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### **Education**

Ph. D., History, University of Minnesota – 1999  
M.A., History, University of Minnesota – 1994  
B.A., History, Macalester College, magna cum laude, high honors in history – 1990

### **Academic Positions**

Chair, Department of History, Loyola College in Maryland, 2007-  
Associate Professor, Loyola College in Maryland, 2005 -  
Assistant Professor, Loyola College in Maryland, 1999 – 2005  
Instructor, University of Minnesota, 1997 – 1999  
Research Assistant, Historical Census Projects, University of Minnesota, 1992 – 1994  
Research Assistant, National Museum of American History, Washington DC, 1990 – 1992

### **Grants and Awards**

Summer Faculty Research Grant, Loyola College, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2008  
Junior Faculty Sabbatical, Center for the Humanities, Loyola College, 2002  
Andrew Mellon Foundation Fellowship, The Huntington Library, 2000  
Isaac Comly Martindale Resident Research Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, 2000  
Helen Watson Bucker Fellowship, John Carter Brown Library, 1998  
Academic Scholarship, Colonial Dames of North America, 1998  
Albert J. Beveridge Research Grant, American Historical Association, 1997  
Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, University of Minnesota, Fall, 1997, 1998  
Special Doctoral Dissertation Grant, University of Minnesota, 1997  
Union Pacific Research Grant, Center for Early Modern History, University of Minnesota, 1996, 1997  
Macmillan Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, 1997  
Travel Grant, Early American Workshop, University of Minnesota, 1997  
Kenneth and Martha Holmes Prize in American History, Macalester College, 1990

### **Book**

*Hurricanes and Society in the British Greater Caribbean, 1624-1783* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006; paperback edition, 2008).

## Articles

- “‘That fatal spott’: The Rise and Fall – and Rise and Fall Again – of Port Royal Jamaica,” in Carole Shammas, ed. *Investing in Permanence: Empires of Trade and the Early Modern Built Environment* (under review at Omohundro Institute)
- “Building For Disaster: Hurricanes and the Built Environment in the British Greater Caribbean,” *Material Culture in Anglo-America: Regional Identity and Urbanity in the Tidewater, Lowcountry, and Caribbean*. Edited by David S. Shields. University of South Carolina Press, 2009.
- “The Port Royal Earthquake and the World of Wonders in Seventeenth-Century Jamaica,” *Early American Studies* (Fall 2008)
- “Hurricanes, Poverty, and Vulnerability: An Historical Perspective.” Social Science Research Council On-line Forum, “Understanding Katrina.” [www.understandingkatrina.ssrc.org](http://www.understandingkatrina.ssrc.org). (September 2005). Excerpts reposted on The History News Network. <http://hnn.us>. (September 2005)
- “Weathering the Storms: Hurricanes and Risk in the British Greater Caribbean.” *Business History Review* 78 (Winter 2004): 635-663. Excerpts reprinted as “Hurricane Season in the Colonies,” in *Working Knowledge: The On-line Newsletter of the Harvard Business School*, June 20, 2005.
- “Urban Disasters and Imperial Relief in the British-Atlantic World, 1740-1780.” In *States of Emergency: Coping with Emergency in European History*. Edited by Genevieve Massard-Guilbaud, et al. Peter Lang Press. 2002.
- “A Tempestuous Spirit called Hurri cano: Hurricanes and Colonial Society in the British Greater Caribbean.” In *American Disasters*. Edited by Steven Biel. New York University Press. 2001.
- “‘Melancholy and Fatal Calamities’: Disasters and Society in Eighteenth-Century South Carolina.” In *Money, Trade, and Power: The Evolution of Colonial South Carolina's Plantation Society*. Edited by Jack P. Greene, Rosemary Brana-Shute, and Randy Sparks. University of South Carolina Press. 2001.
- “The ‘Great Fire’ of 1740 and the Politics of Disaster Relief in Colonial Charleston.” *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 99 (April 1998): 135-157.

## Short Essays

- “Great South Carolina Hurricane of 1752.” Ballard Campbell, ed. *Disasters, Accidents, and Crises in American History*. (Facts of File, 2008)
- “Natural Disasters.” *The Encyclopedia of the New American Nation*. Edited by Peter Onuf, et al. (Charles Scribners, 2005).
- “Geographic Variables in the Public Use Microdata Samples.” (with Ron Goeken). *Historical Methods* 28 (Winter 1995): 74-76.
- “Forum: ‘Why the West is Lost’; A Response.” (with Russell Menard). *William and Mary Quarterly* 51 (October 1994): 740-744.

## Book Reviews

- Jonathan Mercantini, *Who Shall Rule at Home? The Evolution of South Carolina Political Culture, 1748-1776* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2006). *William and Mary Quarterly*, (forthcoming).
- Boham Richardson. *Igniting the Caribbean's Past: Fire in British West Indian History*. (University of North Carolina Press, 2004). *The Americas*. (forthcoming)

- Bertrand Van Ruymbeke. *From New Babylon to Eden: The Huguenots and Their Migration to Colonial South Carolina*. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2006. *Journal of Church and State* 48 (Autumn 2006): 892-893.
- Brian F. Atwater, et al. *The Orphan Tsunami of 1700: Japanese Clues to a Parent Earthquake in North America*. (United States Geological Survey in association with University of Washington Press, 2005). *Environmental History* (July 2006).
- Elizabeth Mancke and Carole Shammas, eds. *The Creation of the British Atlantic World* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005). *Business History Review*. (Spring 2006).
- Sharon Salinger. *Taverns and Drinking in Early America*. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002). *South Carolina Historical Magazine* (July 2003): 205-207.
- James Raven. *London Booksellers and their American Customers: Transatlantic Literary Community and the Charleston Library Society, 1748-181*. (University of South Carolina Press). H-Net Review for H-Atlantic. (January 2003).
- Louis Perez. *Winds of Change: Hurricanes and the Transformation of Revolutionary Cuba* (University of North Carolina Press, 2001). *Hispanic American Historical Review* (May 2002): 365-67.
- Peter McCandles. *Moonlight, Magnolias, & Madness: Insanity in South Carolina from the Colonial Period to the Progressive Era*. (University of North Carolina Press, 1996). *South Carolina Historical Magazine* 98 (January 1997): 105-107.

### Short Reviews

- Rebecca Solnit, *A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities that Arise in Disasters* (New York, 2009). *Choice* 47 (January 2010).
- James Walvin, *The Trader, the Owner, the Slave; Parallel Lives in the Age of Slavery* (Jonathan Cape, 2008). *Choice* 46 (April 2009).
- Susan Dwyer Amussen. *Caribbean Exchanges: Slavery and the Transformation of English Society, 1640-1700*. (University of North Carolina Press, 2007). *Choice* 45 (August 2008).
- Chester Hartman and Gregory Squires, eds. *There is No Such Thing as a Natural Disaster: Race, Class, and Hurricane Katrina*. (Routledge, 2006). *Choice* 44 (July 2007).
- David Wilson. *The Southern Strategy: Britain's Conquest of South Carolina and Georgia, 1775-1780*. (University of South Carolina Press, 2005). *Choice* 43 (November 2005).
- Alice Fothergill. *Heads Above Water: Gender, Class, and Family in the Grand Forks Flood*. (State University of New York Press, 2004). *Choice* 42 (April 2005).
- Bradford Wood. *This Remote Part of the World: Regional Formation in the Lower Cape Fear, North Carolina, 1725-1775*. (University of South Carolina Press, 2004). *Choice* 42 (March 2005)
- Eric Hindraker and Peter Mancall. *At the Edge of Empire: The Backcountry in British America*. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003). *Choice* 41 (January 2004).
- Judith Van Buskirk. *Generous Enemies: Patriots and Loyalists in Revolutionary New York*. (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002). *Choice* 40 (May 2003).
- Susan Hoffman and Anthony Oliver-Smith, eds. *Catastrophe and Culture: The Anthology of Disasters*. (School of American Research. 2002). *Choice* 40 (January 2003).
- Verene Shepard, ed. *Working Slavery, Pricing Freedom: Perspectives from the Caribbean, Africa, and the African Diaspora* (Palgrave, 2002). *Choice* 40 (December 2002).
- Diana Paton, ed. *A Narrative of Events Since the First of August, 1834, by James Williams, an Apprenticed Laborer in Jamaica* (Duke University Press, 2001). *Choice* 39 (April 2002).
- Alex Bontemps. *The Punished Self: Surviving Slavery in the Colonial South* (Cornell University Press,

2001). *Choice* 39 (December 2001).

Leslie Hall. *Land and Allegiance in Revolutionary Georgia* (University of Georgia Press, 2001). *Choice* 39 (October 2001).

James Drake. *King Philip's War: Civil War in New England, 1675-1676* (University of Massachusetts Press, 1999). *Choice* 37 (June 2000).

### **Conference Papers and Presentations**

"Environmental Threats and Imperial Celebrations: Days of Fasting and Thanksgiving in the British Caribbean, 1670-1780," presented at "National Worship in International Perspective: State Prayers, Fasts and Thanksgiving Since the Sixteenth Century," University of Durham, April 2010

"The Rise and Fall – and Rise and Fall Again – of Port Royal, Jamaica, 1692-1722," paper at American Historical Association, San Diego, January 2010

"'That Fatal Spot': The Rise and Fall – and Rise and Fall Again – of Port Royal, Jamaica," paper presented at USC Huntington Library/Omohundro Institute Conference on "Permanence and the Built Environment," October 2008.

"The Port Royal Earthquake and the World of Wonders in Seventeenth-Century Jamaica," paper presented to MIT Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History, March, 2008

"The Port Royal Earthquake and the World of Wonders in Seventeenth-Century Jamaica," paper presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Caribbean Historians Meeting, Kingston, Jamaica, May 2007

"New Directions in the Study of American Plantation Economies," roundtable forum participant, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 2006.

"Sin City? Revisiting the 1692 Port Royal Earthquake," paper presented at the American Society for Environmental History, St. Paul, MN, March 2006

"Encountering Hurricanes in the British Greater Caribbean," paper presented at Atlantic History Workshop, New York University, September 2004.

"Hurricanes, Slavery, and Social Disorder," paper presented Third Biennial Allen Morris Conference on the History of Florida and the Atlantic World, Florida State University, February 2003.

"Weathering the Storms: Hurricanes and Plantation Agriculture in the British Greater Caribbean," paper presented at Program in the Early American Economy, Library Company of Philadelphia, October 2002.

"Natural Disasters and the Built Environment in the British Greater Caribbean during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries," paper presented at the "The Material World of the Tidewater, the Lowcountry, and the Caribbean," conference, College of Charleston, June 2002.

"Disasters, Politics, and Relief in the Revolutionary Atlantic: The Great Hurricanes of 1780 in Jamaica and Barbados," paper presented at the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 2002

"The Politics of Relief in the Revolutionary Atlantic: The Great Hurricanes of 1780 in Jamaica and Barbados," paper presented at the Washington Area Early American Seminar, University of Maryland College Park, March 2001.

"Hurricanes and Plantation Society in Eighteenth-Century British America: A Case Study of William Senhouse and the Greater Hurricane of 1780 in Barbados," paper read at the Southern Historical Association, Louisville, November 2000.

"Urban Disasters and Imperial Relief in the British-Atlantic World, 1740-1780," paper read at the Fifth International Conference on Urban History, Berlin, August 2000.

- "Disaster, Politics, and Relief in Revolutionary Barbados: The Great Hurricane of 1780," lecture presented at the John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, August 1998.
- "The English Encounter with Hurricanes in the Greater Caribbean," paper read at the 4th Annual Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Conference, Worcester, MA, June 1998.
- "Judgments of the Almighty? Religion, Natural Philosophy, and the Interpretation of Hurricanes and Earthquakes in the 17th-Century British Caribbean," paper read at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference, South Bend, IN, April 1998.
- "'Dreadful' Fires and 'Terrible' Hurricanes: Disasters in South Carolina, 1740-1760," lecture presented at the College of Charleston, Program for Lowcountry Studies, September 1996.
- "'Melancholy and Fatal Calamities': Disasters and Society in 18th-Century South Carolina," paper read at the First Annual Conference on the Lowcountry and the Atlantic World, Institute for South Atlantic Studies, College of Charleston, May 1995.
- "The Rise of Charleston and the Transformation of the Lowcountry Economy," (with Russell Menard), paper read at the annual meetings of the Social Science History Association, Atlanta, GA, October 1994.

### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Christian Koot, University of Delaware, June 2005

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Historical Association  
Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture  
McNeil Center for Early American Studies  
South Carolina Historical Society

### **Service**

College Board of Discipline, Loyola College, 2000-2007  
Honor Council, Loyola College, 2001 – 2004  
Committee on Academic Standards, Loyola College, 2002-2007  
American Studies Steering Committee, Loyola College, 2005-