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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

George Mason University. PhD in History, May 2014. Dissertation: "Money, Mercantilism and Empire in the Early English Atlantic, 1608-1697." Director: Cynthia Kierner. Committee members: Rosemarie Zagarri, Michael O'Malley, Christian Koot. Major field: Early American History. Minor field: Economic History.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte. MA in History, May 2009. Thesis: "'The Sinke of America': Slavery and Marronage in the Albemarle Borderlands of North Carolina, 1663-1729." Advisor: John David Smith.

Appalachian State University. BA in Secondary Education, May 2005.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Associate Professor of History, 2022-present
Associate Director of the Center for American Institutions, 2022-present
Assistant Professor of History, 2015-2022
Postdoctoral Fellow with the Center for Political Thought and Leadership, 2014-2015

Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, Charlotte, NC
Social Studies Teacher, 2005-2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

The Currency of Empire: Money and Power in Seventeenth-Century English America. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2021.

Articles:

“‘Liberty of Conscience is Every Man’s Natural Right’: Historical Background of the First Amendment.” *Journal of Policy History* 35, no. 4 (October 2023): 435-453.

“Criminal Prosecution in American History: Private or Public?” *South Dakota Law Review* 67, no. 2 (2022): 119-193.
Extract reprinted in *Victims in Criminal Procedure*, Fifth Edition, eds., Douglas E. Beloof, Paul G. Cassell, Meg Garvin, et. al (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2025): 10-18.

“Currency.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Atlantic History*. Ed. Trevor Burnard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020. Revised and updated, 2025.

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“The Republican Paradox: Liberty, Prosperity, Virtue, and Vice in the American Founding.” *Journal of Policy History* 29, no. 2 (April 2017): 238-266.

“Reconstructing Mercantilism: Consensus and Conflict in British Imperial Economy in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” *The William and Mary Quarterly* 73, no. 2 (April 2016): 257-290.

“‘A Peculiar Stampe of Our Owne’: The Massachusetts Mint and the Battle over Sovereignty, 1652-1691.” *The New England Quarterly* 87, no. 3 (September 2014): 490-525.

“‘The Sinke of America’: Society in the Albemarle Borderlands of North Carolina, 1663-1729.” *North Carolina Historical Review* 87, no. 1 (January 2010): 1-27.

Book Reviews and Essays:

“Review Essay: The History, Essence, and Future of Global Capitalism.” Review of Steven G. Marks, *The Information Nexus: Global Capitalism from the Renaissance to the Present*; Bas Van Bavel, *The Invisible Hand? How Market Economies have Emerged and Declined since AD 500*; Thomas Sowell, *Wealth, Poverty and Politics: Revised and Enlarged Edition*. In *Journal of World History* 29, no. 2 (June 2018): 284-295.

Review of John L. Brooke, *Columbia Rising: Civil Life on the Upper Hudson from the Revolution to the Age of Jackson*. In *Maryland Historical Magazine* 106, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 386-387.

Review of Emory G. Evans, *A “Topping People”: The Rise and Decline of Virginia’s Old Political Elite*. In *North Carolina Historical Review* 87, no. 3 (July 2010): 359-360.

Review of Noeleen McIlvenna, *A Very Mutinous People: The Struggle for North Carolina, 1660-1713*. In *North Carolina Historical Review* 87, no. 1 (January 2010): 103-104.

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Grant recipient, America’s 250th Anniversary Grant for Undergraduate Programming, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, January 2026.

Research grant recipient, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, August 2023.

Hayek Fund for Scholars grant recipient, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, January 2019.

Fellow for the Institute for Humanities Research at Arizona State University, 2016-2017.

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute on “Science, Enterprise, and Law in the Making of the Modern Commercial Republic,” Pasadena, CA, June 15-26, 2015.

Fellow for the Program in Early American Economy and Society at the Library Company of Philadelphia, June 2014.

Graduate Student Forum in Early American History, The Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Boston, May 2013.

Visiting Scholar Award for Excellence in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Twelfth Annual Graduate Research Symposium at The College of William & Mary.” Awarded for “The Massachusetts Mint: A Study of Evolving Imperial Relations in the Seventeenth Century.” March 2013.

Fellow for the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 2011-2013.

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Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar, “Scholarship and a Free Society,” at Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, June 15-19, 2011.

Presidential Scholar at George Mason University, 2009-2012.

Assistant Editor at the *Papers of the War Department*, <http://wardepartmentpapers.org>, George Mason University, 2009-2012.

Best In-House Paper at the Graduate History Forum at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Awarded for “The ‘Sink’ of America’: Society in the Albemarle Borderlands of North Carolina, 1663-1729.” April 2009.

COURSES TAUGHT

History of Money

Foundations of Democracy

United States History to 1865

United States History to 1865 (Online)

British Empire, 1688-1914

Historical Thinking / Historians’ Craft (Online)

Economic History: Principles and Method

American Civil War: Causes and Legacy

Markets and Empires in the Atlantic World

Research Seminar: Political History and Leadership

Debating American Liberty

World History since 1350

Advanced Placement United States History

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS

“Religious Liberty: An American Founding Value,” ASU Lincoln Center for Applied Ethics conference on “Founding Values: America 250 Years Later,” Tempe, AZ, April 20, 2026.

Chair and commentator for a panel entitled “Government and Business: Regulations and Investment,” at the Policy History Conference, Tempe, AZ, May 18, 2018.

“How Many Shillings are in a Piece of Eight?: Intercolonial Currency Warfare in the Seventeenth Century,” Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, June 16, 2017.

Participant on a faculty panel entitled “Power Shift: The Shaping of a New Presidency,” hosted by the School for Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Arizona State University, January 26, 2017.

“The Republican Paradox: Liberty, Prosperity, and the Disquieting Influence of Virtue and Vice,” academic symposium, Center for Political Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University, November 7, 2014.

“The Significance of Money in Colonial Massachusetts,” Graduate Student Forum in Early American History, hosted by the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, May 10, 2013.

“The Massachusetts Mint: A Study of Evolving Imperial Relations in the Seventeenth Century,” Twelfth Annual Graduate Research Symposium, hosted by The College of William & Mary, March 22, 2013.

Participant on a faculty panel entitled “Comparing the American and French Revolutions,” seminar entitled

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“Revolutions: Past, Present and Future,” hosted by the College of Humanities and Social Science, George Mason University, October 26, 2011.

“The 'Sinke of America': Society in the Albemarle Borderlands of North Carolina, 1663-1729,” Graduate History Forum, hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, April 2009.

PUBLIC TALKS

“How Many Shillings are in a Piece of Eight?: Colonial Currency Competition and Devaluation in British America, 1642-1708,” American Numismatics Society Long Table, March 14, 2025.

“Bimetallism and the Allegory of the Wizard of Oz,” Mirabella Lifelong Learning Signature Lecture, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, January 9, 2025.

“Defending Free Speech,” Reagan Ranch Center, sponsored by Young America’s Foundation and the ASU Center for American Institutions, Santa Barbara, CA, December 2022, 2023, 2024.

“A Brief History of the American Dollar,” Trilogy History Club, Peoria, AZ, October 30, 2023.

“Inflation: How We Got Here,” Engaging Citizenship Luncheon, sponsored by the Center for American Institutions, April 5, 2022.

“History of Money in the United States,” Arizona Council for History Education Conference, Mesa, August 20, 2016.

MEDIA

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@professorbarth> : “History of Money,” video lecture series, 2020; “The Thanksgiving Lectures,” video lecture series, 2021; “Foundations of Western Political Thought,” video lecture series, 2022-present.

MASSOLIT online lecture series, “Colonial Society and Culture, 1607-1754.” Recorded June 2021.
<https://www.massolit.io/courses/us-history-colonial-society-and-culture-1607-1754>

C-SPAN3 live viewer call-in on the “Presidency of Andrew Jackson.” Recorded August 21, 2018.

Arizona PBS Television interview on Andrew Jackson and the American Civil War. Recorded May 3, 2017.

C-SPAN3 lecture on the “Presidency of Andrew Jackson.” Recorded October 21, 2016. Lecture premiered on television on January 14, 2017, with multiple airings since that date. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?416737-2/presidency-andrew-jackson>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National and International:

Panelist and reviewer for the National Endowment for the Humanities’ Public Impact Projects Celebrating America’s 250th Anniversary grant program, 2025.

Prize committee member for Robert W. Cherny Award, Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, 2025-present.

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Referee: *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, 2025; *Journal of Policy History*, 2025; *Yale Law Journal*, 2024; *William and Mary Quarterly*, 2017; *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, 2017; *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 2017.

Arizona State University:

Associate Director of the Center for American Institutions, 2022-present.

Associate Lead of the Political History and Leadership Program, 2017-present.

Director for PhD student, Derek Shloss, 2020-2026. Thesis title: “Free Trade in the Free States: the Liberal Trade Impulse in the Antebellum North, 1807-1861.”

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Center for American Institutions, Spring 2025.

Curriculum and workbook development for the *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis* workshop, with the Center for American Institutions, Fall 2024.

Curriculum and workbook development for the 1776 American Revolution workshop in Washington, D.C., with the Center for American Institutions, Spring 2024.

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Center for American Institutions, Spring 2024.

Search Committee for a Business Operations Specialist with the Center for American Institutions, Summer 2023.

Curriculum and workbook development for the Free Speech workshop in Santa Barbara, CA, with the Center for American Institutions, Fall 2022.

Search Committee for a Visiting Scholar with the Program for Political History and Leadership, Spring 2022.

Director and Committee Chair for MA student, Andrew Landers, “Pennsylvania’s Colonial Militia and the Founding of a Frontier Identity,” 2020-2022.

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Program for Political History and Leadership, Spring 2021.

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Program for Political History and Leadership, Spring 2019.

Search Committee for an Instructor in the History of Christianity, Spring 2019.

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Program for Political History and Leadership, Summer 2018.

Search Committee for an Assistant Professor in Medieval to Early Modern European History, Spring 2018.

History Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2017-2023.

Faculty Advisor for Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, 2018-present.

North American Exam Committee for PhD students, Summer 2016.

Secretary of History Faculty meetings, 2015-2017.

Search Committee for a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Center for Political Thought and Leadership, Spring 2015.