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# Fields of specialization

African American History, Civil War and Reconstruction History, Environmental History, Native American History, Latter-day Saint History

# Education

**Ph.D.** University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 2022

Dissertation: “Building on the Promises: Black Civil War Veterans and Community in the Midwest”

Committee Members: Leslie Schwalm(chair), Simon Balto, Charles Connerly, Ashley Howard, John McKerley

**MA** Iowa State University, Ames, IA, 2016

Thesis title: “Still in The Fight: The Struggle for Community in the Midwest for African American Civil War Veterans”

Committee Members: Kathleen Hilliard(chair), Brian Behnken, Isaac Gottesman

**BS** University of Las Vegas Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, 2009

Secondary Education

# Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

*Dean’s Achievement Award*, Graduate College, University of Iowa, 2022

*Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship*, Spring 2022

*McFarland Fellow Library Company of Philadelphia & Penn. Historical Society Fellowship*, Library Company of Philadelphia Historical Society, 2020

*Military History Fellowship*, Historical Society of Massachusetts, 2020

*State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant*, Historical Society of Iowa, 2020

*Louis Pelzer Fellowship*, University of Iowa, 2020

*Dr. George Garcia Fellowship*, University of Iowa, 2019/2020

*African American Studies Cultural Research Award*, University of Iowa, 2019

*Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship*, University of Iowa, 2019

*Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio Researcher*, University of Iowa, 2018

*Outstanding Master’s Thesis in Iowa History Award*, Iowa History Center, 2017

*Robert D. Dockendorff Research Fellowship*, University of Iowa, 2017

*Graduate College Iowa Recruitment Fellowship*, University of Iowa, 2016

# Publications

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

**Invited Article**: “Iowa, The Bright Radical Star of the Civil War Era,” *Annals of Iowa*, vol. 80, Fall 2021, pp. 383-387 (Special edition of the Annals of Iowa celebrating Iowa at 175).

**Invited Article**: “Times Certainly Have Changed”: Burlington Iowa’s Black Community on the Mississippi, 1860-1920, *The Middle West Review*, vol. 7, Spring 2021, pp. 29-45 (Special edition examining Black migration to smaller Midwestern communities).

**Invited Review:** “The Children of Lincoln: White Paternalism and the Limits of Black Opportunity in Minnesota” (by William D. Green). *The Annals of Iowa,* vol. 78, No. 3, Summer 2019. pp. *304-306*.

**Review**: “Commonwealth of Compromise: Civil War Commemoration in Missouri” (Amy Fluker). *The Annals of Iowa*. vol. 80, no. 1, Winter 2021. pp. 75-77.

**Invited Review**: “The Earth Shall Appear as the Garden of Eden: Essays on Mormon Environmental History” (Edited by Jedediah S. Rogers, Matthew Godfrey), *The Journal of Mormon History*, vol. 47, no.2, April 2021. pp.150-52.

**Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts**

Ary Hahne, Madeleine. "Factors Influencing Climate Change Belief Among American Latter-Day Saints" *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews (WIREs) Climate Change Journal*, Jan. 2023.

**Forthcoming**

**Manuscript:** *The Vanguard Army of Freedom: Black Civil War Soldiers and the Struggle for Citizenship*

**Book Chapter:** “Hidden in Plain Sight: Afro-Native Studies and the Development of American Identity,” Chapter in *An* *Introduction to Native American and Indigenous Studies*, ed. Farina King and Kiara Vigil, University of Oklahoma Press.

**Book Review**: “The First Migrants: How Black Homesteaders’ Quest for Land and Freedom Heralded America’s Great Migration” (by Richard Edwards and Jacob K. Friefeld) *Journal of Southern History*, August 2024.

**Article**: “We Came Home Together: Black Civil War Veterans and Community Building in Iowa,” *The Annals of Iowa*.

# Public Digital History

**Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project:**

Co-Founder, Researcher, 2018-Present

Co-Coordinating Director, 2020-Present

In association with the national Colored Conventions Project, the Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project examines the participation of Iowans in the nineteenth century national civil rights movement known as the Colored Conventions movement. This multi-institutional public history project develops digital exhibits containing primary source documents, interactive maps, delegate biographies, contextual historical essays, and curriculum lesson plans to educate the public about America’s first civil rights movement.

# Conference Papers

**Chair and Commentator:** Panel: Slavery and Abolition in Civil War Era Utah, Mormon History Association, June 2023.

**Presentation:** “The Making of A “Sacred Setting”: An Environmental History Perspective of the Hill Cumorah,” Panel: Sacred Space and Environment, Mormon History Association, June 2023.

**Panel Organizer/Presenter**: “Seeing the Book of Mormon in the Land and the People: The Environmental Setting of the Book of Mormon,” Panel: Textual Analysis of Latter-day-Saint Scripture, Mormon History Association, June 2021.

**Roundtable**: “Iowa at 175: Thinking Critically of 175 Years of Iowa History,” Midwestern History Conference. May 2021.

**Roundtable**: “Settler Colonialism and American Religion,” Chair: Farina King- Northeastern State University Panel: Lisa Barnett- Phillips Theological Seminary, Tiffany Hale- Columbia University, Tisa J. Wenger- Yale University. American Historical Association Conference January 2021.

**Panel Organizer/Roundtable**: “The Colored Conventions of Iowa,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Charleston, October 2019.

**Roundtable**: “Early Latter-day Saints and the Natural Environment.” Mormon History Association Conference, Salt Lake, June 2019.

**Roundtable**: “Black Soldiers, Citizenship, and Community Formation,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Indianapolis, October 2018.

**Roundtable**: “Early Mormons, Indians, and the Environment,” Mormon History Association Conference, Boise, June 2018.

**Presentation**: “Still in the Fight: African Americans and Community Formation in the Upper Midwest,” Preserve Iowa Summit, Davenport, September 2016.

**Presentation**: “Freedom Seekers and Community Formation in Iowa,” Keeping Busy in the Cause Underground Railroad Workshop, Winterset, April 2016.

# Invited Presentations, Lectures and Media Interviews

**Media Interview:** “The History of Black Cowboys and the Rodeo,” WAAY News, Huntsville, Feb. 2023.

**Lecture:** “The Legacy of Black Revolutionary Soldiers and the Struggle for Black Citizenship Rights, Chief Colbert Chapter DAR, Jan. 2023.

**Lecture**: “We Came Home Together”: Black Civil War Soldiers and Community Formation in Iowa, Des Moines, The State Historical Society of Iowa, Nov. 2021.

**Roundtable**: “The Current and Future State of Black History,” Trinity Christian College, February 2021.

**Roundtable**: “Racial and Social Justice Movements in Iowa: Past and Present,” University of Iowa, September 2020.

**Lecture**: “Burlington’s African American History,” Des Moines Historical Society, Burlington, September 2019.

**Media Interview**: “The Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project,” “Meet Iowa’s Black Legislative Caucus,” River to River, Iowa Public Radio, May 2019.

**Lecture**: “Black Migration and the Fight for Community Space in Iowa,” University of Iowa, Iowa City, February 2019.

**Media Interview**: “The Legacy of Alexander Clark,” Talk of Iowa, Iowa Public Radio, Iowa City, February 2019.

**Lecture**: “The Legacy of Alexander Clark,” Muscatine Community College, Muscatine, February 2019.

**Lecture**: “Early Black Migration to Iowa,” African American Museum of Iowa, Council Bluffs, February 2019.

**Lecture**: “Still in the Fight: African Americans in Newton Iowa,” Iowa History Center Award for Outstanding Master’s Thesis in Iowa History, Indianola, October 2017.

# Professional Service

**Peer-Reviewed Articles for**:

*Annals of Iowa*

*Middle West Review*

*Journal of Mormon History*

**University Service:**

University of North Alabama-History Department Faculty Search Committee, Spring 2024

University of North Alabama-Preview Day for Prospective Students, Fall 2022

University of North Alabama-Student Research Award Committee, 2022-2024

University of Iowa-History/African American Studies Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2017

University of Iowa-History Writing Center Director, 2018, 2019, 2020

University of Iowa-History Graduate Student Association President, 2018-2019

**Professional Affiliation Service:**

Board Member & Graduate Representative, Mormon History Association, 2021-2022

Conference Selection Committee, Mormon History Association Conference, 2020

# Research Experience

**Iowa Colored Conventions Digital Project**, Researcher and Website Developer 2017-Present

**Amplifying Black Voices in Iowa Project**, Advisor, 2022-Present

**University of Iowa Digital Studios Fellowship,** Researcher, 2018

**Iowa Freedom Trail Project**, State Historical Society of Iowa, Researcher, 2015-2017

**History Corp**, University of Iowa, Researcher, 2016

# Teaching Experience

**University of North Alabama**, Florence, Fall 2022-Present

**Instructor**, History Department

History 301 History and Historical Research

History 611 The Civil War and Reconstruction Seminar

History 202 U.S. History 1877 to Present

History 463/563 Abolition and Emancipation

History 392 African Diaspora

History 663 Slavery in the Archives Seminar

History 612 Freedom Struggle: 1877-1945

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, Spring 2020

**Instructor**, History Department

History 1040 The Civil War Era: A Multicultural Approach

**University of Iowa**, Iowa City, 2016 to Present

**Teaching Assistant**, History Department

History 2267 African American History to 1877

History 1010 Introduction to African American History 1877-Present

History 2266 Civil War and Emancipation

History 4232 The United States in World Affairs

History 2266 Civil War and Reconstruction

History 1403 Western Civilization III

**Iowa State University**, Ames Iowa, 2014-2016

**Teaching Assistant**, History Department

History 370 History of Iowa-Grader

History 222 Survey US History II

History 361 United States History Since 1945

History 201 Introduction to Western Civilization Beginnings to 1500

# Professional Affiliations

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Association Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Mormon History Association

Southern Historical Association

Western Historical Association