the American South,” invited talk, A/V
Club, Mississippi State University, January 2024

“Exotic Bounty: The European Wild Boar in the American South,” Southern Forum on
Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental History, Starkville, MS, April 2023

“Sus Scrofa: Feral Hogs as Prizes and Pests in Mississippi, 1970-2010,” Mississippi Historical
Society, Jackson, MS, March 2023

“Life and Limb in Southern Appalachia: The Story of William Bryant Carden,” Southeastern
Museums Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 2016

Publications

Review of Buckley T. Foster, *So Great Was the Slaughter: Market Hunters,
Sportsmen, and Conservation in Arkansas*, for *Environmental History*, Vol. 31, no. 2,
April 2026

Review of Tami Parr, *Goats in America: A Cultural History*, for the *Nevada Historical
Society Quarterly*, Vol. 69, no. 1, April 2026

Review of Bobby J. Smith II, *Food Power Politics: The Food Story of the Mississippi Civil
Rights Movement*, for the *Journal of Mississippi History*, LXXXVII, no. 1 & 2,
Spring/Summer 2025

Co-Editor, *Jackson Urban Wildlife Story Maps*, Mississippi State University Extension Program,
Summer, 2023

Review of Gregory Smithers, “The Cherokee Diaspora: An Indigenous History of Migration,
Resettlement, and Identity,” *Tuckasegee Valley Historical Review*, Vol. XXIII, 2017

“The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: A History of Feral Hogs in Western North Carolina,”
Tuckasegee Valley Historical Review, XXII, 2016

Awards and Honors

Early Career Research Grant, American Society of Environmental History, 2026, \$500 award

Outstanding Graduate Student in the Humanities Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2024-2025. \$200 award

Outstanding Graduate Student in History, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2024-2025

George Robson Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Spring 2025. \$200 award

Scholars of the Earth Research Award, Agricultural, Rural, and Environmental Node of Excellence, Department of History, Mississippi State University, June 2023. \$700 award

George Robson Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of History, Mississippi State University, Spring 2023. \$200 Award

Tuition Remission, Department of History, Western Carolina University, 2016-2017

Patrick Lee Carmody Scholarship Recipient, Department of Communication, Western Carolina University, 2011-2012

Dean's List, Western Carolina University, Spring 2011-Spring 2012

Pi Gamma Mu International Honors Society, Western Carolina University, 2012

Academic Experience

Adjunct Professor, HI 1063, Early American History, Mississippi State University, Fall 2026

Adjunct Professor, HI 1073, Modern US History, Mississippi State University, Fall 2026

Instructor, HI 1073: Modern US History, Mississippi State University, Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, HI 4333: Native American History to 1830, asynchronous online course, Mississippi State University, Summer 2025

Teaching Assistant, HI 1163: World History before 1500, asynchronous online course, Mississippi State University, Summer 2025

Instructor, HI 3333: Mississippi History, Mississippi State University, Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant, HI 1073: Modern US History, Dr. Jim Giesen, Mississippi State University,
Fall 2024

Instructor, HI 3333: Mississippi History, Mississippi State University, Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant, HI 1063: Early US History, Dr. Leigh Soares, Mississippi State University,
Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, HI 3333: Mississippi History, Asynchronous online course, Mississippi State
University, Summer 2023

Editorial Assistant, *Environmental History*, Dr. Mark Hersey & Dr. Stephen Brain,
January 2022-June 2023

Teaching Assistant, HI 1073: Modern US History, Dr. Matt Lavine, Mississippi State University,
Fall 2021

Social Studies Teacher, 7th Grade, World History Since 1500, Cullowhee Valley School,
Cullowhee, North Carolina, 2017-2021

Social Studies Teacher, 8th Grade, North Carolina and United States History, Cullowhee Valley
School, Cullowhee, North Carolina, 2017-2021

English Language Arts Teacher, 7th Grade, Writing and Grammar, Cullowhee Valley School,
Cullowhee, North Carolina, 2017-2019

Teaching Assistant, Hist 132: US History Since 1865, Dr. Elizabeth McRae, Western Carolina
University, Spring 2017

Graduate Assistant, Department of History, Western Carolina University, Fall 2016

Graduate Intern, Mountain Heritage Center, Western Carolina University, Summer 2016

Research Assistant, Dr. Andrew Denson, Department of History, Western Carolina University,
2015-2016

Service

Social Media Committee Member, Agricultural History Society, Spring 2026

National History Day Judge, North Mississippi Regional, Mississippi State University, Spring
2026

National History Day Judge, North Mississippi Regional, Mississippi University for Women,
Spring 2024

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Board, History Department Representative, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2023-2024

Phi Alpha Theta President, Mississippi State University Chapter, 2022-2023

National History Day Judge, Western North Carolina Regional, Western Carolina University, 2016

Professional Associations

Agricultural History Society

American Society for Environmental History

History of Science Society

Mississippi Historical Society

Organization of American Historians

Southern Historical Association

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Local 491

Motion Picture and Television Production Experience

Rigging Grip, *The Hunting Wives*. Key Rigging Grip, Steve Stepheson; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2024

First Company Grip, *The 24th*. Director of Photography, Brett Pawlak; Key Grip, Talmadge Peace. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2019

Grip, *Dirty Dancing*. Director of Photography, John Lindley; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Asheville, North Carolina, 2016

First Company Grip, *Bolden*. Director of Photography, Neal Norton; Key Grip, Sean Devine. Wilmington, North Carolina, 2014-2015

First Company Grip, *Max*. Director of Photography, Stefan Czapsky; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2014

Best Boy Grip, *Captive*. Director of Photography, Luis Sansans Arnanz; Key Grip, Bill Merrill. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2013

First Company Grip, *Homeland: Season 3*. Director of Photography, David Klein; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2013

First Company Grip, *Sleepy Hollow: Pilot*. Director of Photography, Kramer Morgenthau; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2013

First Company Grip, *An Evergreen Christmas*. Director of Photography, Jeff Osbourne; Key Grip, Bill Merrill. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2013

Grip, *Homeland: Season 2*. Director of Photography, Nelson Cragg; Key Grip, Eric Jones. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2012

Intern, WCCB Fox News Charlotte. Videography and Editing. Charlotte, North Carolina, 2011

Multiple Commercial Productions, including NBC Sports, NASCAR, NFL Films, Apple, Bojangles, Duke Energy, Mazola, Zoa Energy Drinks, CPI Security, and Meineke