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Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT

PhD in History, May 2018

Dissertation: "Patriot Empire: The Rise of Party Politics in the British Atlantic, 1716-1748"

Advisor: Professor Steven Pincus

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

MPhil in Early Modern History with distinction, July 2011

Gates Cambridge Scholar

Yale University, New Haven, CT

BA in History with distinction, summa cum laude, May 2010

Employment

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Assistant Professor of History, 2021-Present

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of the Early Modern Americas/ Atlantic World

USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, 2018-2020

Advisor: Professor Peter Mancall

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals

"The New York Patriot Movement: Partisanship, the Free Press, and Britain's Imperial Constitution, 1731-1739," *The William and Mary Quarterly* 77, No. 1 (January 2020): 33-64.

"Patriotism and Partisanship in Post-Union Scotland, 1724-1737," *The Scottish Historical Review* 97, No. 1 (April 2018): 57-84.

Edited Volumes

Steven Pincus and Amy Watson, "Patriotism after the Hanoverian Succession," in *The Hanoverian Succession in Great Britain and its Empire*, edited by Brent Sirota and Allan MacInnes, (Woodbridge, UK: The Boydell Press, 2019): 155-174.

Publications in Progress

Book Manuscript: *Patriots Before Revolution: The Growth of Political Instability in the British Atlantic, 1714-1763* (Advance Contract with Yale University Press.)

Selected Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships

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| 2021-2022 | UAB College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Humanities Grant |
| 2020 | Massachusetts Historical Society, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship |
| 2018 | Hans Gatzke Prize for Outstanding Dissertation in European History, Yale University Huntington Library Fellowship |
| 2017 | Library Company of Philadelphia Fellowship (Program in Early American Economy and Society) |
| 2016 | International Security Studies Research and Travel Award (Smith Richardson Foundation), Yale University |
| 2014-2015 | MacMillan Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University International Security Studies Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University |
| 2010-2011 | Jesus College, Cambridge Foundation Scholarship Gates Cambridge Scholarship (http://www.gatesscholar.org/about/) |

Public History

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| 2021 | Guest Contributor, The Beehive: The Official Blog of the Massachusetts Historical Society, "New England Bravery," (January 2021). http://www.masshist.org/beehiveblog/2021/01/new-england-bravery/ |
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- 2020 Public Television Broadcast, "Patriot Movement Before the Revolution," CSPAN-3, (October 2020).
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?477285-1/patriot-movement-american-revolution>
- Guest Historian, Ben Franklin's World Podcast, "Episode 284: Democracy and Voting in British America," (October 2020).
<https://benfranklinworld.com/episode-284-democracy-voting-in-british-america/>

Selected Papers and Presentations

- 2023 "The Patriot Resistance to the Excise Tax of 1733," North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, (November 2023).
- "The Stamp Act and the Transatlantic Political Origins of the Revolution," USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, 20th Anniversary Conference. San Marino, CA, (October 2023).
- 2022 "William Pitt, Habeas Corpus, and the Politics of Impressment in the Seven Years War," North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, (November 2022).
- "Georgia: A British Imperial Project in an Age of 'Neglect,'" Crafting Narratives of Empire: Contested Roots of Revolution in the Long Eighteenth Century Conference. Institute of Thomas Paine Studies, Iona University, New Rochelle, NY, (September 2022).
- 2021 "Rule Britannia: The Partisan Origins of the War of Jenkins' Ear," North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, (November 2021).
- 2020 "A Patriot Colony: Party Politics in the Origins of Georgia, 1729-43," invited talk for joint session of the Huntington Library's American Origins and Early Modern British History seminars. San Marino, CA, (December 2020).
- "Imperial Patriots and the Siege of Louisbourg of 1745," invited talk for the Massachusetts Historical Society Brown-Bag Series. Boston, MA, (October 2020).
- "Partisan Newspapers and Political Change in the Eighteenth-Century British Empire," Conference on Dynamism and Change in History and Historiography ca. 1650-ca. 1850. British and Imperial History Online Workshop, University of Chicago. (July 2020).

- 2019 “The New York Succession Crisis of 1736-39: The Politics of Executive Prerogative and Popular Sovereignty,” North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada, (November 2019).
- “The English Origins of American Patriotism,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, (March 2019).
- “Party of Empire: The Rise of the English Patriot Opposition, 1716-1733,” invited talk for the Empires & Atlantics Forum, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL (February 2019).
- 2018 “The John Peter Zenger Trial Re-examined: New York Newspaper Politics and Transatlantic Partisanship,” North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Providence, RI, (October 2018).
- “Charitable Migrations: Humanitarianism and Political Economy during the Founding of Georgia, 1732-1739,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington D.C., (January 2018).
- 2017 “Competing Visions of Empire in the Founding of Georgia, 1730-1748,” North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, (November 2017).
- “Patriot Empire: Party Politics and Political Economy in the British Atlantic,” invited talk for The Library Company of Philadelphia, Program in Early American Economy and Society Colloquium. Philadelphia, PA, (September 2017).
- "The Patriot Movement in New York: Judicial Sovereignty, Newspaper Politics, and Britain's Imperial Constitution, 1732-1740," invited talk for joint session of Yale Early Modern Empires Colloquium and Yale International Security Studies Colloquium. New Haven, CT, (January 2017).
- 2016 “The Porteous Crisis of 1736-1737: Military Violence, Popular Politics, and Sovereignty in Post-Union Edinburgh,” North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Washington D.C., (November 2016).
- 2015 “The Malt Tax Crisis of 1725: Partisanship, Political Economy, and Patriotism in Post-Union Scotland,” Yale CHESS Conference, States and Capitalism: Past, Present, and Future. New Haven, CT, (October 2015).
- 2014 "The Rise of the Patriot Movement in Scotland and British North America, 1716–1748," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting. Williamsburg, VA, (March 2014).
- 2013 “Patriot Empire: The Rise and Transatlantic Spread of a Radical Whig Ideology,” Finance, Communication and Eighteenth-Century Empires Conference. Dundee, Scotland, UK, (July 2013).

Teaching Experience and Training

- 2021-present University of Alabama at Birmingham, Assistant Professor
-HY 102: Western Civilization II (5 times)
-HY 291/391: The British Origins of American Democracy (2 times)
-HY 333/437: Resistance in British America
-HY 464: Modern Great Britain (2 times)
-HY 497: History Capstone
-HY 654: Graduate Seminar: Early Modern Britain and its Empire
- 2018-2020 University of Southern California, Visiting Faculty/Postdoctoral Fellow:
-GESM 120: Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution in Early America
-GESM 120: Democracy, Diplomacy, and Duels: Party Politics from the English Revolution to the Age of Hamilton

Service to Profession

- 2023 Peer Reviewer, *Journal of British Studies*

Moderator/Faculty Judge, Phi Alpha Theta Alabama State Conference. Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, AL, (February 2023)
- 2022 Peer Reviewer, *The Historical Journal*

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of British Studies*

Moderator/Faculty Judge, Phi Alpha Theta Alabama State Conference. Samford University, Homewood, AL, (February 2022).
- 2021 Panel Chair, "New Perspectives on the Royal Navy, the Slave Trade, and the Empire in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries," North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, (November 2021).
- 2020 Panel Commentator, "Trade, Politics, and Revolution in the Long Eighteenth Century," Southern Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting, Online, (November 2020).
- 2019 Panel Moderator, "Virginia 1619: A California Conversation," Early Modern Studies Institute, The Huntington Library. San Marino, CA (September 2019).
- 2015 Yale CHESS Conference Coordinator, "States and Capitalism: Past, Present, and Future," (October 2015.)

Service to Department and University

2023- present Member of Chair Advisory Committee

2021-present Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society
Activities Include: Organizing history trivia nights (4), Initiation (2),
Documentary/Film Screening (2), Moderator/Faculty Judge for PAT Alabama
State Conference (2)

2021- 2022 Member of Chair Advisory Committee

Fall 2021 Member of Faculty Search Committee for History of Medicine

Research Interests

The British Atlantic world, the origins of the American Revolution, the development of party politics, democracy, political economy, war and society, humanitarianism, slavery, the politics of gender, free speech and censorship, popular politics, print culture