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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2015-	Director, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics Georgetown University Visiting Scholar, Political Theory Project Brown University (2016)
2013 - 2015	Visiting Assistant Professor of History James Madison University
2011 - 2013	Postdoctoral Fellow/ Visiting Assistant Professor University of Illinois-Springfield
2007 - 2011	Graduate Instructor Florida State University Fulbright Scholar Universiteit Leiden (Netherlands, 2009-2010)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	History, Florida State University, 2011
M.A.	History, Florida State University, 2006
B.A.	History, Philosophy, Dutch Language. Hope College, 2004

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Dutch World (Netherlands, Suriname, South Africa, and Dutch Americans)
2. 19<sup>th</sup> century U.S. History (migration, slavery, Lincoln administration, folk culture)
3. Political Economy (constitutions, Classical Liberalism, economic thought)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2017 Michael J. Douma and Phillip W. Magness, eds. *What is Classical Liberal History?*  
(Rowman & Littlefield) [contracted and forthcoming]

- 2016 *Colonization, Emigration, Emancipation and the American Civil War: Volume 3: Dutch Suriname and Danish St. Croix* (London: Taylor & Francis). [forthcoming]
- 2014 *How Dutch Americans stayed Dutch: An Historical Perspective on Ethnic Change* (University of Amsterdam Press). Reviewed by Marijke van Faassen, *BMGN: Low Countries Historical Review*, 130:3, (2015).
- 2005 *Veneklasen Brick: A Family, an Industry, and a Unique Nineteenth Century Dutch Architectural Movement in Michigan* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans). Reviewed by James Schmiechen in *Michigan Historical Review*, 32.2 (2006), 134-135.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- 2016 "A Dutch Confederate: Defending Slavery in a Transnational Context" *BMGN: Low Countries Review* (forthcoming)
- 2015 "Sorting the Past: The Social Function of Antique Stores as Centers for the Production of Local History," *International Journal of Regional and Local History* 10.2: 101-119.
- 2015 [Christina Mulligan, Michael J. Douma, Hans Lind, and Brian Patrick Quinn] "Founding-Era Translations of the United States Constitution," *Constitutional Commentary* [forthcoming]
- 2015 "The Lincoln Administration's Negotiations to Colonize African Americans in Dutch Suriname," *Civil War History* 61.2: 111-137.
- 2014 [Michael J. Douma and Anders Bo Rasmussen] "The Danish St. Croix Project: Revisiting the Lincoln Colonization Program with Foreign-Language Sources," *American Nineteenth Century History* 15.3: 311-342.
- 2014 "Tulip Time and the Invention of a New Dutch American Identity," *American Studies* 53.1: 149-167.
- 2014 "Rediscovering Van Raalte's Church History: Historical Consciousness at the Birth of Dutch American Religion," *Calvin Theological Journal* 49.1: 5-24.
- 2013 "Ethnic Identities in a Transnational Context: The Dutch American Reaction to the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902," *South African Historical Journal* 65.4: 481-503.

- 2012 "A Black Dutchman and the Racial Discourse of the Dutch in America, 1850-1920," *Dutch Crossing: Journal of Low Countries Studies* 36.2: 143-57.
- 2010 "Imagining a New Identity: The Dutch American Immigrant Community, 1845-1875," *Tijdschrift voor Sociale en Economische Geschiedenis* [Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History] 7.2: 32-55.
- 2010 "Memory and the Myth of Van Raalte: How Holland, Michigan, Remembers its Founding Father," *Michigan Historical Review* 36.2: 37-62.

### Book Chapters

- 2017 (with John E. Jobson) "150 Years of Student Life at Hope College" in Jacob E. Nyenhuis, editor, *An Enduring Hope: A Sesquicentennial of Hope College, 1866-2016*. (Holland, MI: Van Raalte Press).
- 2014 "Writings about Van Raalte: Historiography and Changing Views about the Dutch American Leader," in Jacob E. Nyenhuis and George Harinck, eds. *The Enduring Legacy of Albertus Van Raalte* (Holland, MI: Van Raalte Press/ Grand Rapids, MI, and Cambridge, UK: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.), 279-296.
- 2012 "The First Dutch Consul in Wisconsin, Gijsbert van Steenwijk, and his Transnational Family," in Nella Kennedy, Mary Risseeuw, Robert P. Swierenga, eds. *Diverse Destinies: Dutch Colonies in Wisconsin and the East* (Holland, MI: Van Raalte Press).
- 2009 "Dutch American Identity during the Civil War and the Boer War," in Hans Krabbendam, Cornelis A. Van Minnen, and Giles Scott-Smith, eds., *NL - USA: Four Hundred Years of Dutch American Relations, 1609-2009* (Albany, NY: New York University Press and Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Boom), 375-385.
- 2008 "Arnold Mulder as a Dutch American Novelist," in Robert P. Swierenga, Jacob E. Nyenhuis, and Nella Kennedy, eds., *Dutch-American Arts and Letters in Historical Perspective* (Holland, MI: Van Raalte Press) 43-60.

### Selected Magazine and Newspaper Articles

- 2013 "Holland's Plan for America's Slaves," *New York Times* [online], 11 July.
- 2013 "Hoe verder zonder slaven? Het kolonisatie project van Amerikaanse vrijgelaten slaven op de Surinamse plantages, 1862-1866," *Geschiedenis Magazine* 4: 14-19.

- 2013 "Rev. A.C. Van Raalte on Slavery," *Origins, Historical Magazine of the Calvin College Archives* 31.2: 40-41.
- 2009 "Broers - Nederlandse Amerikanen en de Boerenoorlog," *Zuid Afrika Maandblad* [South African Monthly] 86.7/8: 140-141.
- 2009 "When Holland had a Socialist Councilman," *Origins, Historical Magazine of the Calvin College Archives* 27.1: 40-44.

### Book Reviews

- 2016 Christian Olaf Christiansen, *Progressive Business: An Intellectual History of the Role of Business in American Society* (Oxford University Press, 2015). *Journal of Markets and Morality*
- 2016 [Review essay] Sylviane A. Diouf, *Slavery's Exiles: The Story of the American Maroons* (New York: New York University Press, 2014), and Nathaniel Millett, *The Maroons of Prospect Bluff and Their Quest for Freedom in the Atlantic World* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2013), in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 35:4 (Summer, 2016) , 93-97.
- 2015 Mark Mulder, *Shades of White Flight* (Rutgers University Press, 2015), **Origins, Historical Magazine of the Calvin College Archives** 33.2: 44-45.
- 2015 Helena Simonett, *The Accordion in the Americas: Klezmer, Polka, Tango, Zydeco, and More!* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2012). *Journal of American Folklore*
- 2014 John B. Rehder, *Tennessee Log Buildings: A Folk Tradition* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2012). *Journal of American Folklore* 125: 505 (Summer, 2014), 341-343.
- 2014 Lonny Taylor and David B. Warren, *Texas Furniture: The Cabinetmakers and Their Work, 1840-1900*. Revised editions, vol. 2. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2012). *Journal of American Folklore* 125: 505 (Summer, 2014), 356-357.
- 2013 Cornelius J. Jaenen, *Promoters, Planters, and Pioneers. The Course and Context of Belgian Settlement in Western Canada* (The West Series 4; Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2011). *BMGN/ Low Countries Historical Review* 128.1: 28.

- 2012 Joseph M. Lubig, *Maltese in Michigan* “Discovering the Peoples of Michigan” series. (Lansing: Michigan State University Press, 2011). *Michigan Historical Review* 38.2.
- 2011 Johan Schot, Harry Lintsen, and Arie Rip, eds. *Technology and the Making of the Netherlands: The Age of Contested Modernization, 1890-1970* (Boston: MIT Press, 2010). *History: The Journal of the Historical Association* 96.2.
- 2011 Nicholas Von Hoffman, *Radical: A Portrait of Saul Alinsky* (New York, Nation Books, 2010). *History: Review of New Books* 39.2.

### Works in Progress

- Creative Historical Thinking* (a book on philosophy and methods in history)  
 “How the First Ten Amendments to the Constitution became known as the Bill of Rights”  
 (Invited paper for the *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*)  
 “Two Dutch Translations of the U.S. Constitution”  
 “The Impressment of Foreign Soldiers in the U.S. Civil War”

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Visiting Scholar, Political Theory Project, Brown University  
 2015 John Templeton Foundation Programming Grant, Institute for Humane Studies  
 2014 Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society  
 2013 Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship, Theologische Universiteit Kampen  
 Research Travel Grant, A.C. Van Raalte Institute  
 2012 Summer Fellowship, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute  
 2009-2011 Graduate Student Fellowships, Institute for Humane Studies  
 2010 Visiting Research Fellowship, A.C. Van Raalte Institute  
 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar, Universiteit Leiden (the Netherlands)  
 2009 International Research Dissertation Fellowship, Florida State University  
 2006-2007 Kingsbury Writing Fellowship, Florida State University  
 2005 Zeeland (Michigan) Historical Society Book Publication Grant

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “The Meaning of the U.S. Constitution: Evidence from Early Translations” New York University Law School, Classical Liberal Institute. February 23, 106.

“New Evidence and Arguments about the Original Meaning of the Constitution,” Panel Presentation at Georgetown Law’s Center for the Constitution. Washington, DC, January 29, 2016.

- 2015 “Categorizing Historic Inscriptions in the Shenandoah Valley,” Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Conference, Fredericksburg, VA, November 8, 2015.

“Liberty and the Historical Imagination: Ethics, Logic, and Metaphors in History,” Weekend on Liberty Seminar, University of Illinois-Springfield, November 6, 2015.

“A Dutch Confederate: Defending Slavery in America” at “The Dutch in the Americas Across the Centuries” New Netherland Institute/ Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies Conference, Albany, NY, September 18, 2015.

“What is Classical Liberal History?” and “Primary Sources on the History of Roads”, Two invited lectures at the Institute for Humane Studies’ seminar, Liberty and Society, Wake Forest University, June 4-8, 2015.

“History of Veneklasen Brick,” invited speaker, Zeeland Historical Society, Zeeland, Michigan, 14 May 2015.

“The Early Translations of the U.S. Constitution,” Association for Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico, 14 April, 2015.

“How to Get your First Peer-Reviewed Publication,” and “Co-authoring and collaborating,” [two 1-hour seminars] Institute for Humane Studies online seminar series, 19 March 2015, 28 April 2015.

- 2014 “Folklore v. History, a Conflict between Disciplines at the Frontier Culture Museum,” American Folklore Society Annual Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 30 Nov. 2014.

“Visualizing the Past: How to think like a Historian,” [invited speaker] Art of Teaching Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies, Towson University, Towson, Maryland, 30 June 2014.

“Lincoln and Seward on Colonization in Danish St. Croix,” Society of Civil War Historians Conference, Baltimore, MD, 13 June 2014

“The Character Sketches of Ray Nies” International Interdisciplinary Conference of the American Association for Netherlandic Studies/ Historians of Netherlandish Art, Boston University, Boston, MA, 7 June 2014.

“Historic Inscriptions in the Shenandoah Valley,” four invited presentations: Augusta County Historical Society, 30 April; Virginia Archaeological Society; 7 May; Virginia Historical Society, 14 May 2014; Waynesboro VA Arts Council, 22 Jan. 2015.

“The Geography of Black Colonization and Emigration” [Poster Presentation, with Phillip Magness] American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., January 4.

2013 “Rediscovering A.C. Van Raalte” Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship Lecture, Theologische Universiteit Kampen (the Netherlands), 25 June. (A presentation on the same theme followed as an invited lecture at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, 20 January 2014).

“The Frustration of Roest van Limburg: Black Colonization, the Lincoln Administration, and a Failed Proposal to Bring Freed Slaves to Dutch Suriname,” 2013 Illinois History Symposium "Slavery and Emancipation: Global Perspectives." Springfield, IL, March 1.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### James Madison University

#### *Visiting Assistant Professor*

HIS 225: U.S. History Survey	Fall 2013 Spring, Summer, Fall 2014 Spring 2015
HIS 439: American Folk Culture History	Fall 2013, Fall 2014
HIS 339: U.S. Immigration	Spring 2015
HIS 493/593: Historic Preservation	Spring 2014

### University of Illinois-Springfield

#### *Visiting Assistant Professor*

HIS 440: History of American Folk Culture	Fall 2012
HIS 107: Globalization and Power	Fall 2012
Liberal Studies Senior Seminar (online)	Spring 2013

#### *Postdoctoral Fellow*

HIS 107: Globalization and Power	Spring 2012
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HIS 440: History of American Education	Spring 2012
Liberal Studies 301: Self-Directed Learning	Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL)

*Graduate Student Instructor (Courses Taught)*

AMH 2097: U.S. Race and Ethnicity	2007-2011 (six semesters)
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AMH 2020: U.S. History since 1865	Spring 2009
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*Teaching Assistant*

AMH 2097: U.S. Race and Ethnicity	Spring 2006
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WOH 1023: Modern World since 1815	Fall 2005
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## MEDIA

2015 **Yahoo! News**, Scott Bomboy, “Looking at two little-known versions of our Constitution,” August 24, 2015. <http://news.yahoo.com/looking-two-little-known-versions-constitution-100207811.html> Reposted from the National Constitution Center’s Constitution Daily blog at <http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2015/08/looking-at-two-little-known-versions-of-our-constitution/>

**WHSV-3**, 1-on-1 local television interview on Irish immigration history, 16 March 2015. <http://www.whsv.com/home/headlines/1on1-St-Patricks-Day--Irish-Immigration-to-US-296578111.html>

2014 Lauren Berg, “Historical graffiti immortalizes society” *The News Virginian*, 4 May 2014. [interview article about my work in the Shenandoah Valley]

2014 [German radio interview with my co-author, discussing our work on Lincoln and St. Croix] **Norddeutscher Rundfunk**, 7 Nov. 2014, <http://media.ndr.de/progressive/2014/1107/AU-20141107-1154-1942.mp3>

2014 [Danish-language interview with my co-author, discussing our work] Jacob Svendsen, “Den danske regering ville importere frigivne slaver – til slavearbejde” *Politiken*, 8 Oct. 2014.

2013 [Dutch-language interview about my work published in a newspaper in Suriname] Ewout Klei, “Vrijgelaten slaven uit de VS kwamen Nederland goed van pas” *De Ware Tijd*, 19 July 2013.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION



2013-present	Adjunct History Program Officer, Institute for Humane Studies
2015	Moderator, "The Roots of American liberty" Gilliam Center for Free Enterprise and Ethnical Leadership, April 17-19, 2015.
2015	External Reviewer, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
2015	Peer-Reviewer, <i>American Studies in Scandinavia</i>
2013, 2014	Fulbright Committee Member, James Madison University
2012	Reader - College Board AP U.S. History Exam (June 1-7, 2012)
2009-2011	Board Member, Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies (AADAS)
2010	Peer-Reviewer, <i>European Journal of American Studies</i>

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Dutch (and spoken fluency), German, Frisian

## REFERENCES

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