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### **EDUCATION**

1991-1997 Ph.D., U.S. History (1997), University of Maine, Orono, ME.

Specialization: US Slavery/South/African-American  
Other Fields: US Cold War Culture, Vietnam Wars  
Minor Field: Modern Europe  
Outside Field: Sociology of Race and Class  
Dissertation: "Slaves for Rent: Slave Hiring in Virginia"  
Director: Dr. Marli F. Weiner (author of *Mistresses and Slaves: Plantation Women in South Carolina*)

1989-1991 M.A., History (1990), SUNY College at Cortland, Cortland, NY.

1985-1989 B.A., History/Political Science (1989), Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA.

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2012-Present Professor of History, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME.  
2004-2012 Associate Professor of History, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME.  
1998-2004 Assistant Professor of History, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME.  
1997-1998 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Maine at Machias, Machias, ME.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Book**

*Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia* (Louisiana State University Press, 2012).

#### **Articles and Chapters**

"Hiring-Out" in Daina Ramey Berry and Deleso A. Alford, eds., *Enslaved Women in America: An Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2012).

"Northwest Ordinance," "Slave Hiring," "State v. Mann," and "Virginia" in Edward E. Baptist, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Slavery in the Americas* (Facts On File, 2011).

- “Slavery: The United States” in Peter N. Stearns, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World* (Oxford University Press, 2008).
- “Hiring of Slaves” in Junius P. Rodriguez, ed., *Slavery in the United States: A Social, Political, and Historical Encyclopedia* (ABC-Clio, 2007).
- “Arson,” “Sambo Thesis,” and “Theft” in Junius P. Rodriguez, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Slave Resistance and Rebellion* (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2007).
- “Hiring-Out & Challenges to Slavery” in Peter P. Hinks and John McKivigan, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Antislavery and Emancipation* (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2007).
- “Power and Control are Good to Eat: The Politics of Food on Antebellum Southern Plantations,” in *The Maine Scholar* 14 (2001), 125-131.
- “Economic Change and the Development of Slave Hiring in Virginia,” in *Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, 19 (2000), 26-35.
- “Slave Hiring and Slave Family and Friendship Ties in Rural Nineteenth-Century Virginia,” in John Saillant, ed., *Afro-Virginian History and Culture* (New York and London: Garland, 1999), 85-107.
- “Samuel Cartwright,” “Slave Folktales,” “Hiring of Slaves,” and “Occupations of Slaves” in Junius P. Rodriguez, ed., *The Historical Encyclopedia of World Slavery*. two vols. (Santa Barbara, Denver, and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 1997).
- “What Meaneth the Heat of this Great Anger?': The Religious Response to Colonial New England's Diphtheria Epidemic, 1735-1740,” in *New England Journal of History* 53 (1996), 30-37.

## Reviews

- James Oakes, *Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865* in *Maine History* (forthcoming).
- Kirt von Daacke, *Freedom Has a Face: Race, Identity, and Community in Jefferson's Virginia* in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 121 (2013), 384-86.
- Mark M. Smith, *How Race is Made: Slavery, Segregation, and the Senses* in *NEHA NEWS: The Newsletter of the New England Historical Association* (April 2007), 19-20.
- Wilma A. Dunaway, *The African-American Family in Slavery and Emancipation and Slavery in the American Mountain South*, Review Essay, “Regional Variations in Slavery” in *The Historian* 67 (Fall 2005), 507-10.
- Jonathan D. Martin, *Divided Mastery: Slave Hiring in the American South* in *The North Carolina Historical Review* 82 (April 2005), 270-71.

Kirsten E. Wood, *Masterful Women: Slaveholding Widows from the American Revolution through the Civil War* in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 112 (2004), 425-26.

Todd L. Savitt, *Medicine and Slavery: The Diseases and Health Care of Blacks in Antebellum Virginia* in *The Historian* 66 (Fall 2004), 596-97.

Walter Johnson, *Soul by Soul: Life Inside the Antebellum Slave Market* in *The Historian* 63 (Summer 2001), 836-37.

Midori Takagi, "Rearing Wolves to Our Own Destruction": *Slavery in Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1865*, in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 107 (Summer 1999), 320-22.

Bradley G. Bond, *Political Culture in the Nineteenth-Century South: Mississippi, 1830-1900*, in *The Historian* 59 (Spring 1997), 649-50.

Donald L. Winters, *Tennessee Farming, Tennessee Farmers: Antebellum Agriculture in the Upper South*, in *Southern Historian* 17 (Spring 1996), 126-27.

James B. Sellers, *Slavery in Alabama* (reprint ed.) in *Southern Historian* 16 (Spring 1995), 121-22.

## CONFERENCES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Spring 2014 "Occupational Traffic: Poor White Artisan Tenants in Rural, Antebellum Virginia," presented at Virginia Forum, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Peer reviewer (solicited) for *The Journal of Southern History*

Peer reviewer (solicited) for *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*

Fall 2013 Sabbatical leave, awarded for work on book manuscript on plain folk in antebellum Virginia.

Spring 2013 Peer reviewer (solicited) for specific chapters in textbook by David Henkin and Rebecca McLennan, *American Cultures/American Lives* (McGraw-Hill, forthcoming).

Fall 2012 Chair for panel "Narratives of War" at New England Historical Association, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA.

Peer reviewer (solicited) for *Urban History*.

Spring 2012 "The Other Plain Folk: Non-Agricultural White Workers in Rural, Antebellum Virginia," presented at Virginia Forum, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Fall 2010 Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee and Award Presenter (solicited), New England Historical Association, University of New England, Biddeford, ME.

- Spring 2009 “White Ladies, White Men, Masters All: Slave Hiring and White Gender Identity in Antebellum Virginia,” presented at Virginia Forum, Longwood University, Farmville, VA.
- Peer reviewer (solicited) for *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*.
- Chair (solicited) for panel “Political Leadership in Nineteenth-Century America” at New England Historical Association, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME.
- Fall 2008 Sabbatical leave, awarded for research on post-World War II civil defense.
- “‘Under the awesome shape of a mushroom cloud’: Civil Defense in Presque Isle and Northern Maine,” presented at New England Historical Association, Endicott College, Beverly, MA.
- “Selling a Real War to Real Men: From the Hypothetical to the Apocalyptic in Civil Defense Films and Sound Recordings, 1958-1961,” presented at Northeast Popular Culture Association, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA.
- Spring 2006 Sabbatical leave, awarded for work on book manuscript on slave hiring in Virginia.
- “Slave Hiring, White Society, and Slavery in Antebellum Virginia,” presented at Virginia Forum, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA.
- Fall 2005 “Nuts, Bolts, and Concrete: Civil Defense and Masculinity in Post-World War II U.S. Culture,” presented at Northeast Popular Culture Association, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.
- Fall 2003 Reviewer (solicited) for book manuscript, Matthew G. Hatvany, *Marshlands: Four Centuries of Environmental Change on the Shores of the St. Lawrence* Laval University Press, 2003.
- Spring 2003 “Slave Hiring and White Society in Antebellum Virginia,” presented at New England Historical Association, Bentley College, Waltham, MA.
- Fall 2002 “Slave Women and Slave Hiring in Virginia: New Evidence, and a New Look at Old Questions” presented at “Africana Women: History and Historiography,” University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME.
- Summer 2000 “‘Better for thee death and Heaven than a life of slavery!’: Empathy, Worry, Disorder, and Death in Abolitionist Newspapers,” presented at Norlands Conference, Livermore, ME.
- Spring 1998 “Slave Women in the Atlantic World: A Comparative Perspective,” presented for Women's History Month, University of Maine at Machias, ME.
- Fall 1996 “Voices of Resistance: The Words and Deeds of Hired-Slave Women in Virginia,” presented at Maine Women’s Studies Conference, University College of the University of Maine, Bangor, ME.

Spring 1996 “Slave Hiring and the Slave Family in Rural Virginia,” presented at Graduate History Forum, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC (recipient of “Best Out-of-Town Paper” Award).

## **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND TEACHING AWARDS**

Summer 2013 Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA (awarded 2012).

Summer 2005 Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA.

Summer 2003 Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA.

Spring 2003 Nominated for UMPI Distinguished Teaching Award.

Spring 2002 Nominated for UMPI Distinguished Teaching Award.

Spring 2001 Nominated for UMPI Distinguished Teaching Award.

1995-1996 University Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Maine.

Spring 1996 Best Out-of-Town Paper, Graduate History Forum, UNC, Charlotte, NC.

Summer 1995 Andrew W. Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA.

Summer 1995 Charles J. Dunn Dissertation Research Grant, Department of History, University of Maine.

## **INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### *University of Maine at Presque Isle: 1998-Present*

Spring 2013 Local public school class presentation: Presque Isle Middle School (Presque Isle, ME) on the Civil Rights Movement for Black History Month

Fall 2012 Constitution Day panel participant on the origins of the Constitution.

WUPI radio interview (solicited) on my book, *Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia* (Louisiana State University Press, 2012).

Spring 2011 Search Committee (Chair), Director of Information Services Position.

Local public school class presentations: Zippel Elementary School (Presque Isle, ME), on the American Revolution, and Fort Street Elementary School (Mars Hill, ME), on the history of money in the United States.

Participant, Social Work student practica (also during most other recent spring semesters)

- Spring 2010 Presentation of work on slave hiring and gender in Virginia, Women's History Month, DFAS—Limestone, Limestone, ME (solicited).
- Fall 2009 Presentation of research on slave hiring in Virginia, Marli F. Weiner Memorial History Symposium, University of Maine, Orono, ME (solicited).
- Civil defense presentation, Lunchbox Lecture Series, Presque Isle Middle School, Presque Isle, ME (solicited).
- “”The Enemy of My Enemy *Was* My Friend: Ho Chi Minh, World War II, and the Quarter-Century U.S. Road to Tet '68,” 1968 Retrospective, University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME.
- Constitution Day, with UMPI President Donald Zillman
- Constitution Course (SAGE), with UMPI President Donald Zillman
- Spring 2008 Search Committee, Physical Education Position
- 2007-2008 New Faculty Member Mentor
- 2006-2007 New Faculty Member Mentor
- Constitution Day Lecture
- 2005-2006 Faculty Evaluation Committee
- Constitution Day presentation
- 2004-2005 Faculty Evaluation Committee
- University Distinguished Lecture Series Committee
- 2000-2003 Curriculum Committee (Chair, Fall 2001-Spring 2002)
- University Distinguished Lecture Series Committee
- History Program Assessment Work (for NEASC accreditation)
- Advisor, International Students Club (through Spring 2002)
- 1999-2000 Chair, Search Committee, non-US History Position.
- Curriculum Committee

University Senate

Project Scholar, Maine Humanities Council Grant, Hodgdon High School

University Distinguished Lecture Series Committee

Faculty Advisory Group: Student Orientation Planning and Implementation

High School Visitation/Student Recruitment

Advisor, International Students Club

1998-1999 Search Committee, Latin American History Position

High School Visitation/Student Recruitment

Advisor, International Students Club

Advisor, Student Senate

*University of Maine at Machias: 1997-1998*

1997-1998 Advisor, History Club

Curriculum Committee

**REFERENCES** (*N.B.*: Dr. Marli Weiner, my dissertation director, is deceased)

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