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Education

PhD Candidate in History, Baylor University, Expected 2018

Dissertation Adviser: Barry Hankins

Comprehensive exams: Post-1877 American history (major field), American religious history (major field), and modern Middle East (minor field)

M.A. Degree in History, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2012

B.S. Degree in Secondary Education (history endorsement), Grace University, 2009

Research Interests

My dissertation explains how Christianity was embedded within the world of big-time sports in the post-World War II United States. It focuses especially on the founding and early development of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (1954- 1980). Broadly, my research intersects with themes of sport, religion, race, and region (particularly the Midwest).

Grants/Fellowships/Awards

Fellowships/Grants for Research

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives, 2016

Research Fellowship, Presbyterian Historical Society, 2016

University of Chicago Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship, 2016

Wayne Travel Grant, Kenneth Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas, 2015-2016

State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant, 2015-2016

Nebraska State Historical Society Research Grant, 2012-2013

Other Fellowships/Awards

Graduate School Fellowship, Baylor University, 2013-2018

Guittard Fellowship, Baylor University, 2013-2014

Hudson Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2013-2017 (declined)

Bernie Kolasa Academic Memorial Scholarship, Nebraska-Omaha AAUP, 2012-2013

Outstanding History Graduate Student, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2011-2012

Attracting Excellence in Teaching Scholarship, Grace University, 2007-2008

Publications

Book Chapters:

"The Homer of Middle-Western America: The Syndicated Poetry of Walt Mason." Published in *The Midwestern Moment: The Ascendance of Midwestern Regionalism, 1880-1940*, edited by Jon Lauck (Hastings, NE: Hastings College Press, 2017), 113-128.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

"Commercializing the Sacred Office: Sexual Revolution and the Scandal of the Modern Marrying Parson, 1895-1930." *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* (forthcoming, January 2018).

"Building A City on a Hill: Evangelical Protestant Men and Moral Reform under the Des Moines Plan, 1907-1916." *The Annals of Iowa* (forthcoming, Winter 2018).

"Big-League Basketball Comes to Omaha: A History of the Omahawks." *Nebraska History* 97.8 (Winter 2016): 185-198.

"From the Pulpit to the Press: Frank Crane's Omaha, 1892-1896." *Nebraska History* 96.3 (Fall 2015): 136-153.

"'Going Viral': The Impact of Forced Crowdsourcing on Coaching Evaluation Procedures." *International Sport Coaching Journal* 1.2 (2014): 103-108. Co-author with Jordan R. Bass and Mark Vermillion.

"A Church for the People and a Priest for the Common Man: Charles W. Savidge, Omaha's Eccentric Reformer." *Nebraska History* 94.2 (Summer 2013): 54-73.

"Jesse 'Cab' Renick: In Search of an Indian Identity." *Chronicles of Oklahoma* 89.1 (Spring 2011): 72-97.

Book Reviews:

Murray Nelson, *Big Ten Basketball, 1943-1972* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2017). Reviewed for the *Journal of Sport History* (forthcoming, 2018).

Timothy B. Neary, *Crossing Parish Boundaries: Race, Sports, and Catholic Youth in Chicago, 1914-1954* (University of Chicago Press, 2016). Reviewed for the *Journal of American Ethnic History* (forthcoming, 2018).

Willa Cather with an introduction from Susan Schiller, *Alexander's Bridge* (Hastings College Press, 2016). Reviewed for *Middle West Review* (forthcoming, 2017).

Christopher D. Cantwell, Heath W. Carter, and Janine Giordano Drake, eds., *The Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the American Working Class* (University of Illinois Press, 2016). Reviewed for *Annals of Iowa* 76.1 (Winter 2017): 145-146.

Brent M.S. Campney, *This Is Not Dixie: Racist Violence in Kansas, 1861-1927* (University of Illinois Press, 2015). Reviewed for *Great Plains Quarterly* 37.1 (Winter 2017): 66-67.

David N. Wetzel, *Vanishing Messiah: The Life and Resurrections of Francis Schlatter* (University of Iowa Press). Reviewed for *Nebraska History* 97.8 (Winter 2016): 218-219.

William A. Mirola, *Redeeming Time: Protestantism and Chicago's Eight-Hour Movement, 1866-1912* (University of Illinois Press, 2015). Reviewed for *Fides et Historia* 47.2 (Summer/Fall 2015): 201-203.

Tekla Agbala Ali Johnson, *Free Radical: Ernest Chambers, Black Power, and the Politics of Race* (Texas Tech University Press, 2012). Reviewed for *Middle West Review* 2.1 (Fall 2015): 107-109.

Online Publications and Projects:

Regular contributor to the academic group blog *Religion in American History* (<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/search/label/putz>).

"A Bibliography of Urban American Religious History." A collaborative digital mapping and bibliographic project with Lincoln Mullen (<http://apps.lincolnmullen.com/urban-religious-history/>).

Founder of *Sportianity*, a blog that explores the historical and contemporary connections between sports and Christianity in the United States (<http://www.sportianity.com/>).

Former contributor to *History of Christianity*, the official blog of the American Society of Church History (<http://www.churchhistory.org/blogs/tag/paul-putzs-posts/>).

Guest contributor to the academic group blog *Sport in American History* (<https://ussporthistory.com/category/paul-putz/>).

Guest contributor to *The Christian Century's* "Then and Now," an American religious history weekly column edited at the time by historian Edward J. Blum (<http://www.christiancentury.org/contributor/paul-putz>).

Guest contributor to the academic group blog *Religion in the American West* (<http://relwest.blogspot.com/2014/04/bringing-social-gospel-back.html>).

"A Short History of Christian Matchmaking." Essay published May 2014 at *Religion & Politics*, an online journal run by the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics at Washington University in St. Louis (<http://religionandpolitics.org/2014/05/07/a-short-history-of-christian-matchmaking/>).

"Nebraska: A Cornhusker Prays with FCA." Essay published March 2015 at *Religion & Politics* (<http://religionandpolitics.org/2015/03/17/nebraska-a-cornhusker-prays-with-fca/>).

“John Wooden’s Homespun Creed Was Not So Homespun.” Essay published May 2017 at *Slate*. (http://www.slate.com/articles/sports/sports_nut/2017/05/john_wooden_s_seven_point_creed_came_from_a_1931_magazine_article.html)

Academic Papers and Presentations

“There is talk of Black Power...it is time somebody talked about God Power’: Evangelical Sports Ministries and the Black Athlete in the Long 1960s.” To be presented at the winter meeting of the American Society of Church History. January 2018.

“Protestant, Catholic, Mormon: Forging a Broad Christian Alliance through Sport in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 1954-1970.” Presented at the winter meeting of the American Society of Church History. January 2017.

“Women and the Early Development of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 1954-1976.” Presented at the Conference on Faith and History’s biennial meeting. Virginia Beach, Virginia. October 2016.

Roundtable on Ed Blum’s *Reforging the White Republic*. Presented at the Conference on Faith and History’s biennial meeting. Virginia Beach, Virginia. October 2016.

"The Possibilities, Perils, and Perimeters of Online Academic Communities: One Graduate Student's Perspective." Presented at Crossroads: The Future of Graduate History Education. Madison, New Jersey. March 2016.

“Whose Social Gospel? Contested Social Christianities in the Midwest.” Presented at the annual winter meeting of the American Society of Church History. Atlanta, Georgia. January 2016.

“A wondrous compatibility of theological positions’: The Early Diversity of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 1954-1970.” Presented at The Spirit of Sports: Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Waco, Texas. November 2015.

“Reporting the Revival: Lena Mason’s Interracial Evangelistic Campaign in the Midwest, 1895-1905.” Presented at the annual spring meeting of the American Society of Church History. Minneapolis, Minnesota. April 2015.

“Christian Historians and Social Media.” Roundtable discussion at the Conference on Faith and History’s biennial meeting. Malibu, California. September 2014.

“First Pick the Mote From Thine Own Eye’: The Christian Rhetoric of Racial Equality in the African American Press of the Great Plains, 1890-1900.” Presented at the Conference on Faith and History’s biennial meeting. Malibu, California. September 2014.

“Endless miseries, ruined lives, and social disaster’: Marrying Parsons and Sexual Revolution in the Progressive Era.” Presented at the Religion and Sexual Revolutions Conference at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. St. Louis, Missouri. May 2014.

“Endless miseries, wrecked families, ruined lives and social disaster’: The Rise and Fall of the Marrying Parson in Progressive Era America.” presented at the Kansas Conference on History. Lawrence, Kansas. April 2014.

“First Pick the Mote From Thine Own Eye’: The Christian Rhetoric of Racial Equality in the African American Press of the Great Plains, 1895-1900.” Presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference. Omaha, Nebraska. March 2014.

“Jesse ‘Cab’ Renick: In Search of an Indian Identity.” Presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference. Omaha, Nebraska. March 2013.

“A Minor League Exercise in Preventative Diplomacy: The Kennedy Administration’s Use of the Civil War in Yemen.” Presented at the Missouri Valley History Conference. Omaha, Nebraska. March 2012.

Teaching Experience

Teacher of Record, Baylor University History Department, 2017

-Course taught: History of the United States Since 1877.

Graduate Assistant, Baylor University History Department, 2013-2018

-Worked with professor to develop course structure; Created and graded course content; Proctored exams; Delivered guest lectures.

-Courses assisted: History of the U.S. Since 1877; History of Gender in Latin America; World History Since 1500; Historiography.

Social Studies Teacher, Millard North High School (Omaha, NE), 2010-2013

-Taught courses in American History, World Geography, World History, and AP Human Geography (grades 9-12). Trained and certified to teach AP and IB courses.

Professional Service

-Associate Editor, *Studies in Midwestern History*, beginning March 2015

-Peer Reviewer, *Nebraska History*, 2015

-Peer Reviewer, *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies*, 2014

-Organizational assistant, Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Program, 2013

-Twitter coordinator for the Baylor University History Department, @BaylorHistory

-Twitter coordinator for the Conference on Faith and History, @faithandhistory

Other Service Experience

Associate Community Coordinator, Baylor Graduate Student Housing, 2014-present

-Responsible for fostering a sense of community, overseeing community-wide activities, working with a budget, and communicating with residents, Baylor graduate school representatives, and apartment management.

Student Council Faculty Sponsor, Millard North High School, 2012-2013

- Responsible for developing student leadership.
- Oversaw student efforts to foster school spirit through school-wide planned activities such as dances, food drives, assemblies, guest speakers, and more.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association | American Society of Church History | Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era | Conference on Faith and History | Nebraska State Historical Society | Midwestern History Association | North American Society for Sport History | Organization of American Historians

Audio/Video Interviews

The Bottom Line, an Omaha-based sports talk show from the *Omaha World-Herald* hosted by Mike'l Severe. I discussed my article "Big-League Basketball Comes to Omaha: A History of the Omahawks," *Nebraska History* 97.8 (Winter 2016): 185-198.

(http://owh.backbonebroadcast.com/owh_mp3/POD20161116172159.mp3)

Only A Game, a weekly sports show from National Public Radio hosted by Bill Littlefield. I discussed my research into pioneering football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg and his support for interned Japanese Americans during World War II.

(<http://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2017/02/17/amos-alonzo-stagg>)

EthicsDaily.com, a division of the Baptist Center for Ethics. In a video interview I discussed my research on the blending of sports and Christianity in the United States.

(<http://www.ethicsdaily.com/phd-candidate-examines-intersection-of-sports-religion-cms-24270>)

Language Skills

Reading proficiency in German