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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"  
Committee: John R. Neff, Charles R. Wilson, Robert Haws, Robbie  
Ethridge

**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.

*Kiss the Children For Me: The Civil War Letters of Private Silas W. Haven, 27<sup>th</sup> Iowa*,  
currently editing and transcribing for Kent State University Press.

*John Bell Hood and the Fight for Civil War Memory*, under consideration at The University of  
North Carolina Press.

*The American Memory: Americans and Their History to 1877*, under contract with  
Kendall/Hunt.

"Fostering Living Monuments: The Hood Orphan Fund and the Construction of Civil War  
Memory," under revision for invited re-submission to [Louisiana History](#).

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

## **Publications**

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

"'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*.

### **Conference Papers/ Public Lectures**

“Re-Focusing our Collective Lens: The Power of Civil War Photography in American History and Memory,” presented at the Emporia State University Art Forum, February 27, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium on Southern History, The University of Mississippi, University, MS. March 23-24, 2001

### **Reviews**

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

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

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

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

Review of *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.

Review of *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.

Review of *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.

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

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

Review of *Beyond the Battlefield: Race, Memory and the American Civil War* by David W. Blight, published by 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.

### **Academic Honors and Awards**

Awarded \$5,000 ESU Academic Enhancement Grant for Lincoln Symposium, March 2008.  
Awarded \$3,000 Faculty Research and Creativity Grant, Emporia State University, Summer 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, Assistant Professor, August 2007-present

History 111: The United States to 1877  
History 112: The United States Since 1877  
History 301: Introduction to History  
History 342: The Early Republic, 1789-1848  
History 343: The Civil War Era, 1848-1876  
History 444: The U.S. South to 1865  
History 710: Readings in Slavery and Freedom  
History 740: Understanding Freedom and Equality during Reconstruction  
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)

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

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

Judge, National History Day, Statewide Competition, Kansas, April 2007.

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

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.

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

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.

Took part in shadowing for career day with a local high school student, February 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.

Researched and reported findings in newspapers for tobacco litigation in Meridian, Mississippi for Dr. David Sansing, Summer 2001, The University of Mississippi.

Researched and created graphs for an economic history article for Dr. Michael Namorato, Summer 2001, The University of Mississippi.

Research Assistant for Dr. Thavolia Glymph, August 1999-December 1999, The Pennsylvania State University. Responsibilities included researching microfilm and reporting findings on guerilla warfare in South Carolina by former slaves during 1865.

### **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**

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