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Education

2004 **Ph.D., American Studies, University of Texas at Austin.**

Dissertation: Ryan McMillen. *Space Rapture: Extraterrestrial Millennialism and the Social Construction of Space Colonization*, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Texas at Austin, 2004.

1994 **B.A., History & English, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.**

1990 **Stuyvesant High School, New York, NY.**

Academic Positions

2025- Adjunct Professor of History
Marist University, Poughkeepsie, NY

2023- Adjunct Professor of History
SUNY at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

2019- Adjunct Professor of American Studies
SUNY College of Old Westbury, Old Westbury, NY

2017- Adjunct Assistant Professor of History
New York City College of Technology, CUNY, Brooklyn, NY

2006- Associate Professor of History
Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

2019-2025 Adjunct Professor of History
Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey

2016-2022 Adjunct Professor of History
Mercy College, Manhattan Campus, New York, NY

Other University Teaching Positions: **St. Peter's University**, Jersey City, NJ (2016-2017); **California State University at Northridge**, Northridge, CA (2008); **Los Angeles City College** (2008-2010); **Pepperdine University**, Malibu, CA (2006)

Research / Teaching Interests

U.S. Civil War	New York City History
History of Science	American Literary History
Space Studies	Vietnam War
History of Technology	History of Warfare
History of the Anthropocene	Environmental History
Religion & Culture	

Teaching Experience

Department of History, SUNY at New Paltz

Spring 25/6	The Civil War (live)
Fall 24/Spring 26	The American Revolution (live)
Fall 24/5/Spring 25	The Empire State (live)
Spring 2024	United States to 1865 (live)
Fall 23/Spring 26	Witchcraft, Magic and the Occult in Early America (live)
Fall 2023/5	United States since 1865 (live)

Department of History, Marist University

Fall 2025	America Since 1945
Spring 2026	The Empire State
Fall 2026:	The Civil War and Reconstruction

Department of American Studies, SUNY College of Old Westbury

Fall 2019-	American People I & II (online/live)
Summer 2020/21	History of Women in American History (online)
Fall 2021	History of U.S. Social Movements (online)

Department of Social Sciences, New York City College of Technology, CUNY

Summer 2019 -	Social Movements Since 1945 (individually developed; online/live)
Fall 2017 -	U.S. to 1865
2018-	U.S. since 1865 (online)
Spring/Fall 2018	The Modern World Since 1900
2018-2019	Foundations of the Modern World, 1400-1900
Fall 2017	The Origins of Islamic Civilization

Department of History, Montclair State University

Spring 2023-25	Race and Ethnicity in U.S. History (online synchronous)
Fall 2019-25	United States to 1876; United States since 1876 (online)
Spring 2024	Writing History (online)
Fall 2021-22	Introduction to American Studies (live)
2019-2020	European History, 1500-1914; 1914 to Present (online/live)

Department of History, Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

Fall 2006-	U.S. Since Reconstruction (online/live)
Fall 2006-	U.S. to 1877 (online/live)
Fall 2008-2023	African-American History (online)
Fall 2006-2020	U.S. Since 1945 (online) (developed online course at inception)

Other College Teaching Experience: Mercy College History Dept (2016-2021); St. Peter's University History Dept (2016-17); Cal State Northridge History Dept. (2008); Los Angeles City College Humanities Dept. (2009-2010); Pepperdine University English Dept. (2006); Santa Monica College English Dept. (2004-2008)

Conference Papers

“We Did Not Come Here to Be Whipped”: White New York Officers and Black Louisianian Resistance in the United States Colored Troops, 1863-1865,” 2019 Lapidus Center Conference, Schoburg Center for Black Culture, Enduring Slavery: Resistance, Public Memory, and Transatlantic Archives, New York, New York, October 10-12, 2019.

“A Letter... from the Annamese People: Ho’s Opportunistic Framing of National Identity in the Spring of 1945,” Making Peace: Transitions After War from the Antiquity to the Present, University of Padua, Padua, Italy, November 2-5, 2018.

“Peace, Prosperity and Happiness’: Ho Chi Minh's Lost 1945 Appeal for Vietnamese Statehood,” New York Conference on Asian Studies, Vassar College, October 16-17, 2015.

“Putting the Angels Back in Heaven: NASA’s Resacralization of Outer Space, 1963-1986,” Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. Washington, D.C., Public lecture related to NASA/American Historical Association Fellowship Research, June 2001.

“Engineering the Apocalypse: An Introduction to the Religion of Transhumanism,” Center for Millennial Studies at Boston University New World Orders Conference, November 6-9, 1999.

“Orbiting Edens: The American Search for Home in the Heavens,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ, April 14.

“No Indians in Outer Space: CoEvolution Quarterly’s Advocacy of Space Colonization 1975-1977,” Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2, 1999.

“Orbiting Edens: The American Search for Home in the Heavens,” University of Texas at Austin American Studies Graduate Symposium, February 1998.

Fellowships & Awards

American Historical Association/NASA Fellowship in Aerospace History

2000-2001

Funded for year of full-time research into project concerning religious motivations behind spaceflight. Research conducted at NASA Headquarters History Office, Washington, D.C.

Current Research

The Swift-Boyce Project

a. *The Lost Works of Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobi*

Continued analysis and promotion of the discovery of the previously unknown first published works of renowned suffragist and pioneering physician/researcher Mary Putnam Jacobi (1842-1906). Manuscript being edited for publication.

b. *“We Did Not Come Here to Be Whipped”*

Continued analysis of the aftermath of the United States Colored Troops (USCT) Fort Jackson Mutiny of 1863, using previously unpublished documents related to New York officers assigned to the 77th USCT. Conference paper on the subject being edited for publication.

c. *The Boarding House at 10th Street*

Continued analysis of unpublished archival diaries and letters related to the administration and Civil War-era history of a Greenwich Village boarding house run by two Dutchess County-born sisters, abolitionists, and suffragists.

d. *The Green Mountain Freeman*

Preparation and transcription of the literary and journalistic works of Sidney Smith Boyce (1831-1923), the publisher and editor of Vermont’s largest circulation abolitionist newspaper between 1856 and 1861.

The Ho Chi Minh Project

Continued analysis of previously unrecognized 1945 anti-Japanese and anti-French English-language propaganda works by Vietnamese leader and revolutionary Ho Chi Minh. Conference paper being edited for publication.