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- Finalist: Sally and Morris Lasky Prize in Political History
- Reviews in *William & Mary Quarterly*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *American Political Thought*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *H-Nationalism*, *Choice*

Current Projects

An American Original

Antebellum Thought," *Journal of Mormon History* 36:1 (Winter 2010): 41-72.

Journal Essays and Book Chapters

- "Joseph Smith, Plural Marriage, and Kinship," in *Routledge Handbook on Mormonism and Gender Studies*, ed. Amy Hoyt and Taylor Petrey (New York: Routledge, 2020): 75-85.
- "The Precarious Protestant Democracy: Mormon and Catholic Conceptions of Democratic Rule in the 1840s," in *Contingent Citizens: Shifting Perceptions of Latter-day Saints in American Political Culture*, ed. Keith Erikson, Brent Rogers, and Spencer McBride (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020): 42-57.
- "Frederick Douglass, Theologian," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87:4 (December 2019): 1209-1219.
- "Kings and Queens of the Kingdom: Gendering the Mormon Theological Narrative," in *Mormon Women's History: Beyond Biography*, ed. Rachel Cope, Amy Easton-Flake, Keith A. Erikson, and Lisa Olsen Tait (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2017): 209-226.
- "The Council of Fifty and the Perils of Democratic Governance," in *The Council of Fifty: What the Records Reveal about Mormon History*, ed. Matthew Grow and Eric Smith (Provo, UT: BYU Religious Studies Center, 2017): 43-54.
- "A Wall Between Church and Academy," in *Perspectives on Mormon Theology: Apologetics*, ed. Blair G. Van Dyke and Loyd Isao Ericson (Draper, UT: Kofford Books, 2017): 113-120.
- "Camelot's Crucible: The Historiographic Context for *Refiner's Fire*," in "John Brooke's *Refiner's Fire*: A Twentieth Anniversary Retrospective," *Journal of Mormon History* 41:4 (Fall 2015): 177-187. (Roundtable organizer.)
- "The Book of Mormon and America's Political and Intellectual Tradition," *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies* 23 (Fall 2014): 174-182.
- "Benjamin Franklin, Richard Price, and the Division of Sacred and Secular in the Age of Revolutions," in *Benjamin Franklin's Intellectual World*, ed. Paul Kerry and Matthew Holland (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press 2012): 119-135.
- "Parley Pratt's Writing as Restoration and Redemption," in "Perspectives on Parley Pratt's *Autobiography*: A Roundtable," *Journal of Mormon History* 37:1 (Winter, 2011): 158-164. (Roundtable organizer.)
- "Developing a Historian Conscience: Wilford Woodruff and the Preservation of History," *Preserving the History of the Latter-day Saints*, ed. Steven C. Harper and Rick Turley (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University, 2010): 121-141.

Book Reviews

- Review of Peter Coviello, *Make Yourselves Gods: Mormons and the Unfinished Business of American Secularism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (forthcoming).
- Review of Megan Kate Nelson, *Three Cornered War: The Union, the Confederacy, and Native Peoples in the Fight for the West* (New York: Scribner), *Civil War Monitor* (forthcoming).
- Review of Gregory A. Prince, *Gay Rights and the Mormon Church: Intended Actions, Unintended Consequences* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press), *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* (forthcoming).
- Review of Steven C. Harper, *First Vision: Memory and Mormon Origins* (New York: Oxford University Press), *American Religion* (forthcoming).
- Review of Reid L. Neilson and Carson V. Teuscher, eds., *Pacific Apostle: The 1920-21 Diary of David O. McKay in the Latter-day Saint Island Missions* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press), *H-Diplo* (forthcoming).
- Review of David Walker, *Railroading Religion: Mormons, Tourists, and the Corporate Spirit of the West* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press), *Church History and Religious Culture* (2020).

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- Review of Joanne B. Freeman, *The Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to the Civil War* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux), *History: Reviews of New Books* (2019).
- Review of Philip F. Gura, *Man's Better Angels: Romantic Reformers and the Coming of the Civil War* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press), *Civil War Monitor* (2018).
- Review of Michael J. Klarman, *The Framers' Coup: The Making of the United States Constitution* (New York: Oxford University Press), *Journal of Southern History* (2018).
- Review of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *A House Full of Females: Plural Marriage and Women's Rights in Early Mormonism, 1835-1870* (New York: Knopf), *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* (2017).
- Review of Mark A. Lause, *Free Spirits: Spiritualism, Republicanism, and Radicalism in the Civil War Era* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press), *Civil War Monitor* (2017).
- Review of John Bicknell, *America 1844: Religious Fervor, Westward Expansion, and the Presidential Election that Transformed the Nation* (Chicago: Chicago Review Press), *BYU Studies Quarterly* (2017).
- Review of Keith Michael Baker and Dan Edelstein, eds., *Scripting Revolution: A Historical Approach to the Comparative Study of Revolutions* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press), *H-Diplo* (2016).
- Review of Colleen A. Shehann, *The Mind of James Madison: The Legacy of Classical Republicanism* (New York: Cambridge University Press), *Journal of American Studies* (2016).
- Review of Jonathan Den Hartog, *Patriotism and Piety: Federalist Politics and Religious Struggle in the New American Nation* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press), *Journal of the Early Republic* (2016).
- Review of Stephanie Kirk and Sarah Rivett, eds., *Religious Transformation in the Early Modern Americas* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), *Journal of American History* (2016).
- Review of Terryl L. Givens and Reid L. Neilson, *The Columbia Sourcebook of Mormons in the United States* (New York: Columbia University Press), *Journal of Mormon History* (2016).
- Review of Sam Haselby, *The Origins of American Religious Nationalism* (New York: Oxford University Press), *William and Mary Quarterly* (2015).
- Review of Claudia Stokes, *The Altar at Home: Sentimental Literature and Nineteenth-Century American Religion* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press), *Women's History Review* (2015).
- Review of W. Caleb McDaniel, *The Problem of Democracy in the Age of Slavery: Garrisonian Abolitionists and Atlantic Reform* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press), *United States Intellectual History Blog* (2015).
- Review of Alex Beam, *American Crucifixion: The Murder of Joseph Smith and the Fate of the Mormon Church* (New York: PublicAffairs), *Christian Century* (2015).
- Review of J. Spencer Fluhman, *Peculiar People: Anti-Mormonism and the Making of Religion in Nineteenth-Century America* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press), *Journal of Mormon History* (2013).
- Review of David Holland, *Sacred Borders: Continuing Revelation and Canonical Restraint in Early America* (New York: Oxford University Press), *Journal of Mormon History* (2012).
- Review of Samuel M. Brown, *In Heaven as It is on Earth: Joseph Smith and the Early Mormon Conquest of Death* (New York: Oxford University Press), *Patheos* (2012).
- Review of Christopher Flynn, *Americans in British Literature, 1770-1832* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate), *49th Parallel: An Interdisciplinary Journal of North American Studies* (2011).

Opinion Essays

- "Mitt Romney and His Father Both Fought for Civil Rights. But There is a Crucial Difference," *Washington Post* (June 10, 2020).
- "How an 1843 Revelation on Polygamy Poses a Serious Challenge to Modern Mormonism," *Religion Dispatches* (May 14, 2020).
- "The Nauvoo Crisis that Continues to Shape the Modern LDS Church," *Salt Lake Tribune* (February 25, 2020).
- "How Mitt Romney's Impeachment Vote Was Influenced By His Mormon Faith," *NBC Thought*

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- (February 6, 2020).
- "What the Two 'Mormon' Senators Tell Us About the LDS Battle Over Sexuality," *Salt Lake Tribune* (November 14, 2018).
- "Trump and the Division of Nationalism," *Houston Chronicle* (October 24, 2018).
- "The Revolutionary Roots of America's Religious Nationalism," *Religion & Politics* (March 20, 2018).
- "Trump's View of America as a White Nation Is as American as Apple Pie," *History News Network* (January 15, 2018).
- "Jeff Sessions

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National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, "Transcendentalism and Social Reform," Concord, MA, 2017.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, 2014-2016.

Course Development Grant, University of Missouri (for "The Scots and the Making of America"), 2015.

Exchange Fellow, American Political History Institute, Boston University, 2013.

J. Talmage Jones Award of Excellence, Mormon History Association (one of three annual awards for "Best Article"), 2013, 2011.

Best Graduate Paper Award, Mormon History Association, 2013.

Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2012.

Santander Bursary Scholarship, Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge, 2011-2012.

Master's Thesis Distinction, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, 2011.

New Voices Award, Dialogue Foundation (annual award for excellence given to a junior scholar), 2011.

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- "Theodore Parker, Joseph Smith, and the Antinomian Challenge to American Democracy,"
Transcendentalist Intersections: Literature, Philosophy, and Religion, University of
Heidelberg, Germany, 2018.
- "Rights of Religious Minorities: The Mormon Constitutions," Society for Historians of the Early
American Republic, Cleveland, OH, 2018.
- "Racializing Regions: Colonizing Louisiana Territory and the Limits of Early American Union,"
Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, CA, 2018.
- "James Branagan's America(s): Religion, Politics, and Slavery in the Early Republic," Religion and
Politics in Early America, Washington University in St. Louis, MO, 2018.
- "Self-Rule in a Godly Society: Antebellum Challenges to Protestant Democratic Culture," Society for
United States Intellectual History, Dallas, Texas, 2017.
- "'All Power Belongs Originally and Legitimately to the People': Lockean Political Philosophy,
Mormonism's Danites, and Frontier Justice in Antebellum America," Joseph Smith Papers
Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, 2017.

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"Native Muses and Exotic Others: Playwrights, Popular Novelists, and Depicting the Foreign in Early America,"

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Co-Founder and Co-Editor, *Peculiar People: A Bi-Weekly Column on Religion and Public Life* (Patheos-sponsored column), 2012-2015.

Editorial Board, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 2011-2012.

Co-Founder and Contributing Editor, *Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog*, 2007-2016.

Manuscript Referee: Yale University Press; Oxford University Press; University of Utah Press; Oklahoma University Press; State University of New York Press; Routledge; Brigham Young University Press.

Journal Referee: *New England Quarterly*; *Journal of the Early Republic*; *Early American Studies*; *Journal of Religious History*; *American Political Thought*; *Journal for the Illinois State Historical Society*; *American Catholic Studies*; *Journal of Religion and Ethics*; *Politics, Religion, & Ideology*; *Eras Journal*; *Theological Librarianship*; *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*; *Journal of Mormon History*; *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*; *BYU Studies Quarterly*; *Theological Librarianship*; *Religious Educator*.

Courses Taught at Sam Houston State University

HIST 1301: United States History to 1876

HIST 3300: Historian's Craft

HIST 3360: American Religious History

HIST 3374: US Religions to 1865

HIST 3375: US Religions since 1865

HIST 3376: America to 1783

HIST 3377: America in Mid-Passage, 1783-1876

HIST 3378: Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1945

HIST 4368: Era of the American Revolution, 1763-1789

HIST 4399: Senior Research Seminar (Age of Revolutions)

HIST 5301: Historical Methods (Grad Seminar)

HIST 5307: Intellectual History (Grad Seminar)

HIST 5371: RevolutionTT7 1 Th(e) -1y Americad Seminare

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John Keck, "Continental and *Coueurs de Bois*: The American Invasion of Canada and Illinois in the Revolutionary War" (Sam Houston State University, 2018).

Tracy Lewis, "Elizabeth Bayley Seton, Catholicism, and Republican Womanhood" (Sam Houston State University, 2017).

Undergraduate Theses Supervised

Ceci Mourkogiannis, "Evangelicals and the Limits of Union in the Antebellum United States"

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