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## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

### **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON**

Professor, Department of History, 2023-present; Associate Professor, 2000-2023; Assistant Professor, 1994-2000

Chair, Department of History, 2024-present

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2005-2018

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

Ph.D. in History

M.A. in History

### **COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY**

A.B. in History, *magna cum laude*

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

*Urban Government and the Early Stuart State: Provincial Towns, Corporate Liberties, and Royal Authority in England, 1603-1640* (Boydell Press, 2022)

*Urban Patronage in Early Modern England: Corporate Boroughs, the Landed Elite, and the Crown, 1580-1640* (Stanford University Press, 1999)

“Consensus, Division, and Voting in Early Stuart Towns” in *Revolutionising Politics: Culture and Conflict in England, 1620-60*, eds. P. Halliday, E. Hubbard, and S. Sowerby (Manchester University Press, 2021), pp. 145-163

“Whose City? Civic Government and Episcopal Power in Early Modern Salisbury, c. 1590- 1640,” *Historical Research* 90 (2017): 486-505

“Married to the Town: Francis Parlett’s Rhetoric of Urban Magistracy in Early Modern England” in *Local Identities in Early Modern England*, ed. Daniel Woolf and Norman Jones (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 156-177

“*Quo Warranto* and Borough Corporations in Early Stuart England: Royal Prerogative and Local Privileges in the Central Courts,” *English Historical Review* 120 (September, 2005): 879-906

“Corporations, Cathedrals, and the Crown: Local Dispute and Royal Interest in Early Stuart England,” *History* 85 (2000): 546-571

“Dispute Resolution and Patronage in Provincial Towns, 1590-1640,” *Journal of British Studies* 37 (1998): 1-25

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Book project, “The Politics of Fishing: Fishermen, Free Trade, and Maritime Order in Seventeenth-Century Britain and the North Atlantic” (research in progress)

## **SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Writs of Restitution and Political Culture in Early Stuart Corporations,” conference paper, North American Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 2025

“Piscatorial Politics in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century: Fishing, Fishermen, and the Sovereignty of the Seas in Britain and the North Atlantic,” conference paper, North American Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2023

- “‘Not very easy to be governed’”: Fishing, Fishermen, and Maritime Order in Early Seventeenth Century Britain and the North Atlantic,” conference paper, Western Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, September 2022
- “‘Absurd and Unreasonable Privileges’: Corporate Liberties and Urban Policy in Early Stuart Ireland,” conference paper, Western Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, September 2019
- “Immoral Majorities? Voting Practices in English Towns and the Origins of Majority Thinking, c. 1580-1640,” invited talk, Department of History, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, March 2019
- “Of Herrings and Hearings: Great Yarmouth, the Privy Council, and the Politics of Trade in Early Stuart England,” conference paper, North American Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 2017
- “Private Affairs and Public Work: Financing Poor Relief in Elizabethan Ipswich,” conference paper, Sixteenth Century Studies Society Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 2017
- “Consensus, Division, and Voting in Early Stuart Towns,” conference paper, Contesting the English Revolution: A Conference in Memory of Mark Kishlansky, Cambridge, MA, October 2016
- “Creating the Body Politic in Early Stuart Towns: Corporate Charters, Urban Governance, and Royal Policy, 1603-1640,” conference paper, Western Conference on British Studies annual meeting, Austin, TX, October 2015

### **SELECT HONORS AND GRANTS**

- Folger Shakespeare Library Seminar, “The Corporation in Early Modern Political Thought,” selected participant, Spring 2019
- Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, 2004
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1998
- American Historical Association Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant, 1997
- Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary, 1985

### **SELECT PUBLIC TALKS**

- Engines of Our Ingenuity*, Houston Public Media ( <https://uh.edu/engines/> ), 11 radio/podcast episodes between 2005 and 2022
- “The Lavish Prince Regent: British Society and Culture in the Time of George IV,” Rienzi (Museum of Fine Arts Houston European decorative arts unit), 2016
- “Europe 1300-1700: Changing Worldviews,” Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Evenings for Educators, 2008
- “Society and Culture in an Age of Revolution: Britain in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century,” Rienzi (Museum of Fine Arts Houston European decorative arts unit), 2005

### **SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Manuscript/proposal reviewer for *William and Mary Quarterly*; *Urban History*; *Historical Journal*; Truman State University Press Early Modern Studies series; Bloomsbury Academic
- Review Panelist, Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Major Collaborative Research Initiative, 2004, 2007
- Review panelist, NEH Summer Stipend applications, 2004, 2008
- North American Conference on British Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship Selection Committee, 2001-2003 (committee chair, 2003)

### **SELECT DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Graduate and Professional Studies Committee, University of Houston, 2005-2009, 2010-2018; Chair, 2008-9; Subcommittee Chair, 2007-8, 2012-2018
- Provost’s Graduate Studies Task Forces, 2013-15, 2016-17
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of Houston, 2004-2005
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, University of Houston, 2002-2004; Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 2023