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## **Educational Experience**

**Ph.D., History**, The University of Mississippi, May 2006  
Major Field: Nineteenth Century U.S. Social, Cultural and Military History  
Focus on memory and gender in the Civil War Era  
Minor Fields: Slavery in the Atlantic World, Native American History  
Dissertation: "John Bell Hood and the Fight for Civil War Memory:  
A Cultural Biography"

**M.A., History**, The University of Mississippi, May 2002  
Thesis: "So Strangely Misrepresented: Rethinking John Bell Hood and  
the Fight for Civil War Memory."

**B.A., History**, The Pennsylvania State University, May 2000

## **Works in Progress**

*Reconstructing Manhood: Women and the Experience of Confederate Amputees*, book manuscript in progress.

"Confederate Amputees and the Women who Loved (or Tried to Love) Them", chapter in Stephen Berry, *Weirding the War: New Perspectives on the Civil War Era*, currently under contract with The University of Georgia Press.

*The War is a Punishment on the Nation: An Iowa Soldier Experiences the American Civil War*, currently under revision for Kent State University Press.

"A Crisis in Southern Manhood: The Experience of Confederate Amputees," under revision for invited re-submission to Civil War History.

## **Publications**

*John Bell Hood and the Fight for Civil War Memory*, in press with The University of Tennessee Press, releases March 2010.

*The American Memory: Americans and Their History to 1877* Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 2008.

"The Reconstruction Amendments" in Brian L. Johnson and Edward J. Blum, eds., *The Civil War and Reconstruction Era: 1850s-1877*, releases from Manly, Inc., November 2009.

"'A People's Dream Died There: Shatter Zones and the Trans-Mississippi West' Heritage of the Great Plains 39, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2006): 30-46.

"Daniel W. Adams" and "William E. Baldwin," forthcoming in the *Encyclopedia of Mississippi History*.

## **Academic Honors and Awards**

Nominee for 2009 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Service Award, Emporia St. Univ.  
Nominee for 2009 Phi Eta Sigma Outstanding Professor, Emporia State University.  
Awarded Kansas Humanities Council Grant (\$5400) for Lincoln Symposium, November 2008.  
Awarded \$5,000 ESU Academic Enhancement Grant and \$1000 Student Programming Board Grant for Lincoln Symposium, 2008.  
Awarded \$3,000 Faculty Research and Creativity Grant, Emporia State University, 2008.  
Honored for excellence in teaching by Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Emporia State, Fall 2007.  
Honored for excellence in teaching by Phi Mu, Kappa Delta and Delta Gamma Sororities, University of Mississippi, Spring 2007.  
2006 Nominee for Frist Faculty/Staff Service Award, The University of Mississippi, given to individuals who show care, concern and compassion while providing assistance to students, parents, and other faculty and staff members.  
Recognized by members of the Class of 2006 as having a significant impact on their lives while at the University of Mississippi.  
Awarded Research Grant from the Graduate Student Council, The University of Mississippi, Awarded May, 2005.  
Awarded Travel Grant from the Society of Military Historians to attend meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, May 1-4, 2003.  
Graduate Assistantship, Department of History, The University of Mississippi, August 2000 to May 2006.

## **Teaching Experience**

Emporia State University, Asst. Professor and Associate Chair, History, August 2007-present  
History 111: The United States to 1877 (also taught online)  
History 112: The United States Since 1877  
History 302: Introduction to History  
History 301: Special Topics: Abraham Lincoln (also taught online)  
History 301: Special Topics: Sex and Violence in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America  
History 342: The Early Republic, 1789-1848  
History 343: The Civil War Era, 1848-1876  
History 443: African American History  
History 444: The U.S. South to 1865  
History 451: The 1860s and 1960s in History and Film  
History 710: Readings in Slavery and Freedom  
History 740: Readings in Civil War America  
History 740: Understanding Freedom and Equality during Reconstruction  
History 790: Directed Readings: Gay and Lesbian History in the U.S.  
History 893: Graduate Teaching Seminar

The University of Mississippi, Visiting Assistant Professor, June 2006-June 2007  
Graduate Instructor, June 2004-May 2006  
History 105: The U.S. to 1877  
History 106: The US since 1877  
History 331: The South in the Nineteenth Century  
History 334: The Blue and the Gray: The American Civil War  
History 400: Undergraduate Research Seminar: Remembering and Forgetting: The Role of Memory in American History  
University Studies 311: The United States and South Africa (done through an exchange with Nelson Mandela)

Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa)

**Conference Papers/ Public Lectures**

“A Rapidly Fading Star: Why did John Bell Hood Fail as a Civil War Leader,” presented at The University of Mississippi Center for Civil War Research Conference, October 30-31, 2009.

“Confederate Amputees and the Women Who Loved (or Tried to Love) Them,” presented at Weirding the War Symposium, University of Georgia, October 23-24, 2009.

“The Tattered Lincoln Photo Album: Lincoln’s Likeness and Image in History and Memory,” Kansas Humanities Council Featured Lecture, presented at Butler Community College, April 14, 2009; Osage City, Kansas, April 17, 2009; Hiawatha, Kansas, October 20, 2009.

“Contemplating Altered Manhood: Confederate Soldiers, Amputation and Male Identity in the Civil War Era,” presented at the Annual Popular Culture Association/American Cultural Association National Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 9-12, 2009.

“Weathering the Storm of Civil War: Lessons in Leadership from Abraham Lincoln,” Keynote Address for Annual Meeting of the American Public Works Association, Kansas City, MO, February 28, 2009.

“Re-Focusing our Collective Lens: The Power of Civil War Photography in American History and Memory,” presented at Tea Time at the First United Methodist Church, Emporia KS, November 20, 2008 and at the Emporia State University Art Forum, February 27, 2008.

Chair and Commentator for Civil War Soldiers: Identities and Memory, presented at the 24th Annual Ohio Valley History Conference, Clarksville, Tennessee, October 30-November 1, 2008.

“Re-asserting Manhood: John Bell Hood, New Orleans and the Construction of Civil War Memory,” presented at the Southern Historical Association 74th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 9-12, 2008.

“Forged in Battle, Secured in Memory: Hood’s Texas Brigade and the Bonds of Brotherhood,” presented at the Third Annual Conference on the Civil War, University, MS, May 18-19, 2007.

“Playing Hell in Tennessee: John Bell Hood and the Battles of Franklin and Nashville,” presented in Corinth, MS, January 16, 2007.

“Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, John Bell Hood and the Construction of Civil War Memory” presented at the 31st Annual Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 19-20, 2006.

“John Bell Hood’s Texas Brigade and the Preservation of Civil War Memory” presented at the annual meeting of the East Texas Historical Association, Nagadoches, TX, September 21-23, 2006.

“A Guided Tour of the University of Mississippi Campus,” emphasizing the Civil War history and memory of the campus, presented at the Conference on the Civil War, University, MS, May 27-29, 2005 and May 19-21, 2006.

“John Bell Hood’s Journey to Gettysburg” presented at the Southaven Public Library, Southaven, MS, June 14, 2005.

“Reconstructing Manhood: Women and the Experience of Confederate Amputees” presented at the Southern Historical Association 70th Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN, November 3-6, 2004.

“A Crisis in Manhood: Amputation in the Confederate Army” presented at the Organization of American Historians Regional, Atlanta, GA, July 8-11, 2004.

“Walk the Good Road to the Day of Quiet:’ The Ramifications of the Shatter Zone on the Trans-Mississippi West” presented at the 5th Annual Native American Symposium, Durant, OK. November 13-15, 2003.

“A People’s Dream Died There:’ The Ramifications of the Shatter Zone on the Northern Great Plains” presented at the 38th Northern Great Plains History Conference, Fargo, ND. October 1-4, 2003.

“With Holy Memories Wreathed- A Noble Name’: Remembering John Bell Hood” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Military Historians, Knoxville, TN. May 1-4, 2003.

“Staring into the Fire of Glory and Memory: John Bell Hood’s Life in Postwar America” presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. October 24-26, 2002.

“Where is the Voice Coming From: The Reaction to the Assassination of Medgar Evers” presented at the 3rd Annual Graduate Conference on African American History, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN. November 2-3, 2001.

“A Compromise For the Ages: Clay, Calhoun and a Dividing South Before the Civil War” presented at the 6th Annual Graduate Symposium on Southern History, The University of Mississippi, University, MS. March 23-24, 2001

## **Reviews**

*Lincoln and His Admirals* by Craig L. Symonds, forthcoming in The Journal of Mississippi History.

*Jayhawkers: The Civil War Brigade of James Henry Lane* by Bryce Benedict, forthcoming in Military History of the West.

*Marching with the First Nebraska: A Civil War Diary, by August Scherneckau*. Edited by James E. Potter & Edith Robbins, forthcoming in Military History of the West.

*Sherman’s March in Myth and Memory* by Edward Caudill and Paul Ashdown, forthcoming in The Journal of Southern History.

*Freedom for Themselves: North Carolina’s Black Soldiers in the Civil War Era* by Richard M. Reid, forthcoming in Military History of the West.

*For Free Press and Equal Rights: Republican Newspapers in the Reconstruction South* by Richard H. Abbott, forthcoming in Tennessee Historical Quarterly.

*The Nebraska-Kansas Act of 1854* by John R. Wunder and Joann M. Ross, Great Plains Newsletter 29 No. 3(Winter 2009): 7.

*The Horrid Pit: The Battle of the Crater, The Civil War's Cruellest Mission* by Alan Axelrod, Civil War Book Review, Spring 2008.

*Uncivil War: Five New Orleans Street Battles and the Rise and Fall of Radical Reconstruction* by James Hogue, H-Net, April 2008.

*The Bishop of the Old South: The Ministry and Civil War Legacy of Leonidas Polk* by Glenn Robins, H-Net, October 2007.

*A Confederate Chronicle* by Pamela Chase Hain and *Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia* by Scott Walker, Civil War History 53. No. 3(September 2007): 323-5.

*River Run Red: The Fort Pillow Massacre in the American Civil War* by Andrew Ward, The Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter XX, No. 1 (Winter 2007): 2.

*Phantom Pain: North Carolina's Artificial-Limbs Program for Confederate Veterans* by Ansley Herring Wegner, The Journal of Southern History 71, No. 4(November 2005): 906.

*A Great Civil War* by Russell F. Weigley, H-Net, October 2005.

*With Sheridan in the Final Campaign against Lee*, edited by Eric J. Wittenberg, Civil War History 50, No.2 (June 2004): 205-6.

*Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory and the American Civil War* by David W. Blight, H-Net, May 2003.

Review of *The War Hits Home* by Brian Wills, The Southern Historian XXIV (Spring 2003): 103-5.

Review of *The Loyal, True, and Brave*, edited by Steven Woodworth, The Society of Civil War Historians Newsletter XV, No. 4 (Winter 2003): 2.

### **College, Professional and Community Service**

Chairman and Organizer, The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Symposium, Emporia, KS 2008-09, endorsed by the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission

Member of the Kansas Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau, 2008-2009.

Served as a grader for the Advanced Placement Exam in U.S. History through Educational Testing Services, June 2009; June 2007.

Emporia State University: Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor, Alpha Gamma Zeta Chapter, 2007-present; Graduate Admissions Committee, 2007-8; Peer Mentor, 2007-8; Technology User's Group, 2008; Athletic Advisory Board, 2008-present; Faculty Search Committee, 2008.

Judge, National History Day, Statewide Competition, Kansas, April 2008; April 2009.

Evaluated Teaching American History Grants for the Department of Education, January 2008.

Member of ALLIES, a group of faculty sensitive to the needs of students who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and trans-gendered, 2002- present.

Served on Admissions Committee for a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Workshop on Memory in the Civil War, April, 2007.

Worked as a Coordinator for On-Site Workshops for the Teach Mississippi Institute, an alternative route program to certify new secondary education teachers for the state of Mississippi, March, 2005-August 2006.

Served as Moderator and Judge for Academic Quiz Bowl and Poster Presentations as part of the University of Mississippi History Day for High School Students, February 2005-2007.

Conducted a tour for University of Mississippi students and families of Shiloh National Military Park, October 23, 2004.

Evaluated manuscript prior to publication for Gene Smiley, *Rethinking the Great Depression*. Chicago: I.R. Dee, 2002.

Served as Co-Chairman, Program Coordinator and Moderator for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium on Southern History, The University of Mississippi, University, MS. March 1-2, 2002.

### **Professional Memberships**

The Society of Civil War Historians  
Organization of American Historians  
Civil War Preservation Trust

Southern Historical Association  
Phi Alpha Theta  
American Historical Association

### **References**

Dr. Ellen Hansen, Chair, Department of Social Sciences  
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