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EMPLOYMENT

Associate professor, Texas A&M University, 2024-
Assistant professor, Texas A&M University, 2017-24

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Columbia University, 2015
A.B., History, Brown University, 2003

RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS

United States history
Social history of ideas
Environmental history
History of science and religion

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Birth Control and American Modernity: A History of Popular Ideas (Cambridge University Press, 2018; paperback, 2020)

Refereed articles:

“The Celestial Commons: Heaven and Earth in the Early United States” *Journal of American History* (Dec. 2024)

“Sky God: Remaking the Heavens and Divinity in the Nineteenth-Century United States” *Religion & American Culture* 32:1 (2022), 30-67

“Why ‘Race Suicide’? Cultural Factors in U.S. Fertility Decline, 1903-1908,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 44:4 (Spring 2014), 475-508

Refereed book chapters:

“Being, Time, and Historical Demography” in K. Matthijs, S. Hin, J. Kok and H. Matsuo, eds., *Upside and down and inside out: The future of historical demography* (Acco Leuven, 2016)

“Introduction: Living in the Demos” in *Living in the Demos: Qualitative Approaches to Demographic Questions*. Special issue of *The History of the Family* (March 2015), with Yuliya Hilevych

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Mansfield Prize in History of Astronomy, Adler Planetarium, 2023

Research Fellow, New England Research Fellowship Consortium, June-August 2022

Norton Strange Townshend Fellow, Clements Library, University of Michigan, May-June 2022

Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellow, American Antiquarian Society, June-July 2018

Melbern Glasscock Center Non-Tenure Track Faculty Research Fellowship Award, 2016-17

INVITED TALKS

“The Celestial Commons in the Early United States” Clements Library, University of Michigan, May 19, 2023

“Big Sky: Higher Places and Higher Meaning in the United States” Dallas Area Society of Historians, Feb. 25, 2022

“Popular Cosmology in Nineteenth Century America” Rauner Library, Dartmouth University, July 19, 2022

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

“Why Do Fertility Rates Rise and Fall?” *The Atlantic* (March 26, 2019)

LANGUAGES

French (reading, speaking)

Spanish (reading, speaking)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

American Society for Environmental History

Society for U.S. Intellectual History

History of Science Society