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**Education**

University of Alabama  
1992 Ph.D., History  
1988 M.A., History  
University of Montevallo  
1982 B.S., Mathematics and History (majors)

**Employment**

University of Montevallo  
2012 to present Chair, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences  
2013-2014 Interim Chair, Department of Communication Science  
and Disorders  
2009 to present Professor of History  
2004-2009 Associate Professor of History  
1998-2004 Assistant Professor of History  
1993-1998 Adjunct Instructor  
  
Auburn University in Montgomery  
September 1992 to June 1993 Adjunct Instructor  
  
The University of Alabama Press  
1992 to 1997 Freelance copy-editor/proofreader

**Teaching**

Certified for Writing Reinforcement courses  
Graduate Faculty  
Upper-division & graduate courses:  
Colonial America  
United States History from 1840 to 1898  
Civil War and Reconstruction  
U.S. History, 1900 to 1945  
World War I  
World War II  
Alabama History  
Diplomatic History of the United States  
Senior Seminar in History  
Internship in History  
Introduction to Public History  
Writing in the Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Graduate-only seminars:  
Civil War  
World War II  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Survey courses:  
U.S. History I & II  
World History I & II  
Honors courses:  
World History II

Shiloh: A Study in Leadership (with James S. Day)  
Chickamauga: A Study in Leadership (with James S. Day)

### **Publications**

co-editor with Sarah Woolfolk Wiggins, The Journal of Sarah Haynsworth Gayle: A Substitute for Social Intercourse. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2013.

"The Alabama National Guard at Home and Abroad, 1914-1919" in Martin Olliff, ed., The Great War in the Heart of Dixie: Alabama in World War I (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2008).

"The Battle of Shiloh: A Study in Leadership and a Terrain Walk," with James S. Day, The History Teacher (vol. 40, May 2007): 427-430.

"The Alabama National Guard's 167th Infantry Regiment in World War I," Alabama Review (vol. 56, January 2003): 3-34.

"Progress Toward Professionalism: The Alabama National Guard on the Mexican Border, 1916-1917," Military History of the West (vol. 30, Fall 2000): 97-121.

"The Alabama National Guard and the Protection of Prisoners, 1900-1916," Alabama Review (vol. 49, January 1996): 3-28.

"Alabama National Guard"; "31<sup>st</sup> Infantry 'Dixie' Division"; "167<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment"; and "William Preston Screws" articles in Encyclopedia of Alabama, on-line.

Review of John Lyles, Images of America: Phenix City, in Alabama Review (vol. 65, January 2012): 74-75.

Review of Thomas E. Crew, Combat Loaded: Across the Pacific on the USS *Tate*, in Military History of the West (vol. 39, 2009): 119-120.

Review of Jeanette Keith, Rich Man's War, Poor Man's Fight: Race, Class, and Power in the Rural South during the First World War, in Alabama Review (vol. 58, October 2005): 298-300.

Review of Alan Grady, When Good Men Do Nothing: The Assassination of Albert Patterson, in Journal of Southern History (vol. 70, November 2004): 967-68.

Review of William Warren Rogers, Jr., Confederate Home Front: Montgomery During the Civil War, in Civil War Regiments Journal (vol. 7, March 2000): 157-59.

Review of Jerry Cooper, The Rise of the National Guard: The Evolution of the American Militia, 1865-1920, in Journal of Southern History (vol. 65, November 1999): 888-89.

"Huntsville Hosts 2001 Annual Meeting," in AHA Newsletter, vol. 16, no. 2 (Fall 2001), pp. 1, 10-11.

"The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the Alabama Historical Association," in AHA Newsletter, vol. 15, no. 2 (September 2000), pp. 10-14.

### **Conference and Professional Presentations**

World War I Symposium, Museum of the Great War, Meaux, France, July 27, 2018

Food for Thought Summer Symposium, Alabama Bicentennial Commission, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Alabama Humanities Foundation. "Over There/Over Here: Alabama in World War I" symposium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, June 8, 2018

World War I Speaker Series of the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities. Marengo County History & Archives Museum, Demopolis, Alabama, February 23, 2018

Northeast Alabama Community College and Alabama Humanities Foundation Workshop. "Bringing It Home: Utilizing Local History in the K-12 Classroom," Northeast Alabama Community College, Rainsville, January 25, 2018

Dixie's Great War: World War I and the American South, invited panelist on "Fighting the Great War Over There," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October 6, 2017

World War I Speaker Series of the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities. Dothan-Houston County Public Library, Dothan, Alabama, August 12, 2017; and Elmore County Museum, Wetumpka, Alabama, August 22, 2017

Alabama Historical Association, 79th Annual Meeting, Auburn, April 21, 2017

Alabama Humanities Foundation 2017 Super Teacher Program, World War I Centennial: Alabama in the Great War. Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities, Auburn, March 29, 2017

119th State Conference of the Alabama Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center, Auburn, March 10, 2017

Food for Thought series, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, June 16, 2016

World War I Centennial Workshop, Auburn University Center for the Arts & Humanities, June 14, 2016

Daughters of the American Revolution, Columbiana, Alabama, October 7, 2015

World War I Symposium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, June 22, 2015

Alabama Book Festival, Montgomery, April 19, 2014

Alabama Voices, Museum of Alabama, Grand Opening, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, February 15, 2014

Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Annual Conference, University of Virginia—College at Wise, June 22, 2012

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)-Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Workshop, University of Virginia—College at Wise, June 21, 2012

Faculty Research Symposium, University of Montevallo, March 7, 2011

Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Summer Faculty Institute on Liberal Learning in the Disciplines, University of North Carolina-Asheville, June 6, 2009

World War I symposium, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, July 25, 2008

Alabama Association of Historians, Jacksonville State University, with Dr. James Day, February 3, 2007

Gulf South Historical Conference, Mobile, Alabama, October 8, 2004

Phi Alpha Theta, National Convention, Tampa, Florida, December 28, 2000

Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 1, 2000

### **Professional Organizations**

Southern Historical Association

Society for Military History

Alabama World War I Centennial Committee

Envisioning History, Board Member, 2015

Alabama Historical Association (Sulzby Book Award Committee Chair, 2014-2015;  
Board of Directors and Editorial Board; Nominating Committee Chair, 2008;  
Program Committee, 2008-2009; Program Committee Chair, 2009-2010)  
Friends of the Alabama Archives (Board member, 2008-2012; Nominating Committee,  
2009; Vice President, 2009-2011; President, 2012 to 2014)  
Alabama Association of Historians (Local Arrangements, 2003 annual meeting)  
Phi Alpha Theta  
Omicron Delta Kappa (faculty advisor/secretary)

### **University Service**

First Year Experience Task Force, Chair  
Provost/VPAA Search Committee, Chair  
Human and Animal Subjects Research Committee/Institutional Animal Care and Use  
Committee  
Assistant Director of Disability Support Services, Search Committee  
Assistant Registrar, Search Committee  
Vacca Chair of Liberal Arts, Search Committee, Chair  
University Softball Coach, Search Committee  
University Athletic Director, Search Committee  
McNair Advisory Board  
Academic Advising, Support and Intervention Committee  
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee  
Alumni Committee  
University Writing Committee  
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair, for library faculty  
Faculty advisor: Omicron Delta Kappa, Cross Country Team, Yarn Club, Ecclesia Club  
McNair Scholars Director, Search Committee  
NCATE and State Department of Education Review, Behavioral and Social Sciences  
Representative, Coordinator for History Standards and Courses  
Co-coordinator of Undergraduate Research  
Social Science Program Coordinator for Program Review  
Teacher Education Committee  
Social Work faculty, Search Committee  
College of Arts and Sciences Decanal Search Committee  
General Education Review and Revision Committee  
Remembrance Day Committee  
Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee  
SACS Self-study, Library Committee  
Library Director, Search Committee  
Political Science faculty, Search Committee  
History faculty, Search Committee, Chair  
College of Education faculty, Search Committee, outside representative  
Faculty Senate  
Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Search Committee  
Admissions, Retention, and Academic Advising Committee  
Director of FCS & KNES Programs Search Committee (COE)  
Social Work Search Committee  
History Search Committee  
Concert and Lecture Series Committee  
College Night Committee; Sub-committees: Tickets, Academic/General Concerns,  
Elections Guidelines, Production Book  
University Registrar, Search Committee

**Honors/Awards**

Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award, University of Montevallo National Alumni Association, October 8, 2009

Commencement speaker, University of Montevallo, Fall commencement, December 18, 2009

Distinguished Faculty Mentor, Outstanding Commitment to Undergraduate Research, March 25, 2010

Elite Night Dedication, University of Montevallo 2011-2012 Senior Class, November 15, 2011

University of Montevallo Nominee for CASE Professor of the Year Award, 2012, 2013

University of Montevallo Faculty Service Award, 2016

**Community Service**

Boy Scouts of America, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 11, Frontier District, Tuckabatchee Council, 2004-2011