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#### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

##### **Converse College**

**Emerita George Dean Johnson, Jr. Professor of History, 2017-present**

**George Dean Johnson, Jr. Professor of History, 2008-2017**

**Associate professor of history, 2002-2008**

**Assistant professor of history, 1996 – 2002**

**Dissertation Committee for Jason Manthorne, Ph.D. candidate in History of U.S. South, University of Georgia, 2010-2013, committee chair James C. Cobb.**

**Dissertation committee for Kelly Minor, Ph.D. in women's history at University of Florida, 2004-2007, committee chair Fitzhugh Brundage.**

**Teaching American History in South Carolina, Master Scholar, 2004**

Developed and taught American history curriculum for high school teacher institutes.

**Bryant College, adjunct professor, Spring 1996.**

**Community College of Rhode Island, adjunct professor, Fall 1995.**

**Clark University, teaching assistant, 1994-1996.**

**Research Assistant, Dr. Sarah Deutsch, 1992-93.**

Research for *From Ballots to Breadlines: American Women, 1920-1940*, by Sarah Jane Deutsch, Oxford University Press, 1994 and for "Contemporary Peoples/Contested Places," by Sarah Deutsch, George J. Sanchez, and Gary Y. Okihiro in *The Oxford History of the American West*, Oxford University Press, 1994.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

American History to 1877 and American History Since 1877

Colonial and Revolutionary America

The New Nation

The Emergence of Modern America

Women Leaders in American History

Junior-Senior Research Seminars

Filling Your Plate: Food in American History

Revolution in the Southern Backcountry

Domesticity in America

First Year Seminars in US Women's History

Directed Independent Studies in the World War II Home Front, Comparative Immigration

History, African-American History, Colonial History, the Civil War, Twentieth Century

Southern Women, Puritan New England, Social History of Southern Medicine;

Southern Churches and Progressive-Era Reform, The Atlantic World, the American

Revolution in the Southern Backcountry

Team taught honors courses: The 1930s (history and economics)

The New South in History and Literature

American Women's History

African-American History

The Era of the Civil War

America, 1919-1945

The New South

Modern China

Public History American

Family Life in America

US History through Film

Food in US History

## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

### **Doctor of Philosophy, U.S. and women's history**

Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Major field: American Women's History with comparative fields in American social/cultural history and Chinese women's history. Dissertation title: "All We Knew Was to Farm: Gender, Class, and Race among East Tennessee Farm Women, 1919-1941." Dissertation director Sarah Deutsch.

### **Master of Arts in History**

Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island.

**Master's Thesis:** "Images of Women in American Popular Press Advertising in the Nineteen Twenties," May 1993.

### **Bachelor of Arts in History**, summa cum laude,

Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, May 1985.

## **GRANTS**

### **Individual:**

**Newberry Library, Research Grant, Chicago, IL, 2014.**

**Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Travel Grant, 2012.**

**Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University of Chicago, Travel Grant, 2012.**

**Schlesinger Library for Women's History, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Travel Grant, 2011-12.**

**Guion Griffis Johnson Research Stipend, Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library, travel grant, 2003**

**Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, travel grant, 2003**

**Converse College Summer Faculty Development Grant, 2003**

**John Hope Franklin Center for African and African-American Documentation, Duke University, travel grant, 2001.**

**Converse College Summer Faculty Development Grant, 2001.**

**Baylor University Institute for Oral History, Visiting Scholar**, includes fellowship to fund research at Baylor's Oral History Institute, 1990-2000.

**Converse College Summer Faculty Development Grant, 1998.**

**Converse College Summer Faculty Development Grant, 1997.**

**Rockefeller Archives Center travel grant**, in support of dissertation research awarded 3/94.

### **Institutional:**

**South Carolina Humanities Council**, \$4,000 in 2012 and \$2,000 in 2014 to support the biennial Okra to Opera: Converse Conference on Southern Culture.

**Converse College Creative Collaboration Grants** totaling over \$10,000 to support collaboratively developed programming including a screenings of the documentary films "Miss Representation" and "Shared History, Okra to Opera, "One Day," A Collaborative Theater Performance exploring women and aging, and a career planning workshop series for liberal arts majors, 2009-2014.

**National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks in American History and Culture Grant**, to run two workshops on the American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry for K-12 teachers, 2006-2007, 2008-2009.

**South Carolina Humanities Council**, \$1,200 grant to support "Writing in Past Tense" Symposium, March 2006.

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**South Carolina Humanities Council**, \$12,000 grant to support Southern Women in the Twenty-First Century Conference at Converse College, March 2001

**South Carolina Humanities Council**, \$800 grant to support Women's History Month Programming, March 1999

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

On-going research on my major book project: "The Heyday of Woman's Life': Women and the Experience of Aging in Twentieth Century America."

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books:**

*Kansas Boy: The Memoir of A.J. Bolinger*, co-edited with Jeffrey H. Barker, University of Kansas Press, Spring 2021.

*Southern Women in the Progressive Era: A Reader*, co-edited with Giselle Roberts, University of South Carolina Press, 2018.

*Recovering the Piedmont Past: Moments in Nineteenth Century Upcountry South Carolina History*, edited with Timothy Paul Grady, University of South Carolina Press, 2013.

*The Battles of Kings Mountain and Cowpens: The American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry*, Routledge, 2012.

Editor, *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, vol. 16: Agriculture*, University of North Carolina Press, 2008.

*Southern Farmers and Their Stories: Memory and Meaning in Oral History*, University Press of Kentucky, 2006. **Named CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title for 2007.**

*Work, Family, and Faith: Rural Southern Women in the Twentieth Century*, co-edited with Rebecca Sharpless, University of Missouri Press, 2006.

*Country Women Cope with Hard Times: A Collection of Oral Histories*, University of South Carolina Press, 2004.

*Southern Women at the Millennium: A Historical Perspective*, co-edited with Joe P. Dunn and Jeanette R. Dunn, University of Missouri Press, 2003.

*All We Knew Was to Farm: Rural Women in the Upcountry South, 1919-1941*, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000. **Winner of the Willie Lee Rose Prize for the best book in Southern history authored by a woman from the Southern Association for Women Historians.**

### **Refereed and Invited Articles:**

"A Place Where Women Can Feel Valued, or Why Academic Professional Associations Matter, Especially for Women," in *Sisterly Networks: Fifty Years of Southern Women's Histories*, edited by Catherine Clinton, University Press of Florida, 2020.

Foreword, *Recovering the Piedmont Past, vol. 2*, co-edited by Timothy P. Grady and Andrew Myers, University of South Carolina Press, 2018.

"A Slot Machine Approach to Dispensing Knowledge: New Agrarians and the Land Grant Legacy," invited chapter in *Service as Mandate: How Land-Grant Universities Shaped the Modern World, 1920-2015*, edited by Alan Marcus, University of Alabama Press, December 2015.

"To do justice to it either in observing or recording': The Life and Work of Margaret Jarman Hagood," invited chapter in *North Carolina Women: Their Lives and Times*, co-edited by Michele K. Gillespie and Sally McMillen, University of Georgia Press, 2014.

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- “Mineral Water, Dancing, and Amusements: The Development of Tourism in the Nineteenth Century Upstate,” in *Recovering the Piedmont Past*, 2013.
- “Contemporary Agrarianism: A Reality Check,” *Agricultural History*, winter 2012.
- “Complicating the Picture: Oral History and the Study of the Rural South,” co-authored with Lu Ann Jones, Adrienne Petty, Mark Schultz, and Rebecca Sharpless, *Agricultural History*, fall 2010.
- Introduction, with Tom Moore Craig, to *Upcountry South Carolina Goes to War: A Collection of Civil War Letters*, edited by Tom Moore Craig, University of South Carolina Press, 2009
- “Polly Hill Woodham and the Transformation of the Rural South,” invited article in *South Carolina Women*, edited by Marjorie Spruill, Joan Marie Johnson, and Valinda Littlefield, University of South Carolina Press, 2012.
- “The Hearth and Map: The Life and Work of Wilma Dykeman,” invited chapter in *Tennessee Women*, edited by Sarah Wilkerson Freeman and Beverly Bond University of Georgia Press, 2009.
- “From Cotton Fields to Classrooms: South Carolina Women Tell the Story of a Changing Countryside,” *2005 Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*.
- “One Foot in Each World,” invited chapter in *Black Earth and Ivory Tower: New American Essays from Farm and Classroom*, edited by Zachary M. Jack, University of South Carolina Press, 2005.
- “Shifting Boundaries: Race Relations in the Rural Jim Crow South,” invited chapter in *Rural African Americans*, edited by R. Douglas Hurt, University of Missouri Press, 2003.
- “Rural Southern Women, the Family Economy, and Economic Change,” in *Revolution in the Land: Southern Agriculture in the Twentieth Century*, proceedings of the Mississippi State University History Forum, May 2003.
- “Culling Out the Men From the Boys: Concepts of Success in the Recollections of a Southern Farmer,” *Oral History Review*, Summer 2000.
- “Narrative Themes in the Oral Histories of Farming Folk,” *Agricultural History*, Spring 2000.
- “Farm Wives and Commercial Farming: The Case of Loudon County, Tennessee,” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Summer 1998.
- “African Americans and TVA Reservoir Property Removal: Race in a New Deal Program,” *Agricultural History*, Spring 1998.
- “Making Do and Doing Without: East Tennessee Farm Women Cope With Economic Crisis: 1920-1941,” *Journal of East Tennessee History*, Spring 1997.
- “Home Extension Work Among African Americans in East Tennessee, 1920-1939,” *Agricultural History*, Summer 1996.
- “‘A Smile on Her Face and a Song on Her Lips’: Home Extension Work Among East Tennessee Farm Women During the Agricultural Depression of the 1920s,” *The Southern Historian*, Spring 1994.
- “‘Present Wherever Smart Women Assemble’: Images of the Housewife in American Popular Press Advertising, 1920-29.” *Popular Culture Review*, February 1994.

**Other Publications:**

- “Can you be a productive scholar at a teaching institution? Yes, with mindfulness and planning.” *Agricultural History*, Winter 2015.
- “Mary Honor Farrow Wright,” *TOWN Magazine*, December 2012.

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- “Agriculture and Class,” *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture: Class*, 2011.
- “Women in Appalachia” *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture: Gender*, 2009.
- “Higher Education Teaching Venues and Cultures,” Southern Association for Women Historians Mentoring Toolkit, edited by Antoinette Van Zelm, available on-line at <http://www.h-net.org/~sawh/Toolkit/>, 2006
- Introduction, *When the Soldiers Came to Town*, Hub City Writers Project, 2004.
- “Converse College,” “Lily Strickland,” “Mary Honor Farrow Wright,” “Emily Plume Evans,” “Cema Sitton Chreitzburg,” and “Mary Hardy Phifer,” in the *South Carolina Encyclopedia*, edited by Walter Edgar, forthcoming from University of South Carolina Press, 2006.
- “Part-Time Farming” and “Women in Agriculture,” in *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, edited by Rudy Abramson and Jean Haskell Spear, forthcoming from University of Tennessee Press, 2001.
- “Lucy Mercer Rutherford” and “American Student Union,” in the *Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia*, edited by Maurine H. Beasley, Holly C. Shulman, and Henry R. Beasley, Greenwood Press, 2001.
- “Home Extension Work” and “Home Economics,” in *Historical Dictionary of Women’s Education*, edited by Linda Eisenmann, Greenwood Press, 1998.
- “Lillian Smith,” in *Feminist Writers*, edited by Pamela Kester-Shelton, St. James Press, 1996.
- “The General Education Board and Black Home Extension in Tennessee,” in *Research Reports from the Rockefeller Archive Center*, Spring 1995.

**Book Reviews:**

- Putting the Barn Before the House: Women and Family Farming in Twentieth Century New York*, by Grey Osterud, *Journal of American Studies*, May 2013.
- A New Heartland: Women, Modernity, and the Agrarian Ideal in America*, by Janet Galligani, *Agricultural History*, 2011.
- Mississippi Women: Their Histories, Their Lives, Volume 2*. Edited by Elizabeth Anne Payne, Martha H. Swain, and Marjorie Julian Spruill. *Journal of Southern History*, 2011.
- More Than a Farmer’s Wife: Voices of American Farm Women*, by Amy Mattson Lauters, *Journal of American History*, March 2010
- Coming Through: Voices of a South Carolina Gullah Community from WPA Oral Histories*. Kincaid Mills, Genevieve C. Peterkin, and Aaron McCullough. *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 2009.
- Women and Patriotism in Jim Crow America* by Francesca Morgan, *Gender and History*, 2008.
- The Rural Face of White Supremacy: Beyond Jim Crow*, by Mark Roman Schultz. *American Historical Review*, 2007.
- Toxic Drift: Pesticides and Health in the Post-World War II South*, by Pete Daniel. *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, 2006.
- Beyond the New Deal: Social Welfare in the South*, edited by Elna C. Green. *South Carolina Historical Magazine*. Winter 2004.
- Gendered Freedoms: Race, Rights, and the Politics of Household in the Delta, 1861-1875*, by Nancy D. Bercaw. *Journal of Mississippi History*. Winter 2004.
- Searching for Their Places: Women in the South Across Four Centuries*, edited by Thomas H. Appleton, Jr. and Angela Boswell, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, Fall 2003.
- Problems of Plenty: The American Farmer in the Twentieth Century*, by R. Douglas Hurt, *Journal of Southern History*, Winter 2004.

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- Mama Learned Us to Work: Farm Women in the New South*, by Lu Ann Jones, *Labor History*, Summer 2003.
- Neither Lady Nor Slave: Working Women of the Old South*, edited by Susanna Delfino and Michele Gillespie, *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Summer 2003.
- Women, Power, and Dissent in the Hills of Carolina*, by Mary K. Anglin, *Rural History: Economy, Society, Culture*, Spring 2003.
- Unequal Freedom: How Race and Gender Shaped American Citizenship and Labor*, By Evelyn Nakano Glenn, H-Women (on-line women's history discussion list), August 2002.
- A Kind of Fate: Agricultural Change in Virginia, 1861-1920*, By G. Terry Sharrer, *Journal of Southern History*, February 2002.
- Consumers in the Country: Technology and Social Change in Rural America* by Ronald Kline, *Journal of American History*, Spring 2001.
- Southern Folk Medicine, 1750-1820*, By Kay K. Moss, *Agricultural History*, Fall 2000.
- Fertile Ground, Narrow Choices: Women on Texas Cotton Farms*, by Rebecca Sharpless, *H-Net (on-line humanities discussion list)*, September 1999.
- Rebuilding the Rural Southern Community: Reformers, Schools, and Homes in Tennessee, 1900-1930*, by Mary S. Hoffschwelle, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Spring 1999.
- A Fabric of Defeat: The Politics of South Carolina Millhands, 1910-1948*, by Bryant Simon, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, January 1999.
- Weaving New Worlds: Southeastern Cherokee Women and Their Basketry*, by Sarah H. Hill, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, Fall 1998.
- Tennessee History: The Land, The People, and The Culture*, edited by Carroll Van West, *Journal of East Tennessee History*, 1998.
- The Fruits of Their Labor: Atlantic Coast Farmworkers and the Making of Migrant Poverty, 1870-1945*, by Cindy Hahamovitch, *Journal of Southern History*, August 1998.
- Daughters of the Great Depression: Women, Work and Fiction in the American 1930s*, By Laura Hapke, for H-Net, Fall 1996.
- Gendered Fields: Rural Women, Agriculture, and Environment*, by Carolyn Sachs, *For H-Net*, Fall 1996.
- Daughters of Canaan: A Saga of Southern Women*, by Margaret Ripley Wolfe, *Southern Historian*, Spring 1996.
- A Northern Woman on the Plantation South: Letters of Tryphena Blanche Holder Fox, 1856-1876*, Edited by Wilma King, *Southern Historian*, Spring 1995.
- They Live on the Land: Life in An Open-Country Southern Community*, By Paul W. Terry and Verner M. Sims, *Southern Historian*, Spring 1994.
- Agrarianism and Reconstruction Politics*, by Michael L. Lanza, *Southern Historian*, Spring 1993.

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

- “Sometimes, I feel like I ain’t doing my duty.’: Country Women Growing Older,” Agricultural History Society, Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 2013.
- Panelist, Roundtable Discussion, “Agricultural History in the Age of Michael Pollan,” Agricultural History Society, Banff, Alberta, Canada, 2013.
- “Agrarians, Locavores, Foodies, and Congressmen: Some Thoughts on Contemporary Food Issues,” The Charles L. Wood Lecture in Agricultural History, Texas Tech University, February 2012.

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- "One doesn't lose all pride as one gets older': Work, Autonomy, and Aging among Twentieth Century Women," Southern Conference on Women's History, Fort Worth, Texas, June 2012.
- "A Slot Machine Approach to Dispensing Knowledge: New Agrarians and the Land Grant Legacy," invited talk at "Thinking Land Grants: A 'Cerebration' of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Morrill Land Grant Act," Mississippi State University, October 2012.
- "Women Who Risked Their Necks: Backcountry Women in the American Revolution," Spartanburg History Hub and Cowpens National Battlefield, September 2012.
- "The Problem with Contemporary Agrarianism," Nature and Society Series lecture, Mississippi State University, January 21, 2011.
- "The Persistence of Traditional Chinese Thought," invited lecture, Chinese Philosophy seminar, May 2011, May 2012, April 2013.
- "Making Herself Modern: Women in the 1920s," invited lecture, Literature of F. Scott Fitzgerald seminar, Converse College, January 2010, January 2012.
- "Oral History: How to Do It, How To Use It," invited Black History Month lecture, Clemson University History Department, February 5, 2010.
- "Polly Hill Woodham and the Transformation of the Rural South," South Carolina Women, Their Lives and Times Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, June 4, 2009.
- "Research is a Passion With Me: Three Pioneering Women Scientists," Invited Address at Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting, Spartanburg, SC, April 2008.
- Guest Lecture, "Polly Woodham and the Transformation of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Agriculture: A Case Study," guest lecture at Spartanburg Methodist College, April 2008."
- "Reading Dead People's Mail and Listening to Old People's Stories—or How I Became a Historian," Phi Alpha Theta Initiation, Presbyterian College, April 2008.
- "Oral History and Women's Labor History," Guest Lecture, Clemson University, April 2008.
- "All The Men in This Community Believed That I Would Fail": Ruth Hatchette McBrayer's Peach Farming Odyssey," Women's History Month Lecture, University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, March 18, 2008.
- "Rural Southern Women, the Family Economy, and Economic Change," Annual Address for Spartanburg County Historical Association, February 24, 2008.
- "Region, Race, Religion and the Interpretation of Rural Experience: Through the Lens of Women's History," a roundtable at the Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Ames, Iowa, June 23, 2007.
- "Why Stories Matter," Invited lecture at Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Scholarship Society, Maryville College, May 19, 2007.
- "All The Men in This Community Believed That I Would Fail": Ruth Hatchette McBrayer's Peach Farming Odyssey," Dorothy Lambert Whisnant Lecture in Women's History, Clemson University, March 1, 2007.
- "*Southern Farmers and Their Stories: The What Happened, The Why, the How, and the So What*," an invited lecture for the history department, Wake Forest University, February 19, 2007.
- "Southern Farmers and the New Deal: Experiencing State Intervention, Remembering State Intervention" at the Interwar Rural Research Group Conference at Royal Holloway College of the University of London, January 5, 2007.
- "Women and Work," invited talk for "Making History Personal: Family and Local History in the Classroom," East Tennessee Historical Society, June 6, 2006.
- "Southern Farm Women in the Twentieth Century," invited lecture for "From Cornbread

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- to Sushi” course at Wofford College, October 2005.
- “From Cotton Fields to Classrooms and Congress: South Carolina Women Describe a Changing Countryside,” Invited lecture for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina, February 2005.
- “Southern Farm Women in the Twentieth Century,” Graduate Seminar in Southern Women’s History, University of South Carolina, October 2004.
- “A Totally Different Kind of Farm Life: Rural Southerners Explain a Changing Countryside,” Oral History Association, Portland, Oregon, September 2004.
- “Leaving the Land: Memory and the Twentieth Century Diaspora of Rural Southerners,” Organization of American Historians, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2004.
- “Rural Southern Women, the Family Economy, and Economic Change,” invited lecture at “Revolution in the Land: Southern Agriculture in the Twentieth Century,” the Mississippi State University History Forum, October 2002.
- “Visiting the ‘Land of Do-Without’: The Impact of Early Tourism on Sevier County, Tennessee Women,” invited lecture for the Appalachian Lecture Series, Maryville College, October 2002.
- "Mythologies of Community in Oral Narratives of Rural Southerners," Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2001
- "History, Memory, and Meaning: Stories in the Oral Narratives of Tennesseans," keynote lecture for the Tennessee Conference of Historians, September 22, 2001, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- "Rural Southern Women in the Twentieth Century," Converse College Symposium on Southern Women in the Twenty-First Century: A Historical Perspective, March 2001.
- “Farm Women’s Work: Ideology and Reality in Oral Narratives,” Seventh Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, June 24, 2000, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- “Stories and Agricultural History: Narrative Themes in Oral Histories,” Agricultural History Society’s 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Mississippi State University, June 17, 1999.
- “Mixed Blessings: The Tennessee Valley Authority and Women,” Invited lecture, Stonecipher Symposium on Technology, Communication, and Culture,” Tennessee Technological University, March 23, 1999.
- “‘Grandma Would Find a Way to Make Some Money,’ or Why Women’s History Matters,” Women’s History Month Keynote Address, Wofford College, 1999 and Ashley Hall, 1999.
- “Industrialization, Gender, and the Shifting Meaning of Class: Alcoa, Tennessee, 1919-1941,” Southern Industrialization Project Annual Meeting, Knoxville, Tennessee, October 1998.
- “Becoming Middle Class: Farm Wives and the Transition to Commercial Farming,” Social Science History Association Conference, Washington, DC, October 1997.
- “Housewife, Farm Wife: A Comparison of Advertising Images in 1920s Women’s and Farm Magazines,” Sixth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, Baylor, Texas, September 1997.
- “African Americans and TVA Reservoir Property Removal: Race in a New Deal Program,” African Americans in Southern Agriculture Symposium, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, June 1997.
- “‘No Such Thing As Extra Money’: Farm Women’s Cash Incomes in the 1920s and 1930s,” Southern Conference of Women Historians, Charleston, South Carolina, June 1997.
- "Mixed Messages: Home Extension and the Home Improvement Project, 1920-1939," New



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- England Historical Association Conference, Manchester, New Hampshire, October, 1995.
- "'Colored Work was Practically the Same as White': Home Extension Work Among East Tennessee Black Women, 1920-1939." Fifth American Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective Conference, Chevy Chase, Maryland, December, 1994.
- "'Whites Were Given Preference': The Impact of the Great Depression on Women in the Black Community in Worcester, Massachusetts." Western New England Women's History Conference, Amherst, MA, October 1994.
- "Images of the Flapper in 1920s Popular Press Advertising." Popular Culture Association of the South/American Culture Association of the South Conference, Nashville, TN, October 1993.
- "'Today She Makes Her Own Decisions': Images of the Housewife in American Popular Press Advertising, 1920-29." American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association, New Orleans, April 1993 and the Eastern Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta, April 1993.
- "The Persistence of Rural Midwifery in the Twentieth Century South," Fourth Rural & Farm Women in Historical Perspective Conference, Univ. of California at Davis, June, 1992.

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

- "The American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry," Musgrove Mill Battlefield State Park, Clinton, SC, August 2014.
- "Voice, Value, and Vision: A Converse Tradition for 125 Years," keynote address For 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary Founders Day Celebration, Converse College, April 2014.
- "The Battle of Cowpens," Cowpens National Battlefield, January 2013.
- "Oral History: A How-To Workshop," Spartanburg History Hub, January 27, 2011.
- "Civil War Women," Spartanburg chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, May 2010.
- "Pioneers of the Women's Suffrage Movement," Boiling Springs Middle School Gifted and Talented Program, March 2010
- "Women and African Americans in the American Revolution," Sertoma Club of Spartanburg, February 2010.
- "The Craft of Writing History," Tuesday Garden Club, Spartanburg, SC, November 2009.
- "Women in Service to South Carolina: A Historical Perspective," Spartanburg Chapter of Altrusa, August 2009.
- "The South Carolina Backcountry in the Age of Revolution," Youth Conservation Corps, Cowpens Battlefield, June 2009.
- "The Craft of Writing History," Hub City Writers Project Writing Workshops, May 2009.
- "Women in Service to South Carolina: A Historical Perspective," South Carolina Business and Professional Women state convention, keynote address, May 2009.
- "Women in Service to South Carolina," Junior Leagues Sustainers, Spartanburg, SC, April 2009.
- "From Plume Street to the Polls: Woman Suffrage in South Carolina," Daughters of Susan B. Anthony Group, Spartanburg, SC, March 2009.
- "The Financial Crisis: A Historical Perspective," Converse College Roundtable on Financial Crisis, March 2009.
- "Oral History as a Tool for Genealogists," Symposium on African-American Genealogical Research, Spartanburg Community College, February 7, 2009.
- "South Carolina's Women: A Historical Perspective on Our Legacy of Hope, Change, and

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- Power," A Keynote Address for the Celebrate Women Summit, United Way of Anderson County, October 23, 2008
- "A Converse Woman's Word is Her Bond: Some Thoughts on Honor and Community," Converse College Honors Convocation, October 2008.
- "The Constitution in YOUR Life," Constitution Day lecture at Converse College, September 17, 2008.
- "Ruth Hatchette McBrayer: South Carolina Peach Farmer," Piedmont Historical Society, May 2008.
- "Rural Southern Women and the Family Economy," Annual Address to the Spartanburg County Historical Association, February 24, 2008.
- "Preserving Family History Through Oral History," Saturday Session Workshop for Spartanburg County Historical Association, January 18, 2008.
- "Daisy Buchanan and Her Sisters: Women in the 1920s," Spartanburg County Public Library, October 2007.
- "Oral History: How to Do it," Training workshop for students at Spartanburg Day School, October 2007.
- "Ruth McBrayer, South Carolina Farm Woman" for Wednesday Garden Club, March 2007 and Talisman Garden Club," March 2006.
- "Farm Women and the Family Economy," Piedmont Historical Society, March 2005 and Senior citizens group at Trinity Methodist Church. Spartanburg, April 2005, and Atheneum Book Club, October 2005.
- "Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Women's Rights Pioneer," Unitarian Universalist Church of Spartanburg, March 2005.
- "Women's Literary Clubs in the South," Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Meeting of Thursday Study Club, March 2005.
- "Using Oral History as a Teaching Tool," Teaching American History in South Carolina Mid-Year Teachers Retreat, February 2005
- "Grandma Would Make Some Money Some Way: Farm Women's Incomes," Blount County, TN, Friends of the Library, March 2004.
- "Lessons in Leadership from American Women," Downtown Spartanburg Rotary Club, March 2004.
- "Listening to Our Communities: A Workshop on Oral History Interviewing," Pickens County, SC Cultural and Heritage Center, May 2004  
Walterboro, SC Public Library, April 2004  
Agricultural Heritage Center, Blackville, SC, March 2004  
Kingstree, SC Historical Museum, March 2004  
Fairfield County, SC Museum, November 2003
- "Forty Years of American Women," Wednesday Study Club, Spartanburg, SC, December 2003.
- "Farm Women, Work, and the Family Economy," Colonial Dames, Spartanburg, SC, October 2003.
- "The Depression and Upstate Farm Women," Converse College Fifty Year Alumnae Club, November 2000; Summit Hill Retirement Center, June 2001; Wednesday Garden Club, April 2002; Summit Hills Women's Club, June 2002.
- "Wild Women in the Civil War," Converse College Student Activities Council," March 2001; Summit Hills Retirement Center, September 2001.
- "American Slave Narratives," Converse College Association of African-American Students, February 2001.

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"The Depression and Upstate Farm Women," Converse College Fifty Year Alumnae Club, November 2000; Summit Hill Retirement Center, June 2001; Wednesday Garden Club, April 2002.

"What I Teach and Why," Converse College Board of Visitors, September 2000 and Board of Trustees, February 2001.

"Syria: A Middle Eastern Paradox," Shepherd Center, Spartanburg, 2000.

"Coping With the Great Depression: South Carolina and Tennessee Farm Women," Shepherd Center, Spartanburg, 2000.

"The Legal Status of Women in American History," Kate Barry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, September 1998.

"Using Local History in the Classroom," South Carolina Historical Association Annual Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, March 1998.

"All We Knew Was to Farm," Women's History Month Keynote Address, Converse College, March 1997 and Spartanburg Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma annual meeting, April 1997.

### **SESSION CHAIR AND COMMENT/TEACHING PRESENTATIONS:**

Session chair, "Sex and Southern Legislatures: Examining the Politics of Regulation in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2014.

Session chair and comment, "Notions of Women on the World War II Home Front," Southern Conference on Women's History, Fort Worth, TX, June 2012.

Session chair and comment, "From Agrarian Ideology to Farm Policy," Agricultural History Society, Winter Park, Florida, June 2010.

Session chair and comment, "Complicating the Picture: Oral History and the Study of the Rural South," Organization of American Historians, Seattle, WA, March 2009.

Session comment, "Enduring Family Farms: Three Examples," Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, June 20, 2008.

Session Comment, "Reconceptualizing the Agricultural Ladder: Success and Failure in Rural America," Agricultural History Society annual meeting, Ames, Iowa, June 23, 2007.

Session Comment, "The Family in the South," Southern Conference on Women's History, Baltimore, Maryland, June 2006.

Session Comment, "Race and Gender in the Rural South," Rural Women's Studies Association Conference, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 2006.

Session Chair and Comment, "Higher Education in Twentieth Century South Carolina," South Carolina Historical Association, March 2004.

"Southern History and Literature: A Team Teaching Approach," at Teaching Southern History Workshop, Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, November 2003.

Session chair and comment, "'Can Away, Can Away, Tomato Club Girls': The Layered Meanings of Food Production and Preservation in the Early Twentieth-Century South," 6th Southern Conference on Southern Women's History, Athens, GA, June 2003.

Session chair and comment, "Two South Carolina Educators," South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2003.

Session chair and comment, "Rural Women's Memoir," Rural Women's Studies Association Triennial Conference, Las Cruces, New Mexico, February 2003.

Session comment, "Urban Women and Work in the Nineteenth Century," Fifth Southern

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Conference on Women's History, Richmond, Virginia, June 17, 2000.  
Session comment, "South Carolina Education and Religion," South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, Columbia, SC, March 1999.  
Session Chair, "Negotiating Meanings for Gender and Race in the Built Environment," American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. January 1996.

#### **CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

**Program Committee, Southern Historical Association Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2013.**

**Conference Organizer, Southern Forum on Agricultural, Rural and Environmental History, Converse College, April 2013.**

**Conference co-organizer, Okra to Opera: The Converse Conference on Southern Culture, Converse College, April 2012 and April 2014.**

**Program Committee Chair, Agricultural History Society Conference, Winter Park, FL, June 2010.**

**Program Committee, Agricultural History Conference, Reno, NV, June 2008**

**Conference Organizer, Writing in Past Tense, Converse College, March 2006**

**Conference Organizer, Southern Women at the Millennium, Converse College, March 2001**

**Program Co-Chair, Rural Women's Studies Association Conference, St. Paul, MN, June 2000**

#### **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING**

Consultant, Anderson University, conducted training workshop on developing oral history Projects and conducting interviews. 2006.

Consultant, Spartanburg County Historical Association, interpretation of slave cabin at Historic Price House.

Project Scholar, Smithsonian Institution's Museums on Main Street Barn Again! Exhibit. Consulted with staff at six SC museums on local humanities programming related to the visiting exhibition and conducted five oral history workshops in local communities. 2003-2005.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Membership Committee Chair, Southern Historical Association, 2013-14; committee member: 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2003-2004.

Review Team, Fulbright Senior Scholars Applications, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 2011-2013.

Juror, CASE/Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year Competition, 2013.

H.L. Mitchell labor history book prize committee, Southern Historical Association, 2012.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Southern History*, 2011-present.

President, Agricultural History Society, 2010-2011; Vice President, 2009-2010, executive council, 2005-2007 and 2009-2014.

Chair, Southern Historical Association Committee on Women, 2007-2010; Member 2006-2007

President, Southern Association for Women Historians, 2009; First Vice President, 2008; Second Vice President, 2007; Executive Secretary, 2000-2005, Treasurer, 2010-2015.

Editorial Board, *Agricultural History*, 2008-2009.

Editorial Board, *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 2005-2008.

Executive Council, Rural Women's Studies Association, 2003-2006

National History Day in South Carolina, State Level Judge, 2005 and 2006.

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Membership Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2009-2010.

Membership Committee, Southern Historical Association,

Manuscript reviewer, Northern Illinois University Press, 2004; Pearson Publishing, 2004, 2008; University of South Carolina Press, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; University of Illinois Press, 2003; Addison, Wesley, Longman, 1999, 2004; University Press of Florida, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2012; Texas A and M University Press, 2005, 2010; University Press of Kentucky, 2006, 2007; University of Iowa Press, 2012; University of Georgia Press, 2011, 2012, 2013; University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

Proposal reviewer, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a division of the National Archives and Records Administration, 2003.

Article reviewer, *Women's History Magazine* (Britain), 2008; *Agricultural History*, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; *American Quarterly*, 2003; *Oral History Review*, 1999, 2004; *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, 1999, 2000; *Journal of Southern History*, 1999, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; *Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association*, 2000; *Frontiers*, 2004.

Member, Theodore Saloutos Book Prize Committee, Agricultural History Society, 2003-2006  
Chair, 2006

Member, Everett Edwards Graduate Student Article Award Committee, Agricultural History Society, 2000-2002, Chair, 2002

Member, George C. Rogers Prize Committee, South Carolina Historical Society, 2002.

Co-Chair, Program Committee, Seventh Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective, 1997-2000

Awards Committee, South Carolina Historical Society, 1998-99.

Judge for Central Massachusetts History Day, March 1995.

## AWARDS

**Joe Ann Lever Award**, a faculty excellence award chosen by the senior class, 2013.

**Maryville College Alumni Citation**, 2011, recognition for career achievement.

**Faculty Involvement and Collaboration Award**, Converse College, recognition for work with students outside the classroom, 2008.

**Woman of Achievement in Education, Spartanburg Community College, 2008.**

**CASE/Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching South Carolina Professor of The year, 2007.**

**Scholarly and Creative Achievement Award**, Converse College, 2007.

**Finalist, Governor's Distinguished Professor Award**, 2006 and 2014.

**O'Herron Award for Faculty Excellence**, Converse College, 2002.

**The Kathryne Amelia Brown Award for Distinguished Teaching**, Converse College, 2001.

**South Carolina Governor's Distinguished Professor Award**, 2001.

**National Mortar Board Excellence in Advising Award**, 2000.

**John Trotwood and Mary Daniel Moore Memorial Award**, for most outstanding article in *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, awarded 2000 for 1998 article.

**"Above and Beyond Award" for efforts which helped student retention**, Converse College, 2000

**Most Outstanding Student Organization Advisor**, Converse College, 2000.

**Joseph J. Malone Fellow**, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, 1998 (three week faculty study tour in Syria).

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**Second prize**, graduate paper, Phi Alpha Theta Eastern Regional Conference, April 1993

**Phi Alpha Theta**, History Honor society, 1992

**Most Outstanding Student Organization Advisor**, Bryant College, 1991

**Alpha Lambda Delta Award** for senior with best academic record (4.0 overall G.P.A.), 1985

**Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society**, 1984

**Don Sahli Award** for Most Outstanding Education Student in Tennessee, 1984

**Verton Queener Departmental History Award**, Maryville College, 1984

**Maryville College Presidential Scholar**, 1981-85

#### **OTHER WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED:**

“Chicago and the Making of the Modern City,” A Council of Independent Colleges/Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History faculty workshop, June 2014.

Reacting to the Past, a mini-workshop on using RTTP Curriculum, University of Georgia, April 2010.

“After Slavery: Race, Labor, and Land in the Post-Reconstruction South,” sponsored by the Center for Low Country and Atlantic World Studies, College of Charleston, March 2010.

Foundation for Teaching Economics Workshop: “Economic Forces in American History,” Williamsburg, Virginia, July 2002.

Council of Independent Colleges/Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History seminar: “The Slavery Debates: Problems in Slavery Studies Today,” led by David Brion Davis, Columbia University, June 2002.

South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 2000, March 2005

Slavery in Colonial South Carolina Conference, University of South Carolina, February 1999.

Great Lakes Colleges Association Teaching Workshop, June 1997.

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Walter Edgar’s Journal, SC Public Radio--

“South Carolina Between the Wars,” December 30, 2019.

“The Way We Worked,” April 3, 2017.

“The Civil War in the South Carolina Upcountry,” April 2014.

South Carolina ETV documentary, “Cheating the Stillness: The Life of Julia Mood Peterkin,” Interviewed on camera about women’s education in the late nineteenth century, March 2010.

“The American Revolution in the Southern Backcountry,” op-ed piece in *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, *The State*, *Charlotte Observer*, July 2009.

“Some of the Best Science Minds Belong to Women,” Op-ed piece in *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, April 16, 2008.

Numerous interviews on WYFF-TV4, WSPA-TV7, “Your Day” radio show, Bill Drake radio show, *The State*, *The Spartanburg Herald-Journal*, *Sandlapper Magazine*, and the *Charlotte Observer*.

“U.S. No Stranger to Immigration Issues,” Op-ed piece in *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, June 2007.

SC-ETV documentary, “Hearts of Glass II,” interviewed on camera on American culture in the Post-World War II period, aired November 2001.

Lodestar Productions, consultant to documentary project on Tennessee Valley Authority, February 2000.

Associated Press, quoted in AP story on the impact of TVA on the people of the Tennessee Valley, appeared in numerous Southeastern papers including the *Nashville-Tennessean*,

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*Chattanooga Free Press, Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times, and others.*  
WRET-TV, panelist for League of Women Voters-sponsored U.S. Congressional  
Candidate debate, October 1998.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

### **Converse College**

President, Faculty Senate, 2012-2014.  
Chair, Tenure, Assessment and Promotion Committee, 2012-2014.  
Member, President's Senior Management Team, 2012-2014.  
Member, Strategic Enrollment Planning Steering Committee, 2012-2014.  
Divisional coordinator, Humanities Division, 2010-2011, 2012-present.  
Faculty Development Committee-1998-2001, 2010-2011.  
Member, Planning Committee for Converse Conference on Popular Culture, 2010, 2013.  
Member, Converse II Search Committee, 2008, 2010.  
Member, Campus Judicial Appeals Board, 2004-2012.  
Judge, Converse Creative Minds Scholarship Competition, 2009, 2010.  
History Major Advisor, Fall 1996-present.  
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2005-2010.  
Chair, Task Force on Center for Creative Thinking, Teaching, and Learning, 2008.  
Member, Faculty Senate, 2000-2003, 2005-2009, 2014-15.  
Member, Strategic Planning Leadership Team, 2007-2008.  
Member, Graduate Education Search Committee, 2007.  
Member, English Department Search Committee, 2006-2007.  
Chair, Dean of Students Search Committee, 2005.  
Faculty Advisor, Association of African American Students, 2005-2007.  
Member, Religion Faculty Search Committee, 2002-2003.  
Member, Committee on the Academic Calendar, 2002.  
Member, Martin Luther King Day Committee, 2005-2007.  
Chair, Women's History Month Committee, 2002-2004.  
Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force on Undergraduate Curriculum-2001-2002.  
Member, Strategic Planning Task Force, 2000-2002.  
Co-chair, Southern Women in the Twenty-First Century Academic Symposium, 2001.  
Freshman Advisor, Fall 1997-2000, 2004-2006.  
Coordinator, Friday Afternoon Teaching Discussions, 1998-2002.  
Curriculum Committee—2001-2003.  
Women's History Month event commenter, 2000.  
Numerous admissions weekends—mock classes and faculty panels.  
Milliken Scholarship Competition—Selection Committee, 1999; Sample class, 1998, 2003;  
Interviews, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006.  
Leadership Scholarship Interviews, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003.  
Family Weekend speaker, Fall 1998, Fall 2000.  
Faculty Advisor, Independent Colleges and Universities of South Carolina Student Research  
Grant Recipient, 1998, 2000, 2005, 2013.  
Host, New student/faculty dinner, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002; co-host—2004, 2005,  
2006, 2009, 2010.  
Faculty Forum speaker, 1999.  
Faculty Advisor, Mortar Board, 1997-2000.

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Faculty Advisor, Gospel Choir, 1998-1999.

Speaker, Faculty Abroad Lunch, 1998.

Member, Strategic Planning Task Force on Curriculum and Instruction, 1997-98.

Orientation speaker, Fall 1997.

LEAD program speaker, 1997; presentation judge, 1997 and 1998.

Women's History Month Planning Committee, 1996-present; arranged NEH speaker, 1999.

Keynote speaker, Women's History Month Activities, 1997.

Chair, Ad hoc Committee on tenure and promotion, 1998.

Member, Ad hoc Committee on promotion, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board of Directors, Hub City Writer's Project, 2013-present.

Secretary, Board of Directors, Hub-Culture, Inc., 2009-2010, Board of Directors, 2011-2013.

Grants Committee, Women Giving for Spartanburg, 2009, 2010.

Organizer, League of Women Voters of Spartanburg, Women's History Month Program,  
March 2010.

President, Board of Directors, Hub City Writer's Project, 2007-2008.

Event Volunteer, Spartanburg County Historical Association, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Member, Research Committee, Women Giving for Spartanburg, 2008.

Volunteer Museum Text Writer, Spartanburg County Historical Association—researched  
And wrote new museum text panels in collaboration with three other local historians,  
2005-2006.

Secretary, Board of Directors, Hub City Writers Project, 2004-2006

Converse Heights Neighborhood Association, volunteer in researching application for National  
Historic Register status, 2005.

Volunteer Spartanburg, 2005.

Spartanburg Friends of the Arts history project, 2001-2002.

Spartanburg Historical Society; board of directors, 2001-2006. Newsletter editor, 2003-2005;  
Seay House Committee, 1998-2008; volunteer at various special events; editorial board  
member, Seay book project, 2000.

Membership Vice President, League of Women Voters 1999-2000 (Executive Board,  
1998-2000).

Past Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Organization of American Historians

Southern Association for Women Historians

Agricultural History Association

Southern Historical Association

South Carolina Historical Association

Rural Women's Studies Association

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Director, Development Research, Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island.  
September 1992-July 1996.

Development Consultant, Rhode Island Women's Health Coalition, 1994-1995.

Associate Director, Alumni Relations, Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island. June 1987-



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August 1992.

Director, Alumni Relations, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. September 1985-June 1987.

Tutor, Maryville College Learning Center, Maryville, Tennessee.  
February 1985-July 1986.