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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D. Degree in History, Baylor University**
Dissertation: “God, Country, and Big-Time Sports: American Protestants and the Creation of ‘Sportianity,’ 1920-1980.”
Dissertation Committee: Barry Hankins, Elesha Coffman, Andrea Turpin, Thomas Kidd, John White, and Darren Dochuk.
Comprehensive exams: Post-1877 American history (major field), American religious history (major field), and modern Middle East (minor field).
- 2012 M.A. Degree in History, University of Nebraska-Omaha**
- 2009 B.S. Degree in Secondary Education (history endorsement), Grace University**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-19 Lecturer in American History, Messiah College History Department**
Courses taught: The Meaning of Sports in American Life; United States History Survey Since 1865
- 2017 Teacher of Record, Baylor University History Department**
Course taught: History of the United States Since 1877.
- 2013-18 Graduate Assistant, Baylor University History Department**
Courses assisted: History of the U.S. Since 1877; History of Gender in Latin America; World History Since 1500; Historiography. Worked with professors to develop course structure; graded course content; proctored exams; delivered lectures; served as organizational assistant for the Eugene Scassa Mock Organization of American States Program.
- 2010-13 Social Studies Teacher, Millard North High School (Omaha, NE)**
Taught courses in American History, World Geography, World History, and AP Human Geography (grades 9-12). Helped develop social studies curriculum; created assessments to measure learning outcomes; served as a presenter for teacher education sessions.

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress

The Spirit of the Game: American Protestants, Big-Time Sports, and the Contest for National Identity (book manuscript)

Book Chapters

“The Homer of Middle-Western America: The Syndicated Poetry of Walt Mason,” 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

“For Race and Region: A Brief History of the Western Negro Press Association, 1896-1920,” *Great Plains Quarterly* 38.2 (Spring 2018): 175-198.

“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* 17.1 (January 2018): 56-76.

“Building A City on a Hill: Evangelical Protestant Men and Moral Reform under the Des Moines Plan, 1907-1916,” *The Annals of Iowa* 77.1 (Winter 2018): 1-40.

“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

Michael Hurd, *Thursday Night Lights: The Story of Black High School Football in Texas* (University of Texas Press, 2017). Reviewed for *Great Plains Quarterly* (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* 37.3 (Spring 2018): 134-136.

Murry Nelson, *Big Ten Basketball, 1943-1972* (McFarland, 2017). Reviewed for the *Journal of Sport History* 45.1 (Spring 2018). 121-122.

Willa Cather with an introduction from Susan Schiller, *Alexander's Bridge* (Hastings College Press, 2016). Reviewed for *Middle West Review* 4.2 (Spring 2018): 90-92.

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

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

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

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

"The Anti-Racism Activist That History Forgot," *Christian History*, June 5, 2018, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/history/2018/june/nick-chiles-early-anti-racism-activist-history-forgot.html>.

- "The Role of Sports Ministries in the NFL Protests," *Religion & Politics*, October 17, 2017, <http://religionandpolitics.org/2017/10/17/the-role-of-sports-ministries-in-the-nfl-protests/>.
- "God and the Gridiron Game," *Christian History*, September 6, 2017, <http://www.christianitytoday.com/history/2017/september/god-and-grid-iron-christianity-football.html>.
- "Finally, Jackie Robinson's Faith is Getting The Attention it Deserves," *Christianity Today*, June 29, 2017, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2017/june-web-only/jackie-robinsons-faith-attention-deserves.html>.
- "John Wooden's Homespun Creed Was Not So Homespun," *Slate*, May 17, 2017, http://www.slate.com/articles/sports/sports_nut/2017/05/john_wooden_s_seven_point_creed_came_from_a_1931_magazine_article.html.
- "Ten Christian Athletes Who Were Tebowing Before Tebow," *Christian History*, September 28, 2016, <https://www.christianitytoday.com/history/topics/american-experience/ten-christian-athletes-who-were-tebowing-before-tebow.html>.
- "The Humble Coach Behind Celebrity Christianity," *Christianity Today*, February 19, 2016, <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2016/february-web-only/don-mcclanen-tribute-humble-coach-behind-celebrity-christia.html>.
- "Nebraska: A Cornhusker Prays with FCA," *Religion & Politics*, March 17, 2015, <http://religionandpolitics.org/2015/03/17/nebraska-a-cornhusker-prays-with-fca/>.
- "A Short History of Christian Matchmaking," *Religion & Politics*, May 7, 2014, <http://religionandpolitics.org/2014/05/07/a-short-history-of-christian-matchmaking/>.

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Fellowships/Grants for Research

2016	Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives
2016	Research Fellowship, Presbyterian Historical Society
2016	University of Chicago Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowship
2015-16	Wayne Travel Grant, Kenneth Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas
2015-16	State Historical Society of Iowa Research Grant
2012-13	Nebraska State Historical Society Research Grant

Other Fellowships/Awards

2013-18	Graduate School Fellowship, Baylor University, 2013-2018
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2013-14	Guittard Fellowship, Baylor University, 2013-2014
2012-13	Bernie Kolasa Academic Memorial Scholarship, Nebraska-Omaha AAUP
2011-12	Outstanding History Graduate Student, University of Nebraska-Omaha

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.” 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.
- “‘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.
- “‘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.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“NFL Scoops From Heaven.” Interviewed for a story by Bryan Curtis published at *The Ringer*, March 23, 2018, <https://www.theringer.com/nfl/2018/3/23/17156312/nfl-offseason-scoops-sports-spectrum-matt-forte-adam-schefter>.

"Tracing The Origins Of College Sports Amateurism." Audio interview appearance on NPR's *Only A Game* radio program, October 13, 2017, <http://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2017/10/13/ncaa-amateurism-origins-history>.

“Religion and Sports.” Video interview with *EthicsDaily.com*, a division of the Baptist Center for Ethics, August 10, 2017, <https://vimeo.com/228852845>.

“The Complicated Legacy of Pioneering Football Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg.” Audio interview appearance on NPR’s *Only A Game* radio program, February 17, 2017, <http://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2017/02/17/amos-alonzo-stagg>.

Audio interview appearance on *The Bottom Line*, an Omaha-based sports talk show from the *Omaha World-Herald*, November 16, 2016. I discussed my article “Big-League Basketball Comes to Omaha: A History of the Omahawks,” http://owh.backbonebroadcast.com/owh_mp3/POD20161116172159.mp3.

EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

2014-18 **Community Coordinator, Baylor Graduate Student Housing**
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.

2012-13 **Student Council Faculty Sponsor, Millard North High School**
Responsible for developing student leadership and overseeing student efforts to foster school spirit through school-wide planned activities.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015-2018 Associate Editor, *Studies in Midwestern History*

- 2015-2018 Peer Reviewer for *Nebraska History* and *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies*
- 2014-2018 Twitter coordinator for the Baylor University History Department, @BaylorHistory

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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