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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, August 2004

Dissertation: “‘If They Could Change the World:’ Children, Childhood, and African-American Civil Rights Politics”

Nominated for the Society of American Historians Allen Nevins Prize

Runner-up for the Southern Historical Association’s 2005 C. Vann Woodward Prize

Specialty fields: U.S. Children and Youth, U.S. Women and Gender, the Civil Rights Movement, African American

M.A., University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History, May 1997

B.A., Brigham Young University, Department of History, April 1992

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor of History, Brigham Young University, Fall 2006-present.

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University, Fall 2005

Instructor, Brigham Young University, 2000-01

Instructor, Utah Valley State College, Heber City, 2000

Teaching Associate, University of Virginia, 1996-97

Research Assistant, University of Virginia, 1997

Research and Archival Assistant, Historical Collections, Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, 1995-98

English Instructor, Gokasho Jr. High School, Shiga, Japan, 1993-94

PRESENTATIONS "Young Squirts . . . Are Hell-bent on Revolution": Youth and the Southern Civil Rights Movement After *Brown*." Proposed paper accepted for the Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2008.

“Childhood as a Useful Category of Historical Analysis: Race, Childhood, and Power in America’s Struggle for Racial Equality.” Proposed paper/roundtable accepted for the 14th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women (University of

Minnesota, June 2008).

“Born in this Country Bond or Free:” Childhood and American Slavery.” Paper presented at the Society for the History of Children and Youth Fourth Biennial Conference (Norrkoping, Sweden, June 2007).

“The ‘Vital Role’ of Youth in America’s Civil Rights Movement, 1935-1960.” Paper presented at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA (Jan., 2007).

“The Invisible Man is Sometimes a Child: Stories About Children and the Politics of Childhood in America’s Struggle for Racial Equality.” Paper presented at the “Stories for Children/Stories of Childhood Conference,” Université de Tours, France (Nov. 2005).

“What King of Boy Was Emmett Till: Black Childhood on Trial in the 1950s South.” Paper presented at “The Murder of Emmett Till and the Struggle for Civil Rights,” Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala (Sept. 2005)

“‘The Forgotten Child’” Remembered: The Rights of Childhood, the Great Depression, and African-American Children and Youth.” Paper presented at the Third Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, Marquette University, Milwaukee (Aug. 2005).

“‘What Kind of Boy Was Emmett Till?’: The *Brown* Ruling, Southern Constructions of Black Childhood, and the Struggle for Racial Equality.” Paper presented at the Southern Historical Association Annual Conference, Memphis (Nov. 2004).

“‘We Do Not Have a Dream, We Have a Plan’: Children and Youth in the Civil Rights Movement.” Paper presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, Boston (March 2004).

“Childhood as a Useful Category of Historical Analysis: Images and Evidence from the Civil Rights Movement.” Paper presented at the Second Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (June 2003).

“Translating the ‘Dream;’ African-American Civil Rights and the Politics of Childhood.” Paper presented at the Centre for the Social Study of Childhood 3rd International Conference, University of Hull and University of Bradford, UK (Sept. 2002).

“‘It’s a durn big place . . . but we get used to it:’ Southern White Children in the New South.” Paper presented at the First Biennial Conference of the Society for the

History of Children and Youth, Marquette University, Milwaukee (July 2001).

“‘Oh The Thinks You Can Think:’ Children’s Literature and Civil Rights Politics, 1940-1960.” Paper presented at the Biennial Conference on Modern Critical Approaches to Children’s Literature, Nashville (April 2001).

PUBLICATIONS

If We Could Change the World: Young People and America's Long Struggle for Racial Equality (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming, Spring 2009).

“The ‘Shame of America’: African-American Civil Rights and the Politics of Childhood,” in *The Politics of Childhood*, James Goddard, Allison James eds., (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

“*Brown as a Children’s Case and the Case for Children’s History*,” invited essay published in *The Society for the History of Children and Youth Quarterly Newsletter* (Summer, 2004).

“Family Medicine” (co-authored with Peter de Schweinitz, MD), Joseph M. Hawes and Elizabeth F. Shores, eds., *The Family in America: An Encyclopedia* (ABC CLIO: Santa Barbara, 2001) 371-381.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

BYU, Family Studies Faculty Research Grant, 2007-8

BYU College of Family, Home and Social Science, Research Grant 2008

BYU Women's Research Institute, Faculty Research Grant, Fall 2007

BYU College of Family, Home and Social Science, Research Grant, 2007

BYU, Family Studies Faculty Research Grant, 2006-7

BYU, General Education Course Enhancement Grant, Winter 2007

Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition Post-

Doctoral Fellowship, 2005-06

Southern Historical Association C. Van Woodward Prize, Runner-up, 2005

Society of American Historians Allan Nevins Prize, Nominee, 2004

Robert J. Husky Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, 2003

Travel Grant, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, 2002

Dupont Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, 1996-1999

Departmental Fellowship, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia, 1996-1999

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**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS**

Society for the History of Children and Youth, founding member

Organization of American Historians

American Historical Association

Southern Association of Women Historians

Western Association of Women Historians

Southern Historical Association

American Studies Association