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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of History, James Madison University, 2023-
Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of History, Virginia Military Institute, 2021-2023
Deputy Director, Adams Center for Military History, Virginia Military Institute, 2022-2023
Inaugural Postdoctoral Scholar in Civil War History, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, The
Pennsylvania State University, 2020-2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Binghamton University, 2020
Dissertation: "Opium Slavery: Veterans and Addiction in the American Civil War Era"
Supervisor: Diane Miller Sommerville
M.A. History, Texas Christian University, 2013
B.A. History, Dallas Baptist University, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America's First Opioid Crisis (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2025)
* 2026 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize finalist; 2026 W.E.B. Du Bois—John Hope Franklin Award [formerly the Civil War and Reconstruction Book Award] honorable mention
The Substances of War: Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and the Civil War, co-edited with Joseph Beilein and Megan L. Bever (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, forthcoming April 2027)
"Great American Frauds: The Civil War and the Development of Medical Capitalism," under advance contract with University of North Carolina Press

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

"Civil War Veterans and Disability: Amputations, Mental Illness, and Substance Use," in *The Routledge History of Disability in America*, ed. Sarah Handley-Cousins and Laurel Daen (forthcoming)
"Confederate Women and Opiates," in *The Substances of War: Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and the Civil War*, eds. Joseph Beilein, Megan L. Bever, and Jonathan S. Jones (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, forthcoming April 2027)
"Died from eating too much morphine": Researching Opioid Use in Civil War-Era Appalachia," *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 122, no. 3&4 (Summer/Autumn 2024): 341-374
*Winner of the Richard H. Collins 2025 Kentucky History Award, presented by the Kentucky Historical Society for the best article published in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

- “Slavery, The Civil War, and Memory in *Red Dead Redemption 2*,” in *Playing at War: Identity & Memory in American Civil War Video Games*, ed. Patrick A. Lewis and James Welborn, (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2024)
- “Buying and Selling Health and Manhood: Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction ‘Cures’,” in *Buying and Selling Civil War Memory in Gilded Age America*, ed. Caroline E. Janney and James Marten (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2021), 31-47
- “The Life and Death of Frank Clewell, Confederate Veteran: Microhistory and the Civil War-Era South,” *North Carolina Historical Review* 98, no. 3 (July 2021): 249-282
- “The Opioid Addiction Crisis and Racism: A Long, Troubled History” *Psychiatric Times* 38, no. 6 (June 2021): 41-42
- “Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction,” *The Journal of the Civil War Era* 10, no. 2 (June 2020): 185-212

Articles In-Progress

- “The New Civil War Medicine,” review essay, under review at *The Journal of the Civil War Era*
- “The Civil War and The War on Drugs: Opioid-Using Veterans in *Little House on the Prairie*,” article manuscript
- “Black Soldiers, Slavery, and Army Medicine,” book chapter in “Pathways to Freedom,” eds. Elizabeth Varon and Brian Neumann
- “The Civil War as a Crisis of Insanity: Expanding Our View of the Civil War’s Mental Health Legacy,” article manuscript

Public Writing (selected)

- “The Civil War’s Opioid Crisis,” U.S. Army Medical Department, *The AMEDD Historian* 54 (Summer 2026): 9-32
- [“The Civil War’s Miracle Drugs,”](#) *The Civil War Monitor*, September 2, 2024
- [“The Civil War’s Epidemics,”](#) *The Civil War Monitor*, June 17, 2024
- “How to Use ChatGPT in the History Classroom,” *Intersections* 6, no. 3 (2023): 23
- “Slavery, Racism, and Opioid Addiction in the Nineteenth Century United States,” *The American Historian* (Fall 2023): 33-37
- [“Students Critique a Chat-GPT Essay,”](#) *Perspectives Daily*, American Historical Association, September 7, 2023
- [“Russia is suffering from the same problems that doomed the Confederacy,”](#) *The Washington Post*, October 21, 2022
- [“Covid-19 has killed more Americans than the Civil War. How do we remember them?”](#) *The Washington Post*, December 2, 2021
- [“America’s Forgotten History of Supervised Opioid Injection,”](#) *Undark Magazine*, April 29, 2021
- [“Lessons learned—and forgotten—from the horrific epidemics of the U.S. Civil War,”](#) *STAT*, April 18, 2021
- [“America Has Been Through an Opioid Crisis Before,”](#) *Vice*, April 9, 2021
- [“Though often mythologized, the Texas Rangers have an ugly history of brutality,”](#) *The Washington Post*, September 21, 2020
- “Opiate Addiction in the Civil War’s Aftermath,” *Virginia History and Culture* 7 (Spring/Summer 2020): 18-21

["Gov. Cuomo is wrong, covid-19 is anything but an equalizer,"](#) *The Washington Post*, April 5, 2020, co-authored with Bethany L. Jones

["The 'Worst Species of Inebriety': Opiate Addiction in Antebellum New York City,"](#) *Gotham*, March 12, 2019

["Purdue Pharma taps a Gilded Age history of pharmaceutical fraud,"](#) *The Conversation*, March 4, 2019

["Red Dead Redemption 2 Confronts the U.S.'s Racist Past and Lets You Do Something About It,"](#) *Slate*, February 4, 2019

["Then and Now: How Civil War-Era Doctors Responded to Their Own Opiate Epidemic,"](#) *The Civil War Monitor*, November 3, 2017

["The 'Right' and 'Wrong' Kind of Addict: Iatrogenic Opioid Addiction in Historical Context,"](#) *Nursing Clio*, July 25, 2017

["Invisible Wounds: PTSD, the Civil War and Those Who 'Remained and Suffered,'"](#) *WSKG*, February 12, 2016

Digital History Projects

Principle Investigator, *Madison at War*, podcast, 2026, <https://sites.lib.jmu.edu/madisonatwar/>

Principle Investigator, *Locating Slavery's Legacies at VMI*, 2022-25, <http://locatinglegacies.org/s/VMI/page/home>

Public History Projects

Consultant, "The Enslaved Experience Tour," Jackson House Museum, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, 2022

Reviews

Margaret Humphreys, *Searching for Dr. Harris: The Life and Times of a Remarkable African American Physician for H-CivWar* (forthcoming)

James Marten, *The Sixth Wisconsin and the Long Civil War* for *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (forthcoming)

Lindsey Rae Smith Privette, *The Surgeon's Battle: How Medicine Won the Vicksburg Campaign and Changed the Civil War* for *Social History of Medicine* (forthcoming)

Elizabeth Kelly Gray, *Habit Forming: Drug Addiction in America, 1776-1914* for *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 39, no. 1 (Spring 2025): 188-121.

Megan L. Bever, *Making War with King Alcohol* for *Civil War History* for *Civil War History* 70, no. 1 (March 2024): 79-81.

Christopher D.E Willoughby, *Masters of Health: Racial Science and Slavery in U.S. Medical Schools* for *The Civil War Monitor* (January 31, 2024)

Jennifer L. Barclay, *The Mark of Slavery: Disability, Race, and Gender in Antebellum America* for *Journal of the Civil War Era* 12, no. 4 (December 2022): 558-561

Dillon J. Carroll, *Invisible Wounds: Mental Illness and Civil War Soldiers* for *Civil War Monitor* (June 22, 2022)

Red Dead Redemption 2 (Rockstar Games, 2018) for *Journal of American History* 108, no. 3 (December 2021): 676-679

Patrick Radden Keefe, *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* for *Nursing Clio* (August 12, 2021)

Sarah Handley-Cousins, *Bodies in Blue: Disability in the Civil War North* for *The Journal of Military History* 85, no. 2 (April 2021): 514-16

Brian Matthew Jordan and Evan C. Rothera, ed., *The War Went On: Reconsidering the Lives of Civil War Veterans* for *H-CivWar* (January 2021)

Daniel Skinner and Berkeley Franz, ed., *Not Far from Me: Stories of Opioids and Ohio* for *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 34, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 362-63.

James J. Broomall, *Private Confederacies: The Emotional Worlds of Southern Men as Citizens and Soldiers* for *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 19, no. 1 (January 2020): 156-58

W. J. Rorabaugh, *Prohibition: A Concise History* for *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 18, no. 1 (January 2019): 150-52

Frank L. Grzyb, *The Last Civil War Veterans: The Lives of the Final Survivors, State by State* for *The Civil War Monitor* (May 17, 2017)

AWARDS

Finalist, Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize, Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2026

Honorable Mention, W.E.B. Du Bois–John Hope Franklin Award (formerly the Civil War and Reconstruction Book Award), Organization of American Historians, 2026

Richard H. Collins Kentucky History Award, 2024

* Presented by the Kentucky Historical Society for the best article published in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (for “Died from eating too much morphine”: Researching Opioid Use in Civil War-Era Appalachia,” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 122, no. 3&4 (Summer/Autumn 2024): 341-374)

Anne C. Bailey Dissertation Award, Society of Civil War Historians, 2021

Inaugural Chancellor Distinguished PhD Graduate Dissertation Award, State University of New York, 2021

* Presented for the best doctoral dissertation in any discipline defended at any SUNY campus

Finalist, C. Vann Woodward Prize, Southern Historical Association, 2021

Distinguished Dissertation Award, Binghamton University, 2020

Graduate Student Excellence Award in Research, Binghamton University, 2020

Graduate Student Excellence Award in Teaching, Binghamton University, 2019

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

College of Arts and Letters Mini-Grant, James Madison University, 2026

Course Development Grant, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison University, 2025 (for “U.S. in the Vietnam War”)

VIVA Open Adopt Grant, Virginia’s Academic Library Consortium (VIVA), 2024-25

College of Arts and Letters Mini-Grant, James Madison University, 2023

Special Collections Research Center Travel Grant, William & Mary Libraries, 2022

Grant in Aid of Research, Virginia Military Institute, 2022

Inaugural Postdoctoral Fellowship in Civil War History, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020-2021

Public Humanities Graduate Assistantship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, 2019-2020

Ferenc Gyorgyey Research Grant, Harvey Cushing/John Hay Whitney Medical Library, Yale University, 2019

Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, 2019

S. Allyn Peck Fellowship, New-York Historical Society, 2018
 Archie K. Davis Fellowship, North Caroliniana Society, 2018
 Summer Visiting Research Fellowship, Louis Round Wilson Special Collections Library, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2018
 History of Medicine Collections Grant, Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University, 2018
 Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Fellowship, New York State Archives, 2018
 Doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Binghamton University, 2018
 K. Garth Huston Fellowship, The Huntington Library, 2017
 Research Fellowship, Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine, 2017
 F.C. Wood Institute Travel Grant, The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 2017
 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Binghamton University History Department, 2017
 Kramer Doctoral Research Grant in History, Binghamton University History Department, 2017
 Summer Fellowship, Binghamton University History Department, 2015-2019
 Teaching Assistantship, Binghamton University History Department, 2015-2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, & WORKSHOPS

“The Civil War on Drugs,” *Society of Civil War Historians 2026 Biennial Meeting*, Richmond, Virginia, June 18-20, 2026
 “Chatbots and Frederick Douglass,” AI Institute, JMU, June 3, 2026
 “Democracy, Discourse, and the Classroom: Course Development in the College of Arts and Letters,” roundtable, 2026 May Symposium, Center for Faculty Innovation, JMU, May 20, 2026
 “Locating Slavery’s Legacies on University Campuses,” Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference, Richmond, Virginia, April 30-May 2, 2026
 Chair, Histories of Medicine and Care in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century South,” *Southern Historical Association 2025 Annual Meeting*, St. Pete’s Beech, Florida, November 27, 2025
 Panelist, Innovative Education: Faculty Insights and Experiences with Open Educational Resources,” *Annual Diversity Conference*, JMU Libraries, Harrisonburg, Virginia, March 26, 2025
 “Francis H. Smith, Scott Shipp, and the Lost Cause at Virginia Military Institute,” *British American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH) Annual Conference*, October 5, 2024, Cambridge, UK
 “Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and the Legacies of Opioid Addiction in the Late-19th and early-20th Century U.S.” *Intoxicated Warfare: Psychoactive Substances, Violence and Trauma*,” Great Lakes History Conference, Sept 27, 2024, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan
 ““Vicious Habits’: Opiate Addiction and Civil War Pensions,” *Society of Civil War Historians 2024 Biennial Conference*, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 21, 2024
 “Veterans and Addiction,” *National Conflict, Personal Experiences: A Symposium on the Civil War—Era United States in Honor of Jim Marten*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 22, 2024.
 “Teaching Reconstruction in a New Age of Democratic Crisis,” *2023 OAH Virtual Conference on American History*, April 13-May 4, 2023
 “Locating Slavery’s Legacies at VMI,” *Monumental Opportunities: Teach-in Event Introducing the Locating Slavery’s Legacies Database (LSLdb) Project*, Atlanta History Center, April 7, 2023
 “Diseases, Diagnoses, and Developments: Medicine during the Civil War Era,” roundtable, *2023 OAH Conference on American History*, March 30-April 2, 2023, Los Angeles, California
 ““Still Raging in These Fools’ Minds’: Slavery, the Civil War, and Memory in *Red Dead Redemption 2*,” *Western Historical Association 2022 Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas, October 12-15, 2022

- “The New Civil War Medicine,” roundtable, *Society of Civil War Historians 2022 Biennial Conference* (organizer)
- “The ‘Cure’ for Opium ‘Slavery’? Veterans, Drug Addiction, and Patent Medicines in the Postwar Years,” *John L. Nau III Center Annual Signature Conference*, University of Virginia, March 25, 2022
- “The ‘Magnum Dei Donum of the Materia Medica’: Opiates in Antebellum American Medicine,” Pick Your Poison Seminar, *Intoxicating Spaces*, January 12, 2022
- “Cures or Quacks? Opiate Addiction and Anti-Patent Medicine Activism in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era,” *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 5, 2021
- “Navigating the Job Market in the Academy and Beyond,” Southern Association of Women Historians session, *Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 5, 2021 (organizer)
- “Black Civil War Veterans, Opioids, and Addiction,” *2021 Lapidus Center Conference*, October 8, 2021
- “‘So Dreadful and Evil: How Antebellum Americans Used and Abused Opiates,” George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, September 10, 2021
- “Opium Slavery: U.S. Civil War Veterans and the Problem of Addiction in Modernizing America,” *Intoxicating Spaces: Global and Comparative Perspectives* conference, July 19, 2021
- Moderator, *Edward Kremers Seminar in the History of Pharmacy & Drugs: Opiates & Opioids*, six-part seminar series, American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, May 13-June 17, 2021
- “Taking Video Games Seriously,” roundtable, *Organization of American Historians 2021 Annual Meeting*, virtual, April 15-18, 2021 (panel organizer)
- “‘Still Raging in These Fools’ Minds’: Slavery, the Civil War, and Memory in *Red Dead Redemption 2*,” Digital Culture Research Group, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, February 17, 2021
- “Drugs & Digitization: Investigating Opiate Addiction in the U.S. Civil War Era with the Medical Heritage Library,” *Medical Heritage Library 10-Year Anniversary Conference*, virtual, November 13, 2020
- Book Manuscript Workshop, George and Ann Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, October 19, 2020
- “Embodying the 1860s South: The Life and Death of Francis Clewell,” *Microhistories of the Civil War Era Conference*, Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, May 30, 2019
- “The Effects of Opiate Addiction on Civil War Veterans’ Postwar Lives,” *Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities*, Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York, November 14, 2018
- “‘How Much Woman and How Much Man?’: An Intersex Story in Nineteenth-Century Texas,” *11th Triennial Southern Association for Women Historians Conference*, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 8, 2018
- “The ‘Great Risk’ of ‘Opium Eating’: Physicians Confront Veterans’ Opiate Addiction in the Civil War Era,” *Society of Civil War Historians 2018 Biennial Conference*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 2, 2018 (panel organizer)
- “‘So Dreadful an Evil’: Elite Women and Opiate Misuse in Antebellum American Medical Discourse,” *39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 21, 2017

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Drugs and the Civil War,” Bull Run Civil War Round Table, Centreville, Virginia, December 10, 2026
- “Opium Slavery,” Four Score Speakers Series, Lincoln Presidential Foundation, November 11, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Tallahassee Civil War Round Table, September 30, 2026

“Drugs and the Civil War,” Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 12-17, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” American Civil War Museum, Richmond Virginia, virtual talk, May 7, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 18, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, Virginia, April 9, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, Petersburg, Virginia, January 8, 2026

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, Maryland, November 1, 2025

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Williamsburg Civil War Round Table, May 27, 2025

“Playing at War,” Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, November 14, 2024

“Opium Slavery,” Civil War Round Table Congress, November 10, 2023

“Civil War Veterans’ Addictions,” Richmond Civil War Round Table, Richmond, Virginia, September 12, 2023

“Opium Slavery: The Civil War and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Robert W. Reeder I Distinguished Lecture in Nineteenth Century History, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, April 27, 2023 (invited talk)

“Opium Slavery: The Civil War, Veterans, and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Kentucky Military History Museum, Frankfort, Kentucky, April 25, 2023

“‘Opium Slavery’ in the Civil War Era Shenandoah Valley,” McCormick Civil War Institute Spring 2023 Conference, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia, April 15, 2023

“Drugs and the Civil War,” Phil Alpha Theta lecture, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, February 23, 2023

“John Pemberton, Coca-Cola, and Morphine Addiction,” Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia October 22, 2021

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction,” Drugs in American Life and Death, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, September 7, 2022

“Civil War Veterans and Opioid Addiction in the Postwar Decades,” Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, Fairfax, Virginia, August 27, 2022

“America’s First Opioid Crisis: How the Civil War Sparked an Epidemic of Drug Addiction,” Georgia Southern University, Savannah, Georgia, April 12, 2022 (invited talk)

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and Addiction,” *Civil War Speakers Series*, Appalachian State University, April 4, 2022 (invited talk)

“Civil War Veterans and Opioid Addiction in the Postwar Decades,” *2021 Annual Symposium: A Soldier’s War*, American Civil War Museum, Richmond Virginia, February 19, 2022 (invited talk)

“Opium Slavery: The Civil War, Veterans, and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” Irish American Heritage Museum, Albany, New York, February 8, 2022

“The U.S. Civil War and America’s First Opioid Crisis,” *Warren A. Sawyer Lecture*, Waring Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, October 13, 2021 (invited talk)

“How do Video Games Affect Historical Memory?” *The Tattooed Historian*, September 8, 2021

“Public Health Lessons from the Civil War,” Rotary Club of Lancaster, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, July 14, 2021

“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and Opium Addiction,” *Finding the Source*, Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College, March 31, 2021

“Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction,” Virginia Center for Civil War Studies, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, October 27, 2020, (invited talk)

“America’s Original Opioid Crisis: The Civil War & Opiate Addiction,” Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, September 10, 2020

“The Binghamton Inebriate Asylum,” Phelps Mansion Museum, Binghamton, New York, July 9, 2020

“Drugs and the Civil War,” National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, Maryland, May 18, 2020

“America’s Original Opioid Crisis: Veterans and Opiate Addiction in the Civil War’s Aftermath,” 2020 *Emerging Scholars Speakers Series*, George and Richards Civil War Era Center, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, February 10, 2020

“Curing the ‘Opium Habit’: The Civil War and the Rise of the Addiction Cure Industry,” 2019 *Civil War Programming Series*, Chemung County Historical Society, Elmira, New York, April 4, 2019

“‘Opium Slavery’: The Post-Civil War Opiate Addiction Crisis,” Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia, March 20, 2019

“The Civil War and Opiate ‘Insanity,’” *Bullitt History of Medicine Club Lecture Series*, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, December 1, 2018, invited talk

“Opioid Addiction After the Civil War,” *Foundry Series*, American Civil War Museum, Richmond, Virginia, November 15, 2018 (invited talk)

“‘A Mind Prostrate’: The Civil War and Opiate Addiction,” Wilson Special Collections Library, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, August 23, 2018

“Drug Addiction in the Civil War’s Aftermath,” Binghamton Civil War Historical Society and Round Table, Binghamton, New York, February 20, 2018

“The ‘Great Risk’ of ‘Opium Eating’: Physicians Confront the Civil War-Era Opiate Addiction Epidemic,” 2017 *Young Historians Series*, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, December 16, 2017

“Physicians, Opiates, and Insanity in the Civil War’s Aftermath,” The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 26, 2017

MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

Television & Documentaries

“[‘Surrounded by important history’: Stonewall Jackson’s Valley Campaign of 1862.](#)” WHSV-3 [Harrisonburg, Virginia], March 20, 2026

“[Opium Slavery.](#)” *The Civil War*, C-SPAN2, March 21, 2026

“[Marking 80 years since the first atomic bombs were dropped in WWII.](#)” WHSV-3 [Harrisonburg, Virginia], August 8, 2025

[A Relentless Cycle: New York’s Long History with Opioids](#), PBS, September 18, 2024

“[Opium Use in the Civil War Era Shenandoah Valley.](#)” *American History TV*, C-SPAN3, September 16, 2023

“[Medicine During the Civil War Era.](#)” *American History TV*, C-SPAN3, June 10, 2023

“[Hoe terecht is de ‘beeldenstorm’ in de Verenigde Staten? Nieuwsuur spreekt met de Amerikaanse historicus Jonathan Jones](#)” [How justified is the ‘iconoclasm’ in the United States? Nieuwsuur speaks with American historian Jonathan Jones], *Nieuwsuur*, NPO, Amsterdam, Netherlands, October 16, 2021

“[Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction.](#)” *American History TV*, C-SPAN3, November 21, 2020

Radio & Podcasts

[“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America’s First Opioid Crisis.”](#) *Heartland History*, podcast, January 20, 2026

[“Opium Slavery: The Civil War, Veterans, and America’s First Opioid Crisis.”](#) *Civil War Talk Radio*, podcast, December 3, 2025

[“Opium Slavery: Civil War Veterans and America's First Opioid Crisis.”](#) *New Books Network*, podcast, December 2, 2025

[“The First US Opioid Crisis.”](#) *2 Complicated for History*, podcast, September 24, 2025

[“Postwar Drug Addiction.”](#) *Civil War Curious*, *Civil War Monitor*, podcast, August 12, 2025

[“Jonathan Jones, Virginia Military Institute.”](#) *Military Historians Are People, Too!*, podcast, May 3, 2022

[“The Civil War’s Opioid Epidemic.”](#) *With Good Reason*, Virginia Humanities, radio, December 3, 2021

[“How Epidemics Won the Civil War.”](#) *STAT First Opinion Podcast*, April 28, 2021

[“Civil War & Opiate Addiction.”](#) *Constant Wonder*, BYU Radio, January 7, 2021

[“The ‘Dark Turn’ in Civil War History.”](#) *The Rogue Historian*, podcast, November 1, 2020

[“Civil War Veterans and Opiate Addiction.”](#) *History Hack*, podcast, October 8, 2020

[“Opium Slavery.”](#) *The Rogue Historian*, podcast, October 18, 2019

Interview on background for story on opioid Addiction, *100 Days in Appalachia*, West Virginia Public Media, radio, April 23, 2019

[“As the Opium Trade Boomed in the 1800s, Boston Doctors Raised Addiction Concerns.”](#) *Common Health*, WBUR, Boston, Massachusetts, radio, August 1, 2017

Print & Web

[“The Virginia Military Institute and the Lost Cause.”](#) *Civil War Memory*, February 16, 2026

Interviewed by Oshan Jarow on the history of opioids for FuturePerfect, *Vox*, April 24, 2024

[“Den første opioidepidemi i USA: Krigsveteraner blev misbrugere”](#) [The first opioid epidemic in the United States: War veterans became addicts], *Historienet.dk*, May 2, 2024

“The promise and the pitfalls of AI,” *Madison Magazine*, James Madison University, Fall 2023, 48-51

[“The Post-Civil War Opioid Crisis.”](#) *JSTOR Daily*, July 9, 2023

[“The AI revolution already transforming education.”](#) *Financial Times*, May 21, 2023

[“Como Guerra Civil levou a 1ª epidemia de drogas dos EUA”](#) [How the Civil War led to the 1st US drug epidemic], *BBC News Brasil*, January 23, 2022

[“How Civil War Medicine Led to America's First Opioid Crisis.”](#) *HISTORY*, December 7, 2021

[“America’s first opioid crisis grew out of the carnage of the Civil War.”](#) *The Washington Post*, December 1, 2021

TEACHING

James Madison University, 2023-present

HIST 225 U.S. History (Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026)

HIST 339 Selected Themes in U.S. History: Frederick Douglass’s America (Spring 2025)

HIST 600 Graduate Seminar U.S. History Early Period: U.S. Civil War and Reconstruction (Fall 2024)

HIST 335 Special Topics in Applied History: U.S. in the Vietnam War (Fall 2025)

HIST 365 Special Topics in Connected History: Plagues and Pandemics in Modern World History (Spring 2024, Fall 2025)

HIST 386 U.S. Military History (Fall 2024, Spring 2026)
M.A. theses, James Madison University
Chair
Raymond Aboagye, expected May 2027
Jenna Harper, expected May 2027
Jordyn Harris, expected May 2027
Kira Elizabeth Quinton, Public History, “*An Hospital for These People’: Community Relationships in the Construction of America’s First Psychiatric Hospital*,” defended May 2026; Recipient of Carlton B. Smith Award for Best MA Thesis, 2025-26
Mamun Miah, “The Cyclone of 1991 in Bangladesh: A Historical Analysis of Operation Sea Angel,” defended May 2026
Decklan Wilkerson, “Forgotten Power: Privateers & the Grey-Zone,” defended December 2024; Recipient of Carlton B. Smith Award for Best MA Thesis, 2024-25
Committee Member
Katlin Smith, “Ritual and Revolution: Rethinking Roman Women’s Influence on Religion,” defended April 2025
Jake Brooks, “‘You’ve Never Lived Until You’ve Almost Died’: Montagnards, Kurds, and U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam and Northern Iraq,” defended April 2025
Kelsey Snyder, “Sundown in Indiana: A Midwest Story of Racism, Exclusion, and Memory,” defended April 2025
Harry Caldwell, “The World After: Central Virginia in the Wake of the Civil War,” defended May 2024
Kevin Johnson, “The Dry Bloodletting: A History of the Diagnosis and Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorders in Military Service Members,” defended May 2024
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, 2021-2023
Civil War and Reconstruction (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
Frederick Douglass’s America (Spring 2023)
Plagues and Pandemics in Modern World History (Spring 2022)
U.S. History to 1877 (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)
U.S. History from 1877 (Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York, 2015-2020
Instructor-of-Record:
Teaching College History (graduate seminar) (Fall 2019)
The Opioid Crisis: Past, Present, and Future (Lyceum seminar) (Spring 2019)
The Foundations of America (U.S. History survey to 1877) (online) (Summer 2020, Winter 2019/20, Summer 2019, Winter 2018/19, Summer 2018, Winter 2017/18, Summer 2017)
Teaching Assistant:
Cancer in the Modern World (Spring 2016)
Civil War America (Spring 2018)
The Foundations of America (U.S. History survey to 1877) (Fall 2015)
History of Modern Medicine (Fall 2016)
History of Pre-Modern Medicine and Disease (Spring 2017)
Modern American Civilization (U.S. History survey from 1877) (Spring 2019)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscripts reviewed for:

Addiction, 2023

Civil War History, 2024

The History Teacher, 2026

Journal of the Civil War Era, 2024

Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, 2023

Journal of Military History, 2021, 2023

Journal of Southern History, 2023

Pharmacy in History, 2021

War in History, 2023

William and Mary Quarterly, 2023

University of Georgia Press, 2022

Anne C. Bailey Dissertation Award Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2026

Membership Committee, Society of Civil War Historians, 2026-

History Academic Unit Head Search Committee, James Madison University, 2024-2025

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council, James Madison University, 2024-2026

Graduate Committee, History Department, James Madison University, 2024-2025

Nau Center for Civil War History Advisory Board, University of Virginia, 2024-2028

Early Career Council, Society of Civil War Historians, 2022-2026 (chair 2024-2026)

Professional Development Committee, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2021-2023 (chair 2023)

Planning Committee, George Marshall Lecture, American Historical Association Annual Meeting 2023

Collins Chair / Adams Center Director Search Committee, Virginia Military Institute, 2022

Recording Secretary, Department of History, Virginia Military Institution, 2021-23

Institute Scholars Selection Committee, Virginia Military Institution, 2021-23

Graduate Student Council, Southern Historical Association, 2018-2020

Professional Development Committee, Department of History, Binghamton University, 2018-2020

Coeditor, *Binghamton Journal of History*, Vol. 16 (2015), Vol. 17 (2016), Vol. 18 (2017)

Secretary, Graduate History Society, Binghamton University, 2016-2017

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

NEH Institute: Civil War Archives, Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 5-18, 2022

Reader, Advanced Placement U.S. History Distributed Reading, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2023, 2024

Teaching Online / Distance Learning Certificate, Binghamton University, December 2016

TA/GA/PhD Teaching Pedagogy Certification, Texas Christian University, 2012

Secondary History Teacher, Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area high schools, 2011-2015

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alcohol and Drugs History Society

American Association for the History of Medicine

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Southern Association for Women Historians

Society of Civil War Historians

Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and
Progressive Era

Southern Historical Association