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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History (expected May 2022)  
Graduate Certificate in American Studies, 2019  
Passed Exam Fields with Distinction, 2018
- M.A. University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, 2018
- B.A. Yale University, Distinction in History, *cum laude*, 2014

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 “Step by Step: American Interracialism and the Origins of Talk-First Activism,”  
*Modern American History* (Accepted for publication, expected 2022).
- 2021 “With Care and Context: Presenting Potentially Harmful Images in College  
Classrooms,” *Hybrid Pedagogy*, June 17, 2021.
- 2015 “Methodists and Lynching: Racial Violence and the Methodist Episcopal Church,  
South, 1880-1930,” *Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies* 7  
(2015): 21-43.
- 2015 “From Rib to Robe: Women’s Ordination in The United Methodist Church,”  
*Methodist History Journal* 53, no. 3 (April 2015): 162-172.

#### Peer-Reviewed Digital Projects

- 2020 *Land and Legacy*, with Janet S. Dunkelbarger, Natasha Roth-Rowland, Lauren Van  
Nest, and Chloe Downe Wells, Praxis Program, University of Virginia Library,  
Scholars’ Lab, <https://landandlegacy.scholarslab.org>. Reviewed by Claire A.  
Tratnyek, *Reviews in Digital Humanities* 2, no. 5 (May 2021).

#### Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of *Anointed with Oil: How Christianity and Crude Made Modern America*, by  
Darren Dochuk, *Christian Century* 136, no. 22 (October 23, 2019): 46-47.

#### Other Publications

- 2013 “Reds, Rosaries, and Revolutionary Governments: Church-State Relations in Cuba  
and Nicaragua in the Aftermath of Revolution,” *Yale Historical Review* 2 (Spring 2013):  
58-71.

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 PhD Plus Fellowship, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, University of  
Virginia

- 2021 Arts and Sciences Society of Fellows Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2020 Renate Voris Fellowship, Renate Voris Fellowship Foundation
- 2020 Research Fellowship, Presbyterian Historical Society
- 2020 Albert J. Beveridge Grant, American Historical Association
- 2020 Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2020 Dorothy Rosenberg Phi Beta Kappa Annual Meeting Travel Grants, American Historical Association
- 2019 Annette K. Baxter Travel Grant, American Studies Association
- 2019 Conference Travel Grant, Department of History of the University of Virginia
- 2019 Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2019 Sid and Ruth Lapidus Fellowship, American Jewish Historical Society
- 2019 Hagley Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Center
- 2019 Joseph and Eva R. Dave Fellowship, Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
- 2019 John F. Wilson Research Fellowship, American Society of Church History
- 2019 Praxis Program in Digital Humanities Fellowship, The Scholars' Lab of the University of Virginia
- 2019 Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries Grants to Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Research Stipend Award, Rockefeller Archive Center
- 2019 Americas Center / Centro de las Américas Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2018 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, University of Virginia
- 2018 Summer Research Funding, Department of History of the University of Virginia
- 2017 Travel-To-Collections Grant, Smith College
- 2017 Filson Fellowship, The Filson Historical Society
- 2017 Summer Research Funding, Department of History of the University of Virginia
- 2016 Elmer L. Anderson Research Scholarship Award, University of Minnesota
- 2013 Richter Summer Fellowship, Davenport College of Yale University

**ACADEMIC HONORS**

- 2015 Women in United Methodist History Writing Award, General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church
- 2014 Andrew D. White Senior Essay Prize, Yale History Department
- 2014 Barbara Wertheimer Prize, New York Labor History Association

**TEACHING**

**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**

Instructor of Record

American History Since 1865 (Summer 2021)

Teaching Assistant

America and War since 1914 (Fall 2018)

Received 4.87 / 5.0 for teacher effectiveness from student evaluations (44)

American History Since 1865 (Spring 2018)

Introduction to American Studies (Fall 2017)

Grading Assistant

Black Fire: The Struggle for Social Justice and Racial Equality at the University of Virginia (Spring 2019)

Guest Lecturer

“Religion and Nationalism,” Religion and American Popular Culture (March 8, 2021)

Graduate Assistant for UVA Summer Transition Program

Graduate Assistant Hour (Summer 2019)

Content Tutor for UVA Athletics Department

Introduction to American Studies (Summer 2018)

Professional Development

Facilitator, “Teaching as a Graduate Student” (Fall 2020)

c<sup>3</sup>Design, Center for Teaching and Learning (Summer 2020)

“Tomorrow’s Professor Today,” Center for Teaching and Learning (2019-2021)

**Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO**

Co-instructor

History of American Methodism (Spring 2015)

**PUBLIC AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES**

- 2021 Intern, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, Charlottesville, Virginia
- 2021 Participant, Social Justice and the Curriculum Track, Digital Pedagogy Lab
- 2020 Digital Archiving Assistant, President’s Commission on the University in the Age of Segregation, University of Virginia
- 2020 Participant, Praxis Program Fellowship in Digital Humanities Selection Committee
- 2019-2020 Contributing Author, Scholars’ Lab Blog, University of Virginia Library, University of Virginia
- 2019-2020 Web Developer and Project Manager, Land and Legacy, Praxis Program, University of Virginia Library Scholars’ Lab, <https://landandlegacy.scholarslab.org>.
- 2012 Summer Intern, Greenbrier Historical Society & North House Museum, Lewisburg, West Virginia

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

- 2020 “‘Education and Religion vs. Commercial Radio’: Rethinking Religion and the 1934 Communications Act,” International Society of Media, Religion and Culture Biennial Conference, Sigtuna, Sweden, August 4, 2020. *Unable to deliver, conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak.*
- 2020 “Faith Networks: Religion, Radio, and the American System of Broadcasting in the 1930s,” Popular Culture Association National Conference, Philadelphia, April 15, 2020. *Unable to deliver, conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak.*
- 2020 “Definitely a Religious Ad: Daytime Radio and the Redemption of Communications Capitalism,” U.S. Religious Studies and New Histories of Capitalism Conference, Charlottesville, January 31, 2020.
- 2020 “The Guiding Light of Mass Consumption: Religion and Daytime Radio, 1936-1945,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New York, January 5, 2020.
- 2019 “Sacred Music as Resistance: Religion and Network Radio in the 1930s,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, November 7, 2019.
- 2019 “‘Freedom of the Air’: NBC and its Protestant-Catholic-Jewish Committee, 1926-1939,” Graduate Student Conference on Democracy and Religion, Charlottesville, April 12, 2019.

### INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Listening to the Archive: Sound, Metadata, and Digital Humanities,” Washington & Lee University, March 19, 2020. *Unable to deliver, talk cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak.*
- 2020 “‘You know the radio is noncontroversial’: Jews, Broadcasting, and the Public Interest,” American Jewish Archive, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 12, 2020.

### CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “Expanding Mainwave Religion: Race, Music, and Citizenship in 1930s Network Radio,” Virginia Colloquium in American Religion, March 24, 2021.
- 2020 “Land and Legacy,” Scholars’ Lab, University of Virginia Library, May 5, 2020.
- 2019 “Guiding Light of Mass Consumption: Religion and Daytime Radio, 1936-1945,” Virginia Colloquium in American Religion, University of Virginia, October 12, 2019.
- 2018 “Church of the Air: Mainwave Religion and the Sanctification of Mass Media, 1920-1960,” Twentieth-Century Transnational History Workshop, University of Virginia, December 12, 2018.
- 2017 “Faith in Community: Interracial Discussions and Ecumenical Protestantism, 1945-1960,” Twentieth-Century United States History Workshop, University of Virginia, May 9, 2017.

- 2014 Invited Panelist for Memory & Identity Panel, Yale History Department's First Annual Senior Essay Symposium, May 2, 2014.
- 2014 Colloquium Speaker, Davenport College Mellon Forum for Senior Essays and Projects, January 21, 2014.

### **SERVICE**

- Editor, *Essays in History*, an open access journal for emerging historians, University of Virginia (2019-Present)
- Associate Editor, *Essays in History*, an open access journal for emerging historians, University of Virginia (2019)
- Participant, Graduate Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, Corcoran Department of History (2019-Present)
- Cohort Representative, Graduate History Student Association, University of Virginia (2020-Present)

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Co-Presenter, Lessons from Labor History at UVA, United Campus Workers of Virginia, September 7, 2020.
- Invited Panelist and Workshop Leader, A Faithful Response to Racial Injustice Conference, Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, April 17-18, 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Studies Association (ASA)
- American Historical Association (AHA)
- American Society of Church History (ASCH)
- Organization of American Historians (OAH)

### **REFERENCES**

Grace Hale

Commonwealth Professor of American Studies and History, University of Virginia, Ph.D.  
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