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## Education

- Ph.D. in History, University of Chicago (Winter 2001)  
*Dissertation:* "Imagining Public Opinion in Antebellum America: Fear, Credit, Law, and Honor"  
*Director:* Professor Neil Harris. *Readers:* Professors William Novak and Amy Dru Stanley  
Defended with "Distinction," July 2001  
"Distinction," Ph.D. Field Examination, 1993
- M.A. in History, University of Chicago, 1992  
*Thesis:* "'Marital Power' and 'Modern Persecution': Elizabeth Packard and the Nineteenth Century Asylum"; *Director:* Professor Linda Kerber
- B.A. in History, Kansas State University, 1990  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

## Fellowships and awards

- Charles Warren Center Fellow, Harvard University, 2005-2006  
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College Teachers, July 2005  
Nominee, Allan Nevins Prize in American History, 2002  
Research Fellow in the Program in Early American Medicine, Science and Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, 2001  
Von Holst Prize Lectureship in History, 1998  
Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1991-1997  
Jacob K. Javits Graduate Fellowship, 1991 (awarded but declined)

## Teaching and other professional experience

- Northeastern Illinois University  
Associate Professor of History, August 2009 to present  
Assistant Professor of History, August 2006 to August 2009
- Harvard University  
Charles Warren Center Fellow in American History, August 2005 to August 2006
- Binghamton University  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, August 2004 to August 2005
- Syracuse University  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, August 2002 to May 2004.
- Rice University  
Visiting Lecturer in History, July 2000 to July 2002

## Teaching and research interests

- United States Political History  
1607 to 1877; emphases in ideology, communications, and culture
- United States Intellectual History  
1607 to 1877; emphases in law, political economy, and religion
- History of the Social and Human Sciences  
Eighteenth and nineteenth century Europe; emphases in psychology, sociology, and statistics

## Publications

*Invisible Sovereign: Imagining American Public Opinion, 1783-1860*

Book manuscript in progress

“The Political Economy of Opinion: Public Credit and Concepts of Public Opinion in the Age of Federalism”

*The Journal of the Early Republic* 29:1 (Spring 2009), 35-62.

“Club Law, Press Freedom, and Public Opinion in 19<sup>th</sup> Century America”

Article in revision for *Law and History Review*

"Newspapers and the Cant of Civility." *Common-place* 9.5 (2009). [www.common-place.org/interim/reviews/schmeller.shtml](http://www.common-place.org/interim/reviews/schmeller.shtml).

Review of Markus Dirk Dubber, *The Police Power: Patriarchy and the Foundations of American Government*

*Law and History Review*, (Summer 2008)

“Judiciary Act of 1801,” “The Repeal Act”

Articles for *Encyclopedia of Supreme Court of the United States* (Macmillan, forthcoming)

Review of Grantland S. Rice, *The Transformation of Authorship in America*

*Law and History Review*, (Fall 1999)

“Barnabas Bates,” “Charles Merriam,” “Charles Allen T. Rice,” and “James Wilmot Scott”

Articles for the *American National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 1999)

## Select Presentations

“Paper Pence and Public Faith: Credit, Currency, and Political Economies of Opinion.”

Paper presented to Symposium on Public Opinion, the Press, and Journalists in the Eighteenth Century. University of Paris-Diderot, November 28-29, 2008.

“Manufactories of Public Sentiment: Party, Technology, and the Concept of Public Opinion, 1820-1850”

Paper Presented to Newberry Library Seminar in Technology, Politics and Culture, 2008

“Having Opinions: Philosophy, Popular Sciences of Mind, and the Victorian Self”

Paper Presented to Charles Warren Center Seminar in American History, 2006

“Twelve Hungry Men: Juror Misconduct in the Early Republic”

Conference Paper, Society for Historians of the Early Republic, 2005

“From Vox Pop to Black Box: The Jury in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Law and Literature”

Conference Paper, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Conference on Comparative Literature

“The Cilley-Graves Duel and the Antinomies of Anti-Dueling Law”

Conference Paper, American Society of Legal Historians, 2003

“Phrenology Surveys the Public Mind”

Works in Progress Seminar, McNeil Center For Early American Studies, 2001

“The Political Economy of Opinion”

Conference paper, Society for Historians of the Early Republic, 1999

“Liberty of the Cudgel: Journalism and Unwritten Law in Antebellum America”

Conference paper, Law and Society Annual Meeting, 1999

“Culture and the Cash Nexus: Chicago in 1900”

Lecture for the Chicago Society of Architectural Historians, May 1996.

“Privacy and Secrecy in the Early Republic”

Presented at Chicago Humanities Institute conference on “American Privacies,” March 1996

“The Beecher: Press, Pulpit, and the Perception of Public Opinion in 1870”

Presented at the University of Chicago Social History Workshop, February 1995