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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syllabi available upon request.

**Associate Professor of History and Chair of the History Department** 2005 -  
**Assistant Professor of History** 2003 - 2005  
Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois

Core Courses: History 103 - America and Western Civilization  
History 104 - Europe and Western Civilization

American History: History 231 - American Colonies: 1492-1789  
History 233 - Reconstructing America: 1865-1920  
History 338 - Envisioning America: 1920-Present

World History: History 282 - The West and the World in the Twentieth Century  
History 383 - History of the Middle East

Historical Methods History 200 - Introduction to the Study of History  
History 280 - Social Studies: Global Perspectives and Teaching  
Methods  
History 401 - Senior Seminar – Illinois Community Histories

Interim Interim #27 - The Dignity of Human Life in American History

**Adjunct Assistant Professor of History**, Judson College, Elgin, Iowa 2005  
Western Civilization Social Sciences Core 226 - Topics in Urban History

**Visiting Assistant Professor of History**, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa 2002 - 2003  
Western Civilization History 102 - Western Civilization II: Since 1648

American History History 201 - United States History to 1877  
History 202 - United States History Since 1877  
History 368 - Recent America: The Twentieth Century

May Term History 190 - The Vietnam War in Historical Perspective

**Adjunct Professor of History**, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 2002

## PUBLICATIONS

- The Farm Press, Reform, and Rural Change, 1895-1920*. New York: Routledge, 2005.
- “‘Good Farming - Clear Thinking - Right Living’: Midwestern Farm Newspapers, Social Reform, and Rural Readers in the Early Twentieth Century.” *Agricultural History* 78 (Winter 2004): 34-49.
- Review of Eric Foner’s *Who Owns History?* In *Fides Et Historia* 35 (Summer/Fall 2003): 180-182.
- “The Rural Church and the Midwestern Farm Press in the Early Twentieth Century.” Published online in *Woodrow Wilson National Symposium 2000* at [http://www.woodrowwilson.org/content/articles/48130001/file\\_2200.pdf](http://www.woodrowwilson.org/content/articles/48130001/file_2200.pdf)

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Reading, Reform, and Rural Change: Scenes from the Making of a Book.” Faculty Coffee, Trinity Christian College, 14 February 2005.
- “Ulysses S. Grant’s Battles for Liberty and History.” Black Culture Nite in Blue Island, sponsored by Neighborhood Watch Group #37, Blue Island, Illinois, 11 February 2005.
- “Lincoln’s Second Inaugural and Martin Luther King’s Vision of Justice.” Service Celebrating the Life and Work of Martin Luther King, Jr., Trinity Christian College, 17 January 2005.
- “History as a Tutor to Lead us to Christ: Outrageous Idea or Modest Proposal?” Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Holland, Michigan, 13 October 2004.
- “What Farmers Read and Liked: Reading in the Rural Midwest at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” Newberry Seminar in Rural History, Reading in Rural America, Chicago, Illinois, 8 May 2004.
- “Abraham Lincoln and the Second Inaugural.” Black Culture Nite in Blue Island, sponsored by Neighborhood Watch Group #37, Blue Island, Illinois, 20 February 2004.
- “King and the Movement: Christianity, Western Civilization, and American History.” Service Celebrating the Life and Work of Martin Luther King, Jr., Trinity Christian College, 19 January 2004.
- “Trinity, History, John Sanborn, and Me.” Academic Affairs Committee Fireside Chat, Trinity Christian College, 8 October 2003.
- “‘Good Farming - Clear Thinking - Right Living’: Midwestern Farm Newspapers, Social Reform, and Rural Readers in the Early Twentieth Century.” Popular Culture Association Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 14 March 2002.
- “What Farmers Read and Liked: Scenes of Reading in the Rural Midwest.” Graduate History Society Student Forum, Iowa City, Iowa, 2 March 2001.
- “The Rural Church and the Midwestern Farm Press in the Early Twentieth Century.” Woodrow Wilson National Symposium, Staunton, Virginia, 20 October 2000.
- “The Social Gospel, the Country Life Movement, and Recommendations for the Rural Church: *Wallaces’ Farmer as a Case Study*.” OAH Midwestern Regional Conference, Ames, Iowa, 5 August 2000.

### PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

- “Nancy C. Wallace and Romantic Agrarianism.” Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, 13 March 1998.
- “Laura Ingalls Wilder and Social Feminism: The Politics of a Farm Wife.” Borders and Frontiers Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 23 November 1996.

### OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2004 - Director, Newberry Seminar in Rural History
- 2000 - Editorial Assistant to Steven L. Hoch, Editor, *Continuity and Change* (Cambridge Univ. Press)
- 2002 - Social Sciences Consultant, Standards for Success, Center for Educational Policy Research, University of Oregon
- 1997 - 2002 Staff Writer, Department of Engineering and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1994 - 1996 Public Services Librarian, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1992 - 1993 Humanities Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction, Troy State University, Troy, AL

### AWARDS

- 2005 Faculty Initiative in Professional Development Award, Trinity Christian College
- 2004 - 2005 Trinity Research Fellowship, Trinity Christian College
- 2004 Alumni Summer Research Grant, Trinity Christian College
- 2000 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Council on Teaching, University of Iowa
- 1997 - 2001 Iowa Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2004 - Member, School Board, Covenant Christian Academy of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2004 - Member, Board of Directors, Neighborhood Watch Group #37, Blue Island, IL
- 2002 - Member in good standing, Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Indian Head Park, IL

### EDUCATION

- 2002 Ph. D., History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
Dissertation: *Reading, Reform, and Rural Change: The Midwestern Farm Press, 1895 to 1920*
- 1997 M. A., History, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

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M. L. S., Library Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
B. A., History, Summa Cum Laude, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Available upon request