

Michael E.S. Emett

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Full-Time Lecturer, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2024-Present

Adjunct Instructor of History, TRiO/Opportunity Scholars Program, University of South Carolina, 2023-2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), Department of History, 2018-2023

EDUCATION:

University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)

Ph.D., May 2024

Advisor: Dr. Mark M. Smith

Major Field: American History to 1877

Dissertation: "The Northern view of the Southern Shore: Experience, Reconciliation, and Commemoration in Postbellum Charleston, SC"

M.A. Public History, May 2021

Concentration: Historic Preservation (Second Field)

M.A. Advisors: Dr. Bob Weyenth/Dr. Nicole Maskiell

M.A. Thesis Advisor: Dr. Mark M. Smith

Thesis: "Religion, Sense, and Remembrance: Brooklyn's Sumter Club in Postbellum Charleston, S.C."

Third Field: Atlantic History (Dr. Matt Childs)

Marshall University (Huntington, WV)

MA, History, August 2016

Advisor: Dr. Michael E. Woods

Thesis: "'Or the whole affair is a failure': A Special Treasury Agent's observations of the Port Royal Experiment, Port Royal, South Carolina, April-May, 1862."

Brigham Young University-Idaho (Rexburg, ID)

BA, Political Science with an emphasis in Foreign Affairs, December 2012

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT & INTERNSHIPS:

Dr. Lorien Foote (Texas A&M), May 2020-May 2021

Columbia, SC

Archival Research

Historic Columbia, May-September 2020

Columbia, SC

Research Intern

The Clio History App, April 2015-June 2018

Huntington, WV

Freelance Researcher/Writer/Editor/Intern

Dr. Joseph Touma, December 2015-February 2016

Huntington, WV

Archivist

Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates, April-July 2011

Chadds Ford, PA

Intern

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of Alabama in Huntsville

-Undergraduate Courses:

World History since 1500

US History since 1877

University of South Carolina, Columbia

-Undergraduate Courses (TriO/Opportunity Scholars Program):

European Civilization from the Mid-17th Century

American History to 1865

PUBLICATIONS:

-“Putting John Calhoun to Rest: The Northern Imagination and Experience of a Charleston Slave Mart,” *Carolina Currents: Studies in South Carolina Culture*, Vol. 2, *Toward Recognition* (upcoming 2025).

BOOK REVIEWS:

-Erin Austin Dwyer, Mastering Emotions: Feelings, Power, and Slavery in the United States (2021), *Slavery & Abolition* 44:1 (March 2023): 215-216.

-Michael Roy, Fugitive Texts: Slave Narratives in Antebellum Print Culture (2022, translated from the French, 2017), *H-Slavery* (April 2023).

-Edward J. Gillin, Sound Authorities: Scientific and Musical Knowledge in Nineteenth Century Britain (2021), *Sound Studies* (June 2023).

-Earl J. Hess, ed., Animal Histories of the Civil War Era (2022), *Southern Historian* (May 2024)

-LaJean Purcell Carruth and Ronald G. Watt, eds., Liverpool to Great Salt Lake: The 1851 Journal of Missionary George D. Watt (2022), *H-Albion* (September 2024).

-Jennifer Raab, Relics of War: The History of a Photograph (2024), *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Upcoming 2024)

-Richard W. Hatcher III, Thunder in the Harbor: Fort Sumter and the Civil War (2024), *Carolina Currents* (Upcoming 2024).

David Nicholson, The Garretts of Columbia: A Black South Carolina Family from Slavery to the Dawn of Integration (2024), *Carolina Currents* (Pending 2024).

-Whitney Nell Stewart, This Is Our Home: Slavery and Struggle on Southern Plantations (2023), *H-Slavery* (Pending 2024).

-Anna Koivusalo, The Man Who Started the Civil War: James Chestnut, Honor, and Emotion in the American South (2022), *Carolina Currents* (Pending 2025).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

-“Silencing Unionists and the Archives: Charleston, SC and the Murder of Frederick Potter during the Civil War.” Ohio Valley History Conference, Austin Peay University, Clarksville, TN, October 2024.

-“Some... were heavily laden with relics of stone, and iron’: ‘Yankee relic-hunters’ at Fort Sumter and the meanings of artifacts.” Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 21, 2024

-“Some... were heavily laden with relics of stone, and iron’: ‘Yankee relic-hunters’ at Fort Sumter and the meanings of artifacts.” University of South Carolina History Center’s Work in Progress Series, March 29, 2023.

-“Religion, Sense, and Remembrance: Brooklyn’s Sumter Club in Postbellum Charleston, SC.” BrANCH Annual Meeting, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, October 2021

-“Religion, Sense, and Remembrance: Brooklyn’s Sumter Club in Postbellum Charleston, SC.” Popular/American Culture Association Conference.” Annual Meeting (via Zoom), April 2021

-“Civil War Psychodrama: Major Robert Anderson, Fort Sumter, and the Cathartic Reenactment.” BrANCH Annual Meeting, “Zoom into BrANCH,” October 2020

-“Civil War Psychodrama: Major General Robert Anderson, Fort Sumter, and the Cathartic Reenactment.” South Carolina Historical Association Annual Meeting, March 2020

-“‘Be Excellent to Each Other’: Abraham Lincoln’s Reconstruction Plans as found in Hollywood.” Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 2018.

-“‘Or the whole affair is a failure’: A Special Treasury Agent’s observations of the Port Royal Experiment in South Carolina, April-May, 1862.” Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM, February 2017.

-“‘Or the whole affair is a failure’: A Special Treasury Agent’s observations of the Port Royal Experiment in South Carolina, April-May, 1862.” Ohio Valley History Conference, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN, October 2016.

-“‘Or the whole affair is a failure’: A Special Treasury Agent’s observations of the Port Royal Experiment in South Carolina, April-May, 1862.” Ohio University Annual History Graduate Conference, Athens, OH, March 2016

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED:

-“Experiencing History: Finding Foods, Words, and Relics during the Civil War Era.” Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Raleigh, NC, June 2024.

CONFERENCE PANEL MODERATION:

-Session Chair for “American Studies and American History 1,” Southwest Popular/American Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM, February 2017

PUBLIC EXPERIENCE AND VOLUNTEER WORK:**Friends of Honey Hill Battlefield, May 2024-Present**

Ridgeland, S.C.

Volunteer archival research

Fort Sumter National Park September 2021-Present

Charleston, S.C.

Volunteer-in-Park (ViP)

Living Historian (19th Century)

South Carolina National History Day, Regionals (March 9, 2020)

Columbia, SC

Judge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- British-American Nineteenth Century Historians (BrANCH)
- South Carolina Historical Association (SCHA)
- Society of Civil War Historians (SCWH)
- Center for Civil War Photography (CCWP)
- American Battlefield Trust (ABT)
- Friends of Honey Hill Battlefield (FoHH)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**MARK M. SMITH**

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Ph.D. Dissertation Advisor, M.A. in Public History Thesis Advisor, Director of First Field Comps (American History to 1877, Civil War Era), and twice GTA for HIST 111 (US History to 1865)

MICHAEL E. WOODS

Professor of American History

Director, Andrew Jackson Papers

University of Tennessee-Knoxville

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M.A. in History Thesis Advisor at Marshall University and member of Ph.D.

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Director of Third Field Comps (Atlantic History) and twice GTA for HIST 109 (Introduction to Latin American Civilization) and HIST 110 (Conquest, Colonization, and Captivity)