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Summary

I am a sixth year doctoral candidate who is currently working on dissertation research centered on Cherokee history while serving as a Teaching Associate. My general field is American history with a major field in Native American history and a minor field in Borderlands history. I am seeking to further enhance my research and educational opportunities while making important contacts within the field.

Education

PH.D. Candidate Oklahoma State University

Expected Graduation: 2022

Advisory Committee: Douglas Miller PH.D., Native American History and Committee Chair, Holly Karibo PH.D., U.S. General History, Michael Smith PH.D., Borderlands History, and Brad Bays PH.D., Geography and Outside Advisor.

Dissertation Title: *“The White Path to Freedom”: The Borderlands of the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory, 1838-1860*

M.A. American Studies Northeastern State University

Thesis: *The Grumpy Old Man from Tulsa: R.A. Lafferty’s Literary Critique of Twentieth Century American Progress*

Thesis Advisors: Christopher Owen PH.D., Religious History, Bill Corbett PH.D., American West and Native American History, and Brian Cowlinshaw PH.D., English.

B.S. Social Sciences Rogers State University

Concentration: Sociology/Psychology with a Minor in History.

Capstone: *Social Valuation Theory: A Racial Macro-Level Analysis of Suicide*

Advisors: Monica Varner PH.D., Psychology and David Newcomb PH.D., Sociology

Work Experience

Teaching Associate 2019-current

HIST 1103

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Guest Lecturer

HIST 1103

October 2019

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

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November 2020

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

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April 2021

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Awards

Award for Most Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation

2011

Oklahoma Historical Society

Department of History Graduate Research Fellowship

2021

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

The Doctor Watt Steward Doctoral Fellowship	2021
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.	
The Townsend Dissertation Fellowship	2021
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.	

Organizations

Phi Kappa Phi	2016-current
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Publications

Book Review	2020
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Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the United States, Edited by Devon A. Mihesuah and Elizabeth Hoover.

Chronicles of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Book Review	(forthcoming, 2021)
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Wrecked Lives and Lost Souls: Joe Lynch Davis and the Last of the Oklahoma Outlaws. Jerry Thompson.

The Western Historical Quarterly, The University of Oklahoma.

Research Interests

I am currently focusing my research upon nineteenth-century Native American history with special attention upon Indian Territory and issues concerning race and sovereignty. I am especially interested in physical space and how it impacts interracial relations. I have also

pursued studies in indigenous history with a hemispheric focus, environmental history, and labor history. I am currently preparing an article concerning the Starr Gang War along the Cherokee Nation and Arkansas border prior to the U.S. Civil War.