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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming, 2020-present.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Wyoming, 2019.
Lecturer, University of Wyoming, 2018-19.
Adjunct, Providence College, 2017-18.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, PhD in History, 2010-16.

Dissertation: "The Church Militant: The American Loyalist Clergy and the Making of the British Counterrevolution, 1701-92."

Orals Fields: British History 1660-1800; British History 1800-2000; Colonial America; Religion and the Enlightenment in Europe.

Advisors: Christopher L. Brown, Evan P. Haefeli.

University of Oxford, MPhil in Modern European History (with distinction), 2008-2010.

Thesis: "'A Free and Protestant People'? The Campaign for the Repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts, 1786-1828."

University of Oxford, BA in Modern History, 2005-2008.

PRIZES

Robert W. Prichard Prize, 2019 (\$2000). Awarded by the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church for the best doctoral dissertation on Anglican or Episcopal History.

Walter Muir Whitehill Prize, 2016 (\$2500). Awarded by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts for a distinguished essay on early American history (up to 1825) with preference given to New England subjects.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Power of Suffering: Loyalism and the Church of England in the Age of the American Revolution (under contract with Yale University Press).

Co-editor with Christopher F. Minty, *The Cause of Loyalty: The Revolutionary Worlds of Myles Cooper*. Digital documentary edition, in progress.

Journal Articles

“The Bishop Controversy, the Imperial Crisis, and Religious Radicalism in New England, 1763-74,” *New England Quarterly* 90, 3 (September 2017): 306-43. Winner of the 2016 Whitehill Prize.

Essays in Edited Collections

“Thomas Barton’s Crisis of Conscience: Community, Salvation, and Oaths of Allegiance on the Pennsylvania Frontier,” in *The Consequences of Conflict: The American Revolution and Religion*, ed. Kate Carté (University of Virginia Press, forthcoming).

“Religion, Politics, and Martyrdom in the American Revolution: The Loyalist Church of England Clergy,” in *A Companion to American Religious History*, ed. Benjamin E. Park (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021), 59-70.

“Tolerating Protestants: Antipopery, Antipuritanism, and Religious Toleration in Britain, 1776-1829,” in *Against Popery: Britain, Empire, and Anti-Catholicism*, ed. Evan Haefeli (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2020), 257-87.

“‘An Isolated Portion of the Community’? English Protestant Dissenters’ Campaign for Toleration, 1787-1828,” in *Believers in the Nation: European Religious Minorities in the Age of Nationalism (1815-1914)*, eds. Wessel Kruhl, Roberto Dagnino, and Alessandro Grazi (Leuven: Peeters, 2017), 117-36.

Book Reviews

“Religious Liberty, Christian Nationalism, and the American Revolution”: A Review Essay of Adam Jortner, *A Promised Land: Jewish Patriots, the American Revolution, and the Birth of Religious Freedom* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024) and Jacob E. Hicks, *To Contest with All the Powers of Darkness: New England Baptists, Religious Liberty, and New Political Landscapes, 1740-1833* (Nashville: University of Tennessee Press, 2024), *William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, 82, 3 (July 2025).

Review of Joseph Hardwick, *Prayer, Providence and Empire: Special Worship in the British World, 1783–1919* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2021), *Journal of British Studies* 62, 2 (2023): 566-67.

Review of Peter C. Mancall, *The Trials of Thomas Morton: An Anglican Lawyer, His Puritan Foes, and the Battle for a New England* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2019), *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 90, 1 (2021): 201-203.

Non-Peer Reviewed Writing

“Ignorance is Bliss, or, Teaching the Dangers of Teleology with The Great Cat Massacre,” *The Age of Revolutions*, 2024 (<https://ageofrevolutions.com/2024/08/12/ignorance-is-bliss-or-teaching-the-dangers-of-teleology-with-the-great-cat-massacre/>)

“Little Boney: James Gillray and Napoleon’s Fragile Masculinity,” *Public Domain Review*, 2024 (<https://publicdomainreview.org/essay/little-boney/>)

“The Irish Charter Schools and the Long History of Residential Schooling in the British Empire,” *Borealia: A Group Blog of Early Canadian History*, 2021 (<https://earlycanadianhistory.ca/2021/11/15/the-irish-charter-schools-and-the-long-history-of-residential-schooling-in-the-british-empire/>)

“William Knox’s Counterrevolution,” *Georgian Papers Program*, 2019 (<https://georgianpapers.com/2019/04/15/william-knoxs-counterrevolution/>)

“‘Indifferent to the World’: William Clark and the American Revolution,” *Vita Brevis*, 2018 (<https://vitabrevis.americanancestors.org/2018/06/indifferent-to-the-world/>)

“Shooting the Moon: Martyrdom and Sacred Kingship in the Twenty-First Century,” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, 2017 (<https://jhiblog.org/2017/02/06/shooting-the-moon-martyrdom-and-sacred-kingship-in-the-twenty-first-century/>)

“Only Buddhists and Anglicans: Moderation and the Church of England,” *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog*, 2015 (<https://jhiblog.org/2015/10/28/only-buddhists-and-anglicans-moderation-and-the-church-of-england/>)

“Islamophobia and Anti-Catholicism: Two Sides of the Same Coin,” *History News Network*, 2010 (<http://historynewsnetwork.org/article/131475>)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

External

British Library: Eccles Centre Fellowship, 2025-26.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): Summer Stipend, 2021-22.

American Philosophical Society: Supplementary Funding Grant, 2020-21. With Christopher Minty.

American Philosophical Society: Franklin Grant, 2020-21. With Christopher Minty.

Historical Society of the Episcopal Church: Research Grant, 2019-20. With Christopher Minty.

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium: Two-Month Fellowship, 2017-18.

McMaster University-American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: Short-Term Fellowship, 2017-18. Declined.

National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents Fellowship, 2017-18. Declined.

Omohundro Institute: Georgian Papers Fellowship, 2016-17.
Massachusetts Historical Society: Mellon Fellowship, 2016-17.
Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History: Research Fellowship, 2016-17.
Mellon-ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship: 2015-16.
American Philosophical Society: Library Fellowship, 2015-16.
Lewis Walpole Library (Yale University): Spang Fellowship, 2015-16.
Historical Society of the Episcopal Church: Research Grant, 2014-15.
University of Oxford, Somerville College: Margaret Pollock Scholarship, 2008-10.

Internal

University of Wyoming: International Conference Hosting Grant, 2025-26. (\$10,000)
University of Wyoming: Research Excellence Fund Seed Grant, 2025-26. With Melissa Morris. (\$30,000)
University of Wyoming and Cardiff University: Seed Grant, 2024-25. With Ashley Walsh. (\$20,000)
University of Wyoming: School of Computing Faculty Fellowship, 2024-25. With Melissa Morris. (\$30,000)
University of Wyoming: Faculty Research Grant, 2025-26; 2023-24; 2022-23; 2020-21.
University of Wyoming, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research: Humanities Research Group Fellowship, 2020-21.
University of Oxford, Somerville College: Benefactor's Scholarship, 2009-10.
University of Oxford, Somerville College: Junior Graduate Scholarship, 2008-09.

PRESENTATIONS

"The Irish Charter Schools and the Long History of Residential Schooling in the British Empire," North American Conference on British Studies, Montreal, Canada, Nov 13-16 2025.
"Re-examining Church and State during the Revolutionary War: Oaths, Fasts, and Prayers for the King," For 2026: Wartime Transformations, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, Williamsburg, VA, Oct 23-25 2025.
"Myles Cooper's Historical Anecdotes: A Transatlantic Loyalist Network in the Revolutionary Era," Association for Documentary Editing Annual Meeting, Online, June 17-18 2025.
"Suffering Anglicans? The Church Militant in Eighteenth-Century British Colonial America," Cardiff University, UK, Dec 11 2024.

“‘Extremely Painful in the Recollection’: Refugee Memories of Religious Violence in the American Revolution,” Society of Historians of the Early American Republic Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, July 18-21 2024.

“The American Loyalist Clergy: Refugee-Martyrs in the Age of Revolutions,” Historicizing the Refugee Experience, 17th-21st Centuries: Third Annual International Seminar in Historical Refugee Studies, Duisburg, Germany, July 4-7 2023.

“The Church of England in British America: A Religious Establishment with a Persecution Complex?”, University of Bayreuth, Germany, Feb 8 2023.

“The Power of Suffering: Anglican Martyrdom in Colonial America,” Front Range Early Americanist Consortium, Bozeman, MT, Oct 15 2022.

“‘Let Them Be Called Martyrs’: Thomas Barton, the Pennsylvania Test Oath, and Loyalist Martyrdom in the American Revolution,” Religion and the American Revolution (Sons of the American Revolution Annual Conference on the American Revolution), Providence, RI, Jun 11-13 2021.

“‘Destroy This Letter’: The New York ‘Church and King’ Club and the Problem of Loyalist Sources,” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, Online, Feb 18-20 & 26-27 2021. With Dr Minty.

“New York State Library Public Program – Writing Through the American Revolution: The Correspondence of Myles Cooper,” New York State Library, Online, Jan 28 2021. With Dr Minty.

“Massachusetts’ Loyalist Clergy in the Time of the American Revolution,” King’s Chapel Boston, Online, July 30 2020.

“Sympathy, Suffering, and Martyrdom: The Emotional Culture of American Loyalism,” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, February 14-15 2020.

“‘The Strange Reasonings of this Degenerate Age’: The Anglican Critique of Imperial Secularity,” Omohundro Institute Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, Jun 13-16 2019.

“The Church Triumphant? The American Refugee Clergy and the Anglican Counterrevolution, 1783-1800,” North American Conference on British Studies, Providence, RI, Oct 25-28 2018.

“Anglicanism in Colonial Connecticut: Conversion, Revivalism, and Loyalism,” Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT, June 8 2018.

“The Pulpit Drum Ecclesiastic: Preaching Religion and Politics During the American Revolution,” Religion and Politics in Early America (Society of Early Americanists Special Topics Conference), Washington University in St Louis, MO, Mar 1 – 4 2018.

“The Church Triumphant? The American Refugee Clergy and the Anglican Reaction to the American Revolution,” Remembering Early Modern Revolutions, Institute of Historical Research, London, UK, June 17 2017.

“The Church of England in the American Revolution,” St. Andrew’s Church, Staten Island, NY, 11 June 2017.

“The Religious Culture of New England Loyalism: Conscience, Martyrdom, and Prayers for the King,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Minneapolis, MN, Mar 30 – April 2 2017.

“The Church Militant: The American Loyalist Clergy and the Making of the British Counterrevolution, 1701-92,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, MA, Nov 7 2016.

“‘His Majesty's Suffering Church’: The American Emigre Clergy in Britain,” Modern British History Seminar, Columbia University, NY, Mar 3 2016.

“Loyalist Martyrs: The SPG Missionaries and the War of American Independence,” Intellectual and Cultural History Workshop, Columbia University, NY, Sept 25 2015.

“The Church Militant: The American Émigré Clergy and the Making of the British Counterrevolution, 1763-92,” Summer Academy of Atlantic History, Lancaster University, UK, Aug 25-28 2015.

“‘The Maintenance of an Orthodox Clergy’: Anglican Missionary Enterprise in New England, 1751-63,” Missionary Encounters in the Early Modern World, University of Minnesota, MN, May 27-29 2015.

Pecha Kucha Talk, Britain in the Long Eighteenth Century Seminar, Institute for Historical Research, London, UK, Oct 30 2013.

“Protestant Toleration? The Debate over Test Act Repeal, 1787-1828,” North American Conference on British Studies, Denver, CO, Nov 18-20 2011.

“Conversion, Improvement and Enlightenment: Methodism and the Catholic Church in Eighteenth-Century Ireland,” North-East Conference on British Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, Oct 28-29 2011.

“Anglicans and Dissenters, Protestants and Catholics: the Campaign for the Repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts, 1815-1828,” Believers in the Nation: European Religious Minorities in the Age of Nationalism (1815-1914), University of Groningen, The Netherlands, June 16-17 2011.

TEACHING

University of Wyoming

HIST 5880. History Theory.

HIST 5400. Age of Revolutions.

HIST 5440 / 4990. The American Revolution.

HIST 5425 / 4425. Britain's Global Empires: 1558 to the Present

HIST 5270 / 4270. France: Old Regime & Revolution.

HIST 4990: The Making of the Modern World, 1500-1800 (Study Abroad in Belgium, the Netherlands, and the UK). Co-instructor with Melissa Morris.

HIST 4030: Senior Capstone Seminar.

HIST/RELI 3240: Reformation and Enlightenment Christianity

HIST 3020. Historical Methods.

HIST 2060. Early Modern Europe: from the Renaissance to the French Revolution.

HIST 1320. World History to 1500.

HIST 1120: Western Civilization II (from 1700).

FYS 1101. Hamilton's America: Beyond the Musical. Co-instructor with Melissa Morris.

Colorado State University

HIST 461. Rise and Fall of the British Empire. (Part-time medical leave replacement.)

Providence College

DWC 202. Religious Freedom and its Limits: Historical Roots and Contemporary Questions. (Co-Instructor with a Theologian.)

DWC 201. Development of Western Civilization: French Revolution to the Present. (Co-Instructor with a Theologian and a Philosopher.)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Interviewee, *Loyalty and Consent: Religion's Role in the Crisis of Independence* (film, National Museum of American Religion), 2025.

Voice actor, *Worlds Turned Upside Down* podcast, 2025.

SERVICE

External

Board Member for The St. Thomas Aquinas Institute for the Study of Loyalists in the American Revolution, 2024-.

Journal of Early American History, English Language Book Review Editor, 2022-

Manuscript Reviewer for *Church History*; *Journal of Religious History, Literature and Culture*; *Religion and American Culture*.

University of Wyoming

College of Arts and Sciences, Scholarship Committee, 2020-23.

History Department, Undergraduate Academic Coordinator, 2024-.

History Department, Wyoming History Search Committee, 2024-25.

History Department, Asian History Search Committee, 2023-24.

History Department, Graduate Mentor, 2022-24.

History Department, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2020-24.

REFERENCES

Christopher Brown, Professor of History, Columbia University: clb2140@columbia.edu

Kate Carté, Professor of History, Southern Methodist University: kecarte@smu.edu

Evan Haefeli, Professor of History, Texas A&M University: evanhaefeli@tamu.edu